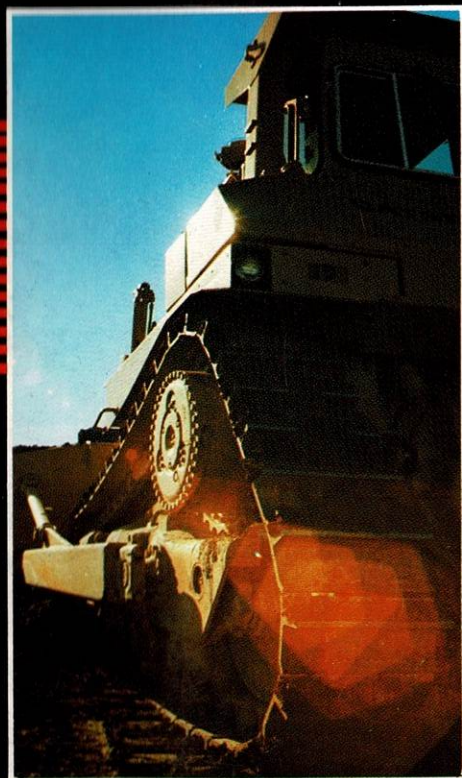


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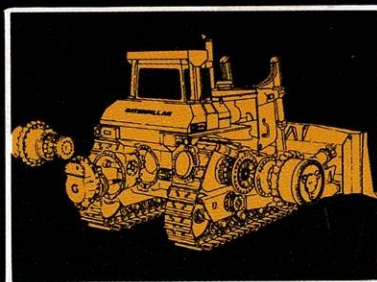
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
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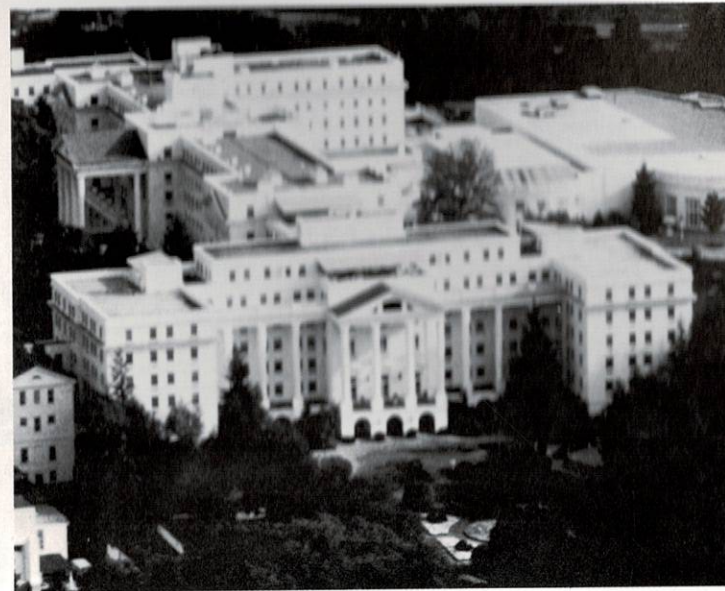
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WVMRA, the united association which has nurtured the surface mining industry through good times and bad, has its roots in two regional organizations, the Southern West Virginia Surface Mining Institute, and the North Central West Virginia Surface Mining Association.

These two groups, with similar concerns and objectives, joined forces in the spring of 1966 to form the West Virginia Surface Mine Institute, with a small office in downtown Charleston. Leo Vecellio, Sr. was elected President.

O.V. "Dick" Vande Linde was named to serve as executive director of the new organization, and he hired a staff of one, namely Patty Bruce, whose seniority with the modern Association is matched by few and topped by no one.

Following the initial organization, the group was chartered with the Secretary of State as the West Virginia Surface Mine Association. By the time of the first general membership meeting in July of 1966, membership had grown to 46 companies, and the organization was drawing support from surface mine suppliers.

One trait common to the handful of companies that formed the Association was a sense of responsibility to the communities in which they lived and worked. Therefore, a major initial task was to transpose such a policy on the rest of the surface mining industry, and to carry the message to an untrusting public. The very existence of the industry today depended on it, and serves as ample testimony to the success of that effort.

Perhaps sensing the struggle ahead, the new Association plunged directly into

the political arena, taking an active role in the 1967 revision of the State's reclamation law, and entering into a tripartite research agreement with the U.S. Forest Service and the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources.

The move to impede surface coal production peaked in 1971 with the introduction in the Legislature of a bill to abolish the industry outright. The proposal was voted down narrowly, but legislative compromise led to another severe revision of the reclamation law.

By now, the size and mission of the Association merited a bigger staff, and in rapid succession, the office was moved to larger quarters, Mary Anne Steele (now with 15 years service) was hired as bookkeeper, Ben Lusk joined the staff in a public relations capacity, Dan Gerkin became news director, and the name was changed to the West Virginia Surface Mining and Reclamation Association.

An extensive public relations campaign was launched, complete with a movie, press tours of reclaimed areas, a speakers bureau, a ladies' auxiliary, and the founding of **Green Lands**. Membership had reached nearly 200 companies.

The annual "Reclamation Awards" were established to reward and publicize the outstanding work then being pioneered by West Virginia operators.

By 1972, the corner was turned on industry survival. West Virginia led the nation in acres reclaimed, and the gubernatorial candidate favoring abolition was soundly defeated. Membership swelled to 235.

In 1973, Ben Lusk became executive director, and the Association

turned its attention to technological advancement, as well as expansion of the membership, for which Terry Iden was hired as membership services director.

During this period, WVMRA companies developed and perfected the most innovative mining techniques that the industry had yet seen, steep slope haulback and mountaintop removal, both of which utilized the "controlled placement" theory of overburden removal to maximize mineral recovery, and to facilitate effective reclamation.

In 1974, the Association initiated the West Virginia Mining Symposium, which continues today as the best bargain available in the dissemination of mining and reclamation information. That year also saw the creation of a technical services division, headed by new staff member John Sturm.

In a reorganizational move, Ben Lusk became president of the Association, and Dan Gerkin vice president, with a chairman to be elected annually from the membership. Headquarters were moved again, this time to the present location on Kanawha Boulevard, near the State Capitol. Cindy Jennings joined the staff in 1975, as news and information director.

The passage of national surface mining legislation in 1977 ushered in a new era for WVMRA. Ben Lusk left the staff to begin a national organization, the Mining and Reclamation Council.

He was replaced by Ben Greene, the original chief of reclamation for the State Department of Natural Resources, whose contacts and knowledge of government/industry relations were to prove

invaluable during the turbulent years of implementing federal legislation. Bill Raney, Greene's longtime associate at DNR, was named vice-president that year.

Though the threat to survival was less distinct, the period of the late 1970's represented a return to the decade before, when the battle for reasonable regulation was at its hottest. Largely through the efforts of the Association and its members, West Virginia, both industry and government, was given its due recognition as leader and innovator, and the difficult transition from total state regulation, to state/federal dual regulation, and back to state "primacy" in regulation, was successfully completed.

Throughout the 1970's, 18 major pieces of federal legislation were enacted which directly affected the coal industry. Though each took its toll on production and employment, the vitality and tenacity of West Virginia operators enabled the industry to survive the decade of change to face the challenges of the 1980's.

The Association, as well, has risen to the challenge of the new decade with innovative programs. Since 1980, an annual trip to Washington D.C. has been scheduled in conjunction with a Board of Directors meeting, to establish a closer relationship with the state's congressional delegation. **Green Pages**, a membership services directory, was begun that year to further the cooperative relationship between WVMRA coal producers and associate members, suppliers of goods and services. Also in 1980, the Association agreed to co-sponsor the

West Virginia Surface Mine Drainage Task Force to seek and share new technology in dealing with the problem of acid drainage.

In 1981, we launched another new publication, the **West Virginia Coal Bell**, to address the non-member segment of the industry. In 1984, the Mountaineer Guardian Awards were established to promote and recognize mine safety.

Last year, the Association altered its name once again, this time to recognize the growing relationship and interdependence of surface and underground mining.

Throughout its history, the Association has been blessed with an abundant store of resources, in the form of its membership, which is the strength of any successful trade organization. Coal companies have been quite visible in this effort, but much of what WVMRA has accomplished would not have been possible without the active support and participation of the Associate membership, those companies whose livelihood is directly linked to coal production.

In the early days, the Association was forced to make do with determination and ability, and those qualities served the industry well. But in 1986, as we celebrate our 20th Anniversary, WVMRA can add experience and reputation to its formula for success, as we prepare to meet the unknown challenges which surely lie ahead.



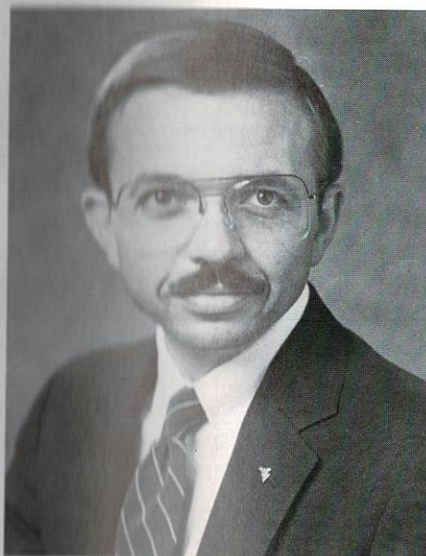
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In the past two decades WVMRA has had the benefit of many able staff members. On our 20th Anniversary, we are also fortunate to have a wealth of experience in our Charleston headquarters. Each of the five current staff members has been with the Association since at least 1977.

Heading that list of course, is Patty Bruce, secretary when the Association was founded, office manager when we celebrated ten years, and executive assistant at the 20th anniversary. With the entire history of the Association in her resume, Patty is a walking encyclopedia of names, faces, dates, and events.

She has worked with three executive officers, and 19 board chairmen. She has welcomed and said goodbye to countless staff members. She has overseen three headquarters moves and three name changes. She has made hundreds of hotel reservations, registered thousands of meeting guests, and mailed tens of

thousands of letters, all on behalf of WVMRA.

Not far behind is Office Manager Mary Anne Steele, currently in her sixteenth year with the Association. Mary Anne represents the first staff expansion, having come aboard in 1971, and now outranks all but a few members in time of service to WVMRA.

Nine years ago, the present staff was completed with the hiring of Dan Miller, Ben Greene, and Bill Raney. Dan took over as publications editor in February. Ben was named head of the organization in August. His roots in the industry go far beyond his tenure as president. Ben was the original chief of reclamation for the Department of Natural Resources, and has been in and around the industry for some 25 years. Vice President Bill Raney draws his experience from the same well, having started with DNR in 1970, before moving to the Association in December of 1977.



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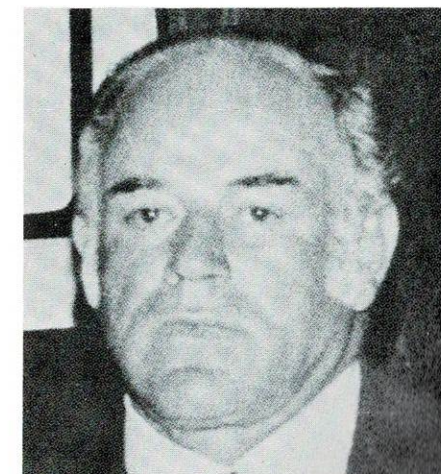
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The men pictured on these pages are those who have provided the leadership necessary to marshalling the abundant force and talent available within the Association membership.

The three who have served as executive director or president during these 20 years devoted their

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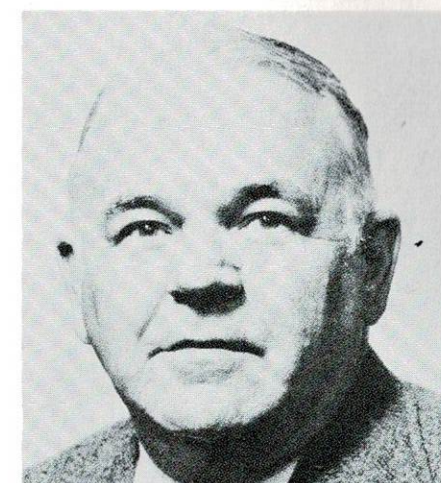
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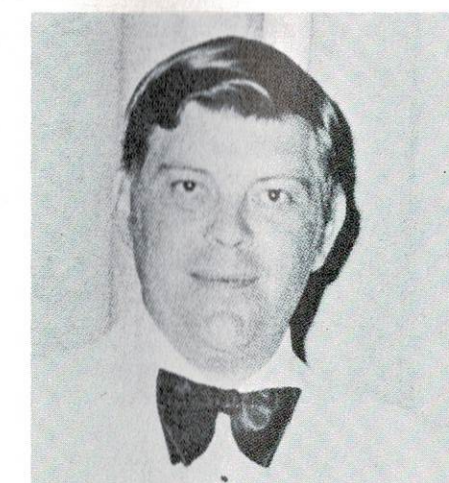
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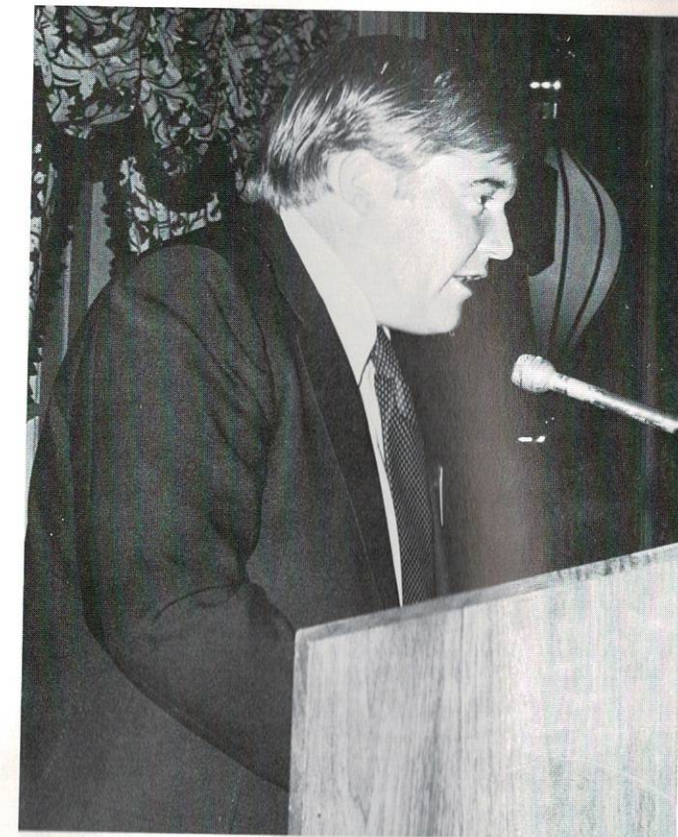
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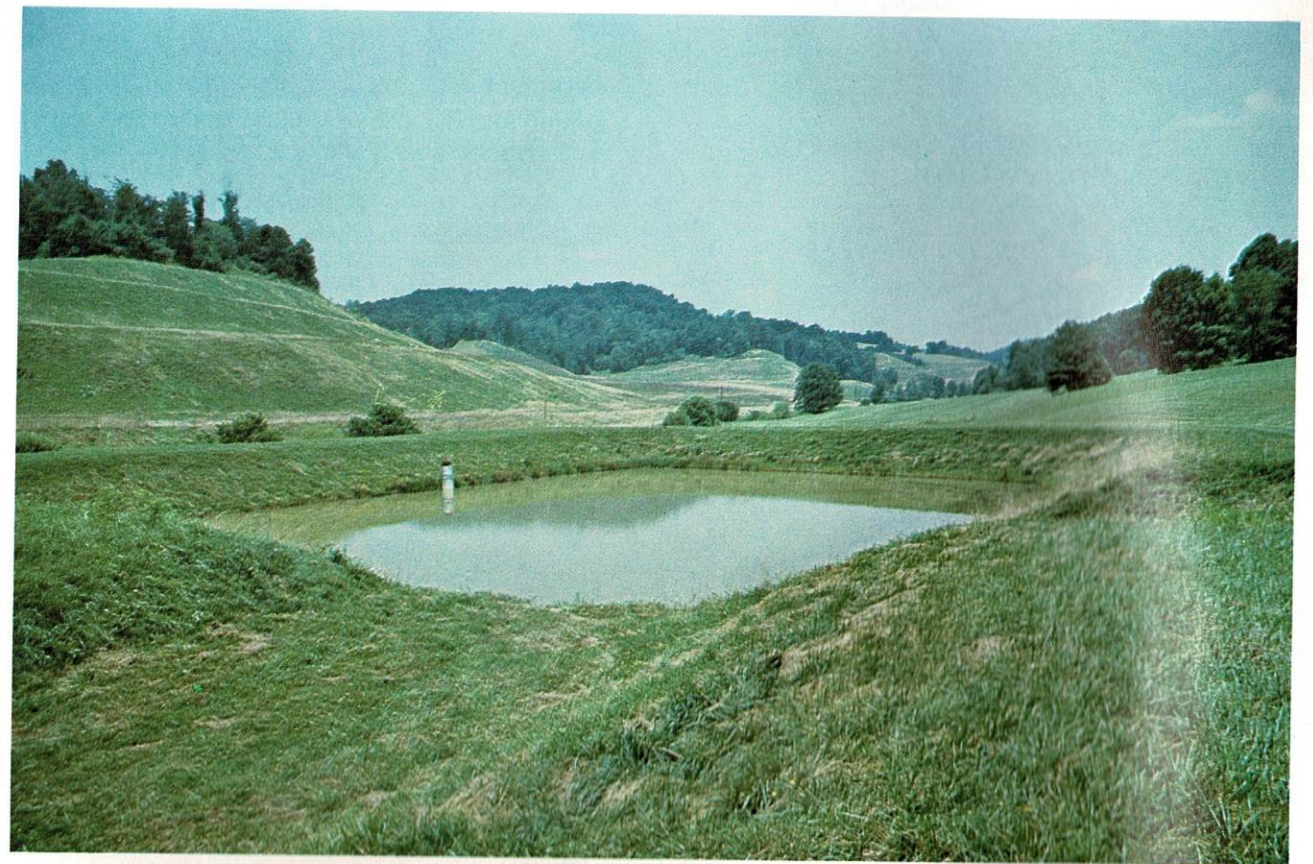
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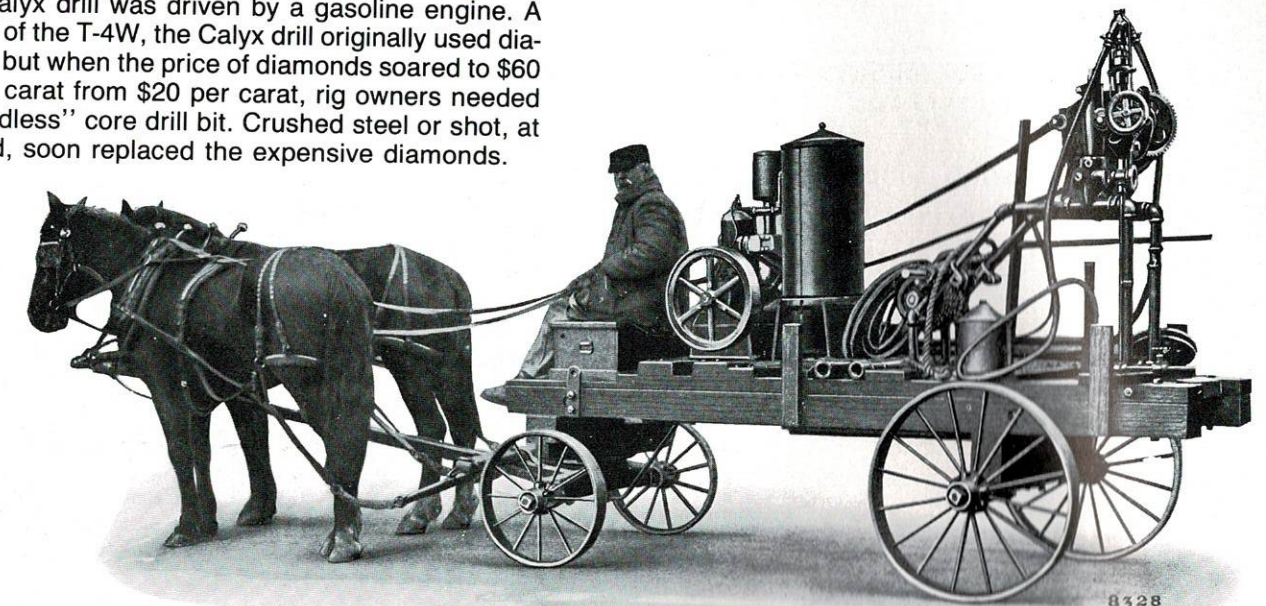
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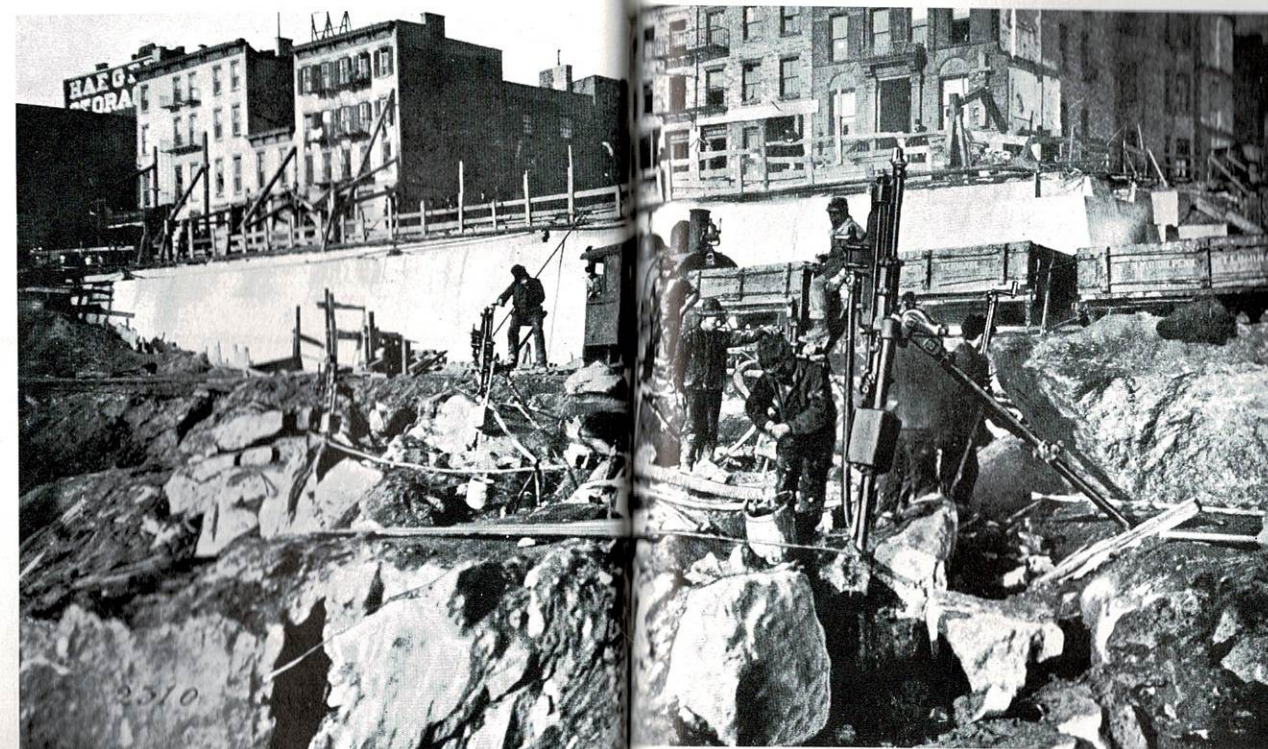
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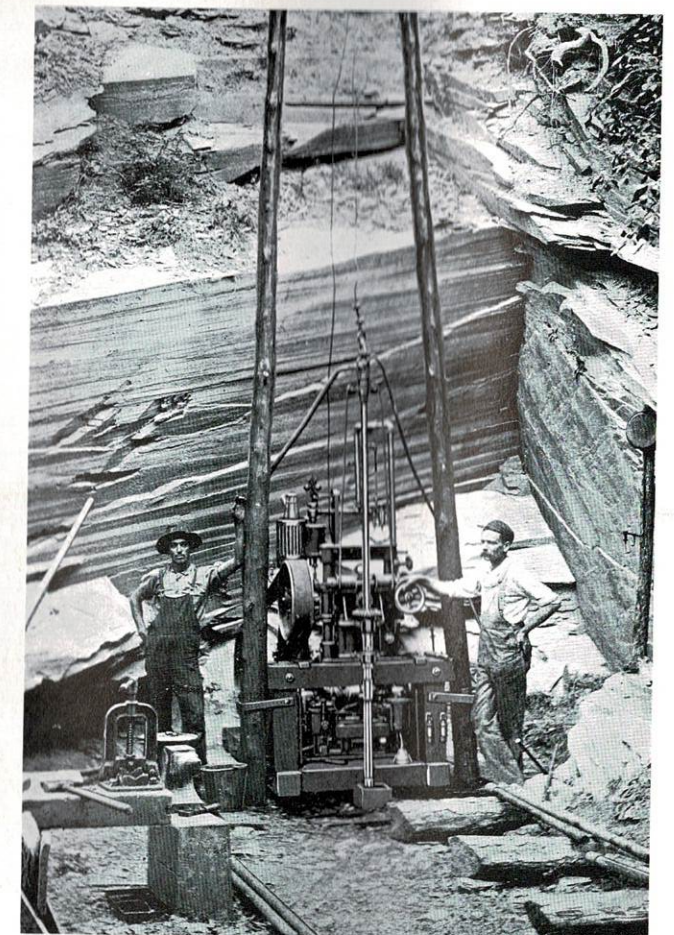


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Both the DM-45 and T-4 have their foundations built on this Calyx F-1 drill. Note the cut and debarked trees that form the tower for this rig. The rig was used in 1915 in Rockmart, Georgia, at the Southern State Portland Cement Company.



Rand Rock Drills at work on the Pennsylvania R. R. Terminal, Thirty-fourth Street and Seventh Avenue, New York





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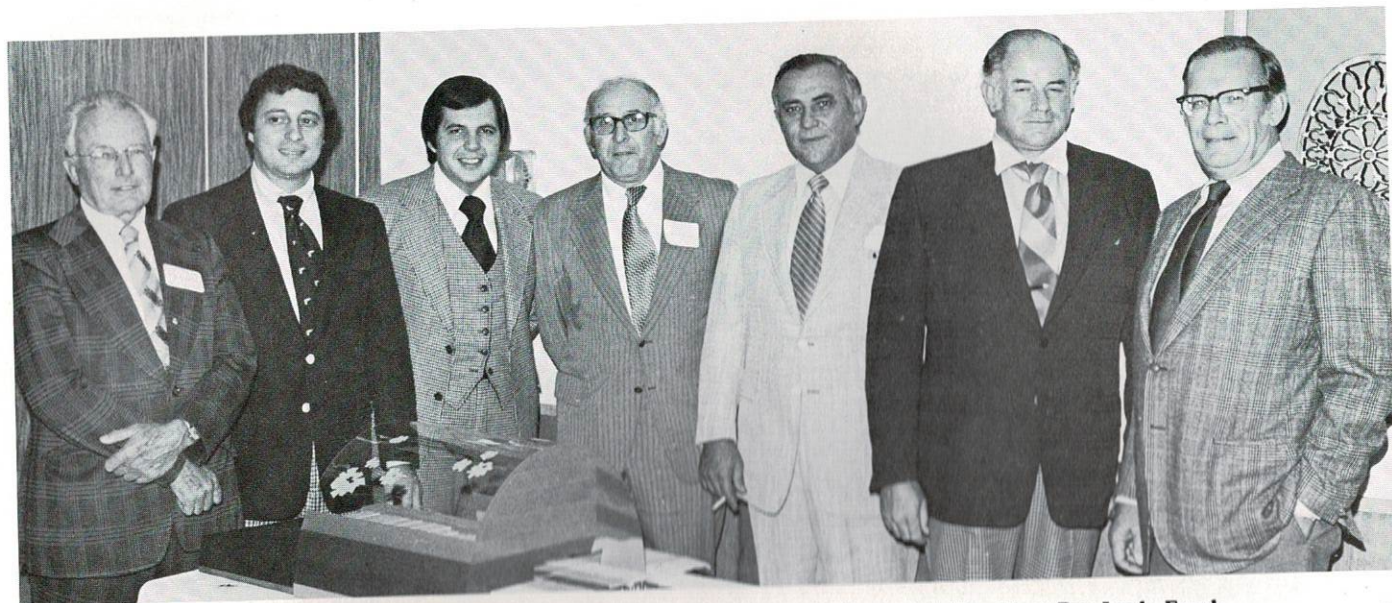
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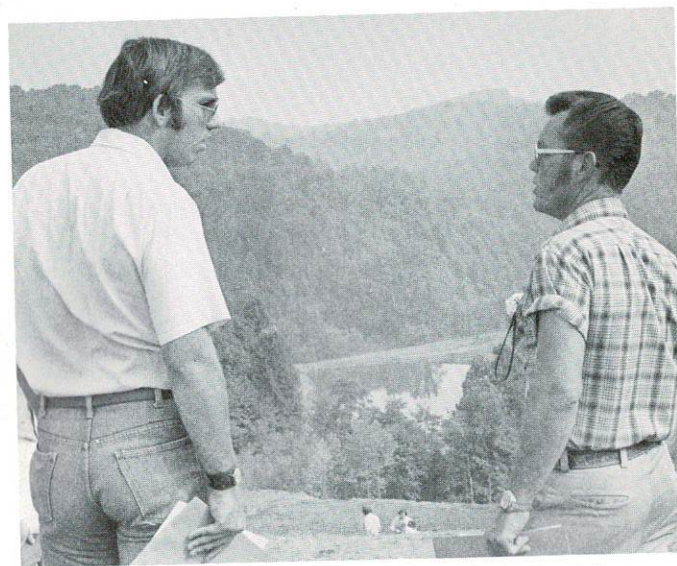
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Early Times



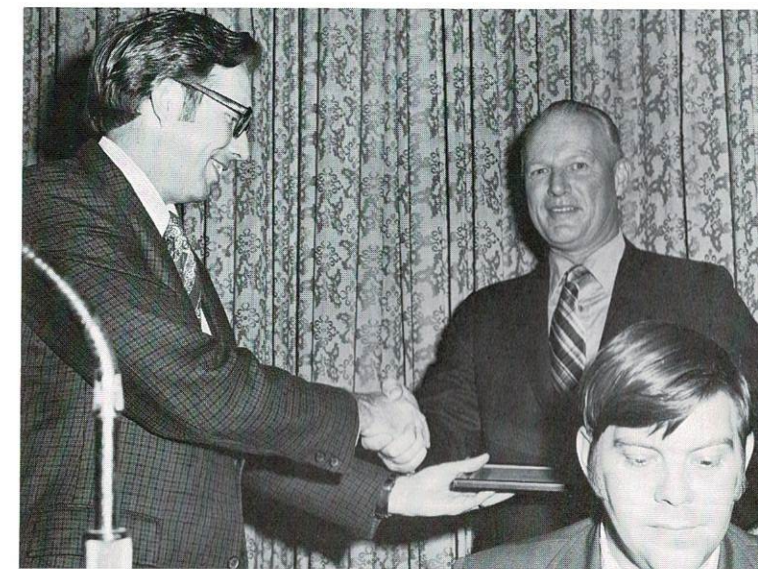
At left is Ken Faerber, then with Hobet, now W.Va. Commissioner of Energy. At right is an early day Ed Williams, then as now of Willco Reclamation.



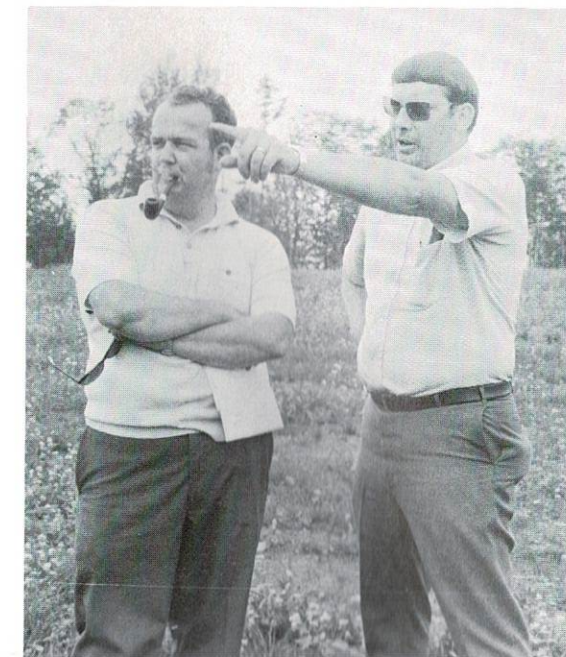
Dick Vande Linde, first Executive Director of the Association, is shown with Orville Thomas, Bernard Folio, and Jack Baldini.



A darker haired Max Messinger of Daugherty Coal accepts a Reclamation Award from former DNR Director Sandy Latimer.



DNR Director Sandy Latimer presents a Reclamation Award to Jim White in 1973. In the foreground is Association Chairman Jim Wilkinson.



Pete Pitsenbarger and Ben Greene, the only two reclamation chiefs DNR ever had.



Reclamation Award winners in 1968, at the Daniel Boone Hotel in Charleston, (l-r) Jack Baldini, Bill Anderson, Jack Anderson, Paul Gaskill, A.S. Cappellari, DNR Director T.R. Samsell, Leo Vecellio, Benard Folio, Tracy Hylton, Fil Nutter.



The Association staff took on a more sophisticated look between these two exhibition photos. Above, (l-r), Debbie Sayre, John Sturm, Bill Piper, Ben Lusk, Dan Gerkin; below, (l-r) Cindy Jennings, Ben Lusk, John Sturm, Dan Gerkin.



Patty Bruce, Chick Lockard and Mary Ann Steele at a time which they either won't reveal or can't remember.



Patty Bruce looks like she's had it at the 10th Anniversary celebration, but she's around this year for the 20th.



Patty and Mary Ann have been around the Association for a long time. Styles and job titles have changed in the intervening years, but registration duties have not.



Gil Frederick and Jim Wilkerson



Actress Julie Newmar and the legendary P.A. "Pete" Denny.

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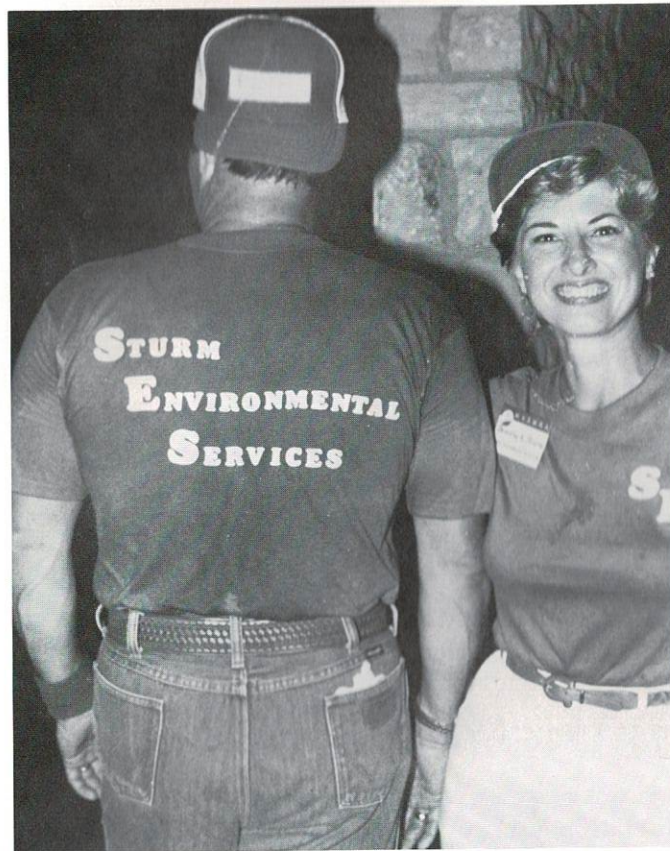
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Company Pride

Two years ago, the Association kicked off its annual "Company Pride" award. A handsome bronzed dinner bucket is carried home for a year by the group which turns out the most folks with the most visible expressions of pride in their company. The competition is held in conjunction with the annual "Coal Miner's Party" on Kate's Mountain, during the Annual Meeting. Grafton Coal Co., shown above took home the top prize in 1984. Last year, it was High Power Energy. The winner's name is permanently inscribed on the bucket. Spirited competition is expected for this year's award.

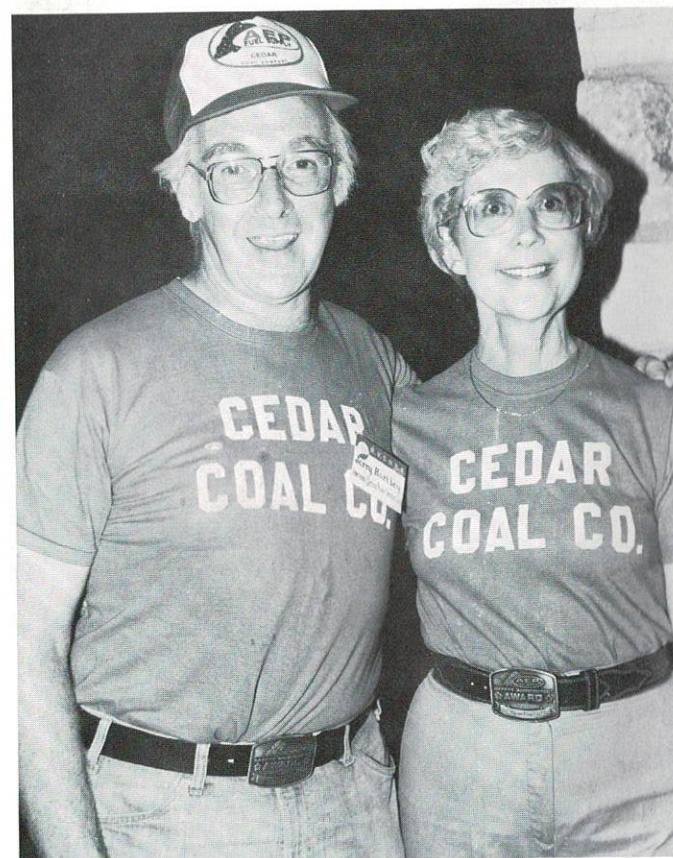




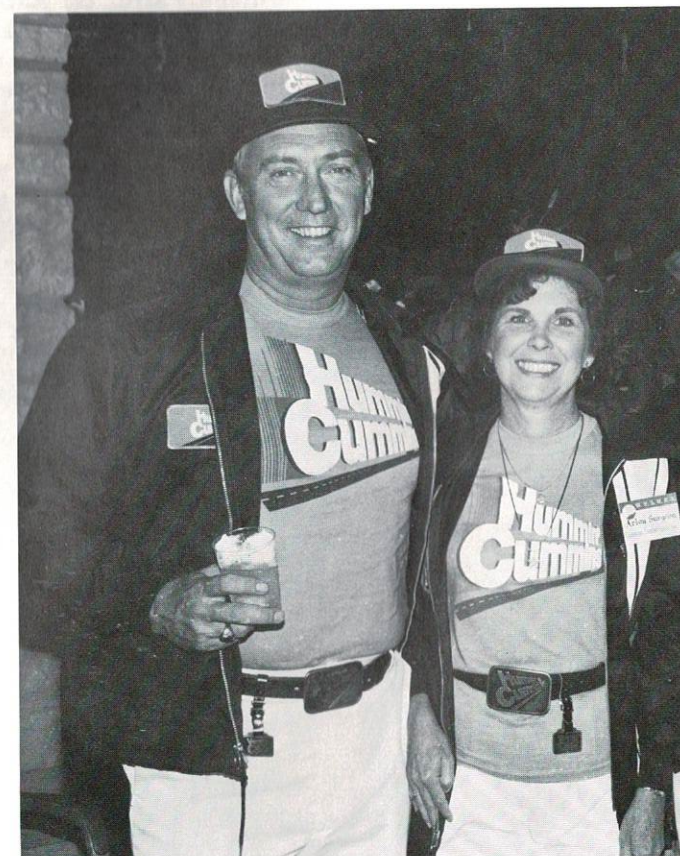
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Margo and Andy Teeter of McDonough Caperton



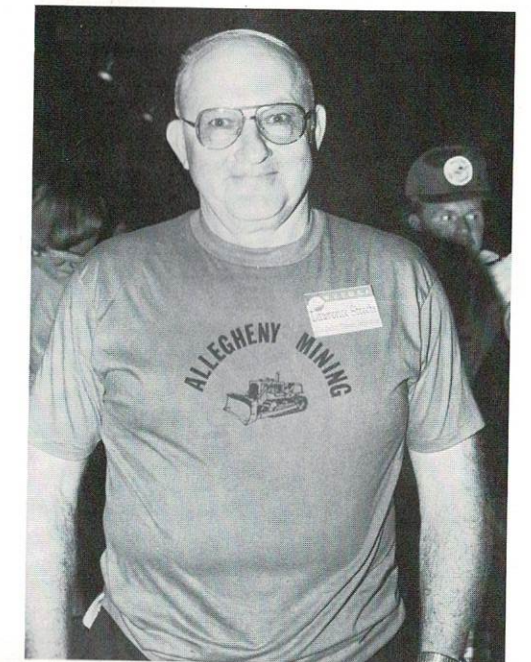
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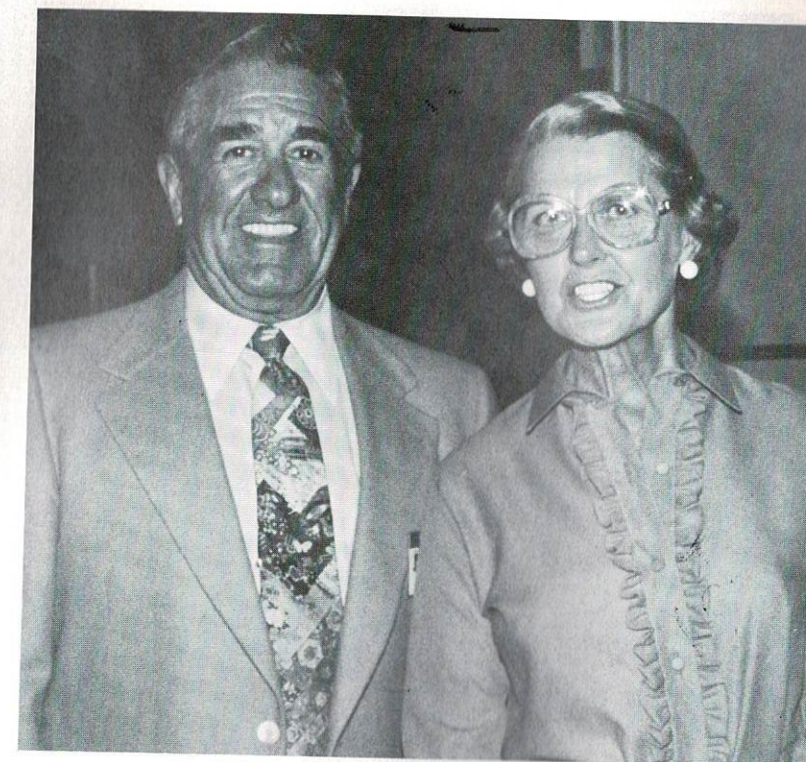
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Couples

Spouses have always been an important part of the organization, from the days when the auxiliary helped save the industry from extinction. Many of the ladies of the Association have become as familiar to WVMRA watchers as the men who escort them. On these pages we offer a representative collection of the Association's couples down through the years.



Jack and Myrleen Fairchild



Jim and Edna Justice



Peggy and Fred Brennan



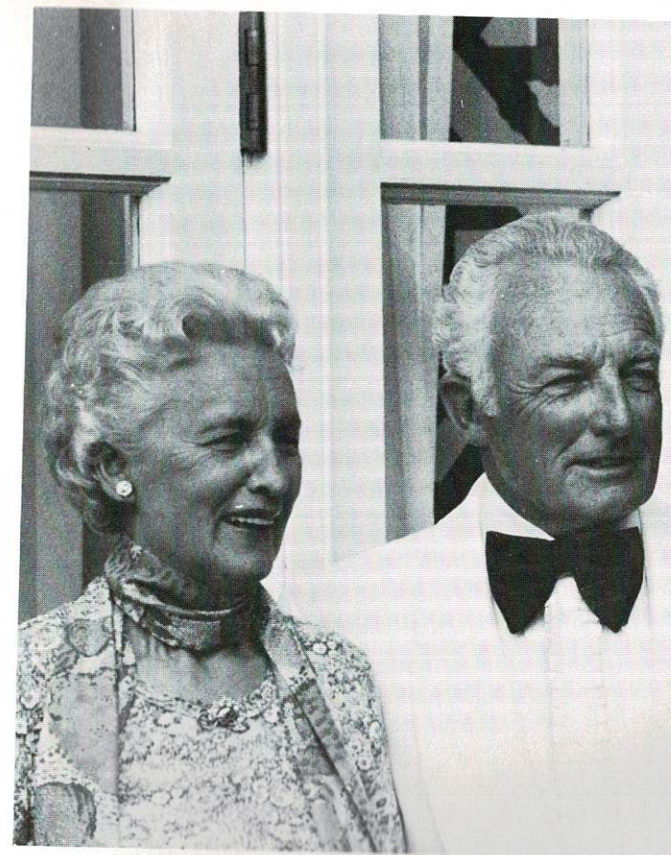
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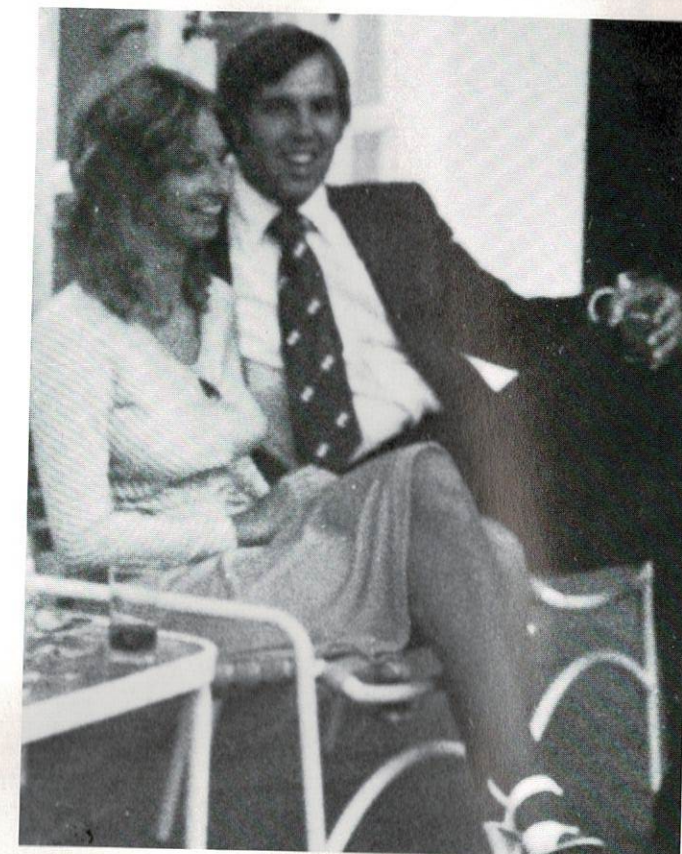
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No one has grown up with the Association more than Ginger Bruce, shown here with Mom Patty.

The Kids



Rusty Greene dances till the wee hours with Pam Raney.



Courtney and Meredith Moran with Grandpa Lawson Hamilton and Poppa Paul Moran.



Kelly Faltis celebrates with Mom Carol.



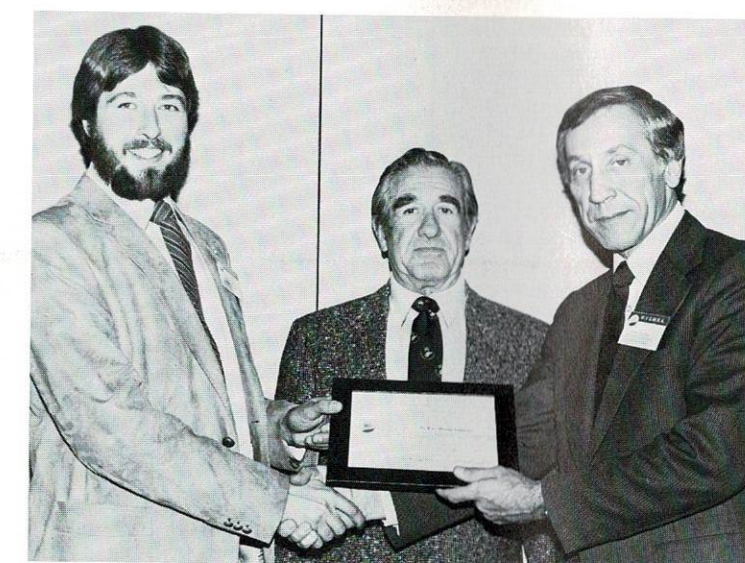
Elizabeth Compton celebrates a birthday with an assist from Grandma Julia.



Jeremy Fairchild, grandson of Jack and Myrleen, pops up at an Association meeting.



Ann and Nora Keating, daughters of Chairman Dwight, explore the dance floor.



Jim Compton, left, grew up in the Association, and now helps Dad C.E. "Jim" Compton run the company. Here, father and son accept a Reclamation Award from DNR Director Dave Callaghan.

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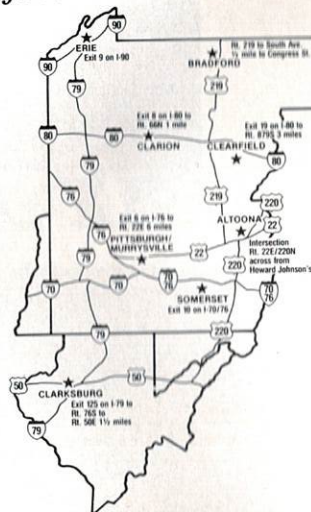
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Beckwith Machinery Company, one of the nation's first and largest Caterpillar Tractor dealers, now performs Caterpillar Certified Rebuild.



This new Certified Rebuild program is a tractor rebuilding process so extensive that it virtually remanufactures Caterpillar equipment. A new identification number and a like-new warranty is assigned.

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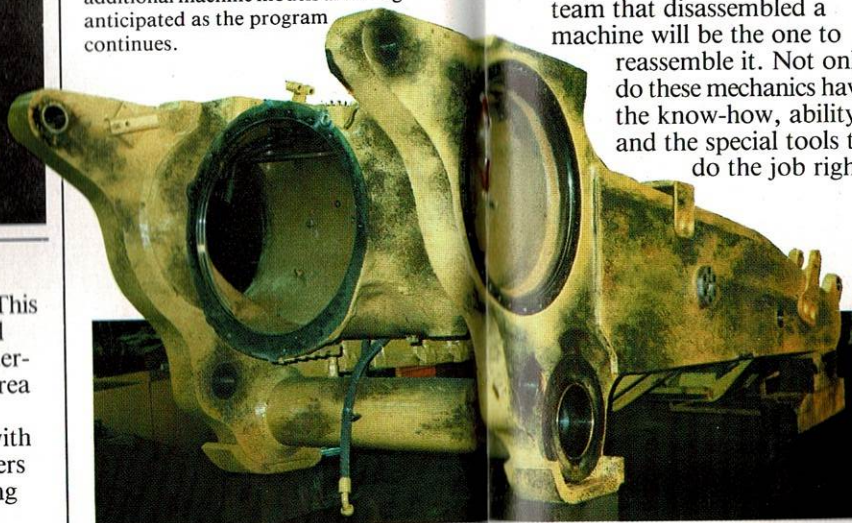
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STEP TWO Disassembly of the machine and its components.

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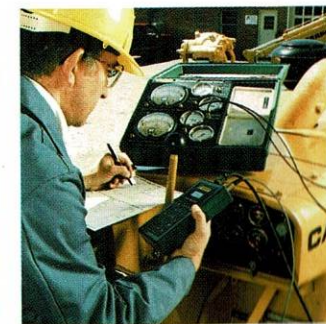
Instruments and controls are removed, inspected and replaced upon requirement. Worn linkage and pins are replaced so that controls operate with precision.

STEP THREE Reassembly by experienced mechanics using special tools.

Usually the same Beckwith team that disassembled a machine will be the one to reassemble it. Not only do these mechanics have the know-how, ability and the special tools to do the job right,

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STEP FOUR Attachments mounted and day-long performance tests conducted.

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STEP FIVE Painted, re-identified and warranted.

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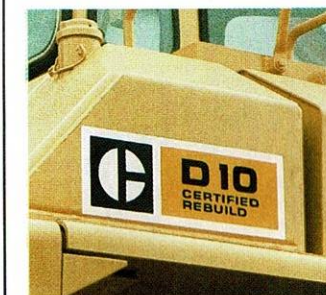


accordance with Caterpillar Certified Rebuild specifications and the tractor is given like-new warranty.

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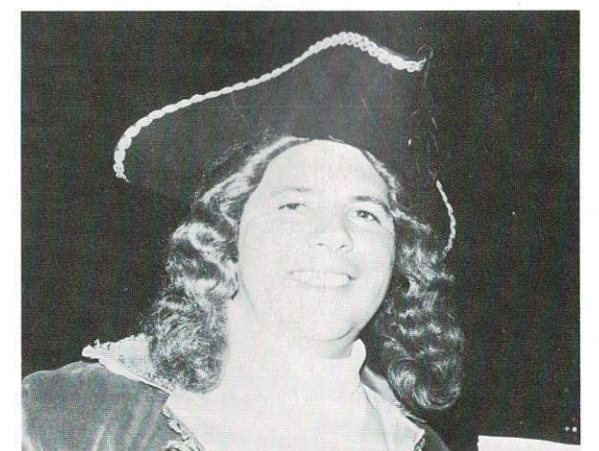
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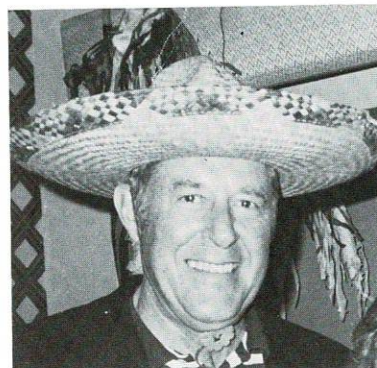
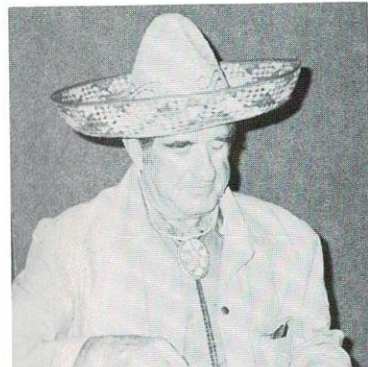
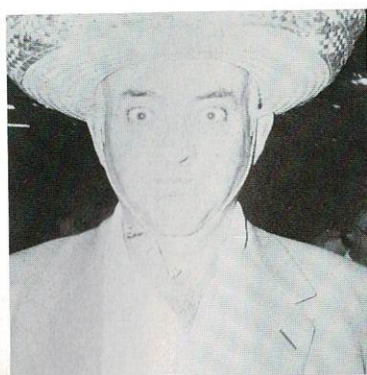
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Foolin' around

The Association celebrated its 10th Anniversary as the nation observed its Bicentennial. Above left, Lawson Hamilton "flouts" his musical ability, as Jim Justice leads oarsmen Terry Iden and John Sturm across the Delaware swimming pool. All this to the amusement of Secondo Dalporto, below left, Ben Lusk, below, and Delores Williams, on the arm of General Ed Williams, above.

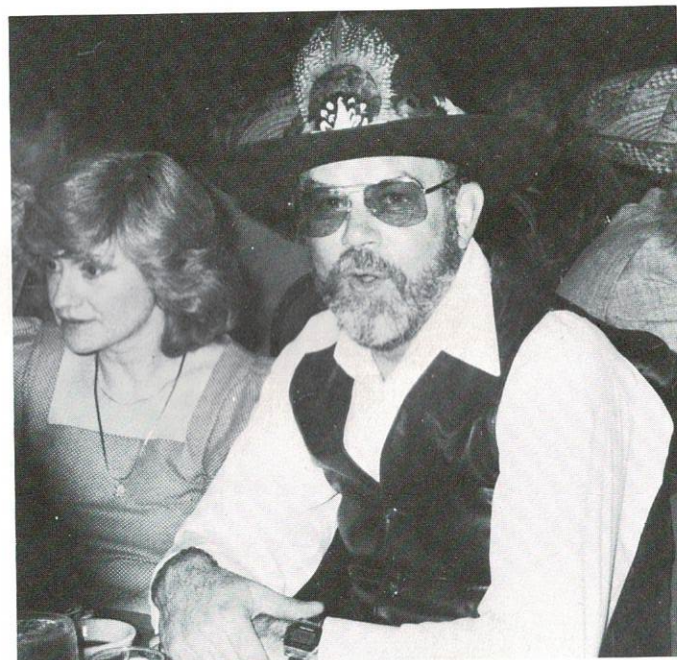




Quick quiz – Which one of these men is the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico?



Cowgirl Carol Greene



Dangerous Dick Walker



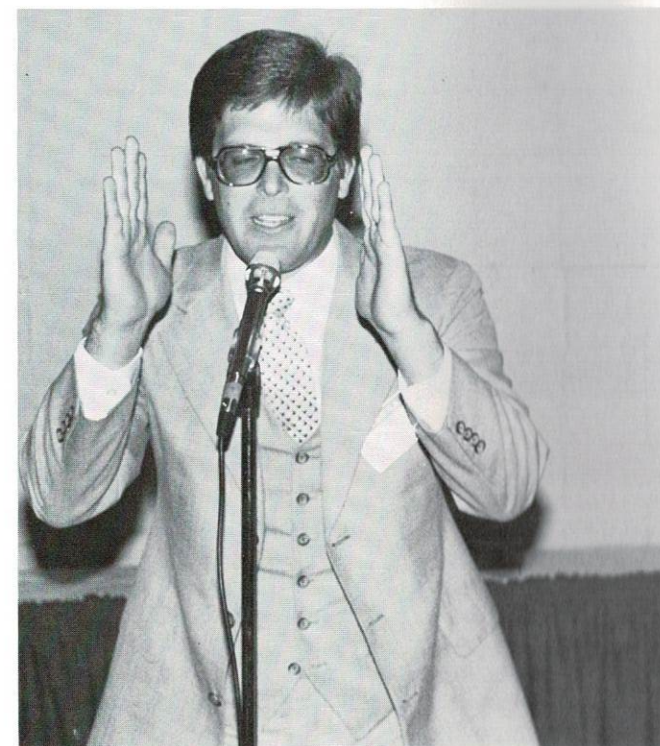
Ginger Bruce, Mary Ann Steele, and Patty Bruce display pride in the Association
66 GREEN LANDS



Trip Hamilton prepares for the transition
to King Kong, though we can't remember why.



Above left, Don Donell looks for kisses the easy way. Above, Ben Greene obliges by planting one on Lynn Dulaney, who happens to be Don's daughter. Below left Andy Teeter takes the microphone to describe a missed put, or a fish that got away, or some other lie. Below, it was rumored that Indiana basketball coach Bobby Knight was in attendance at one of our meetings, but the gentleman turned out to be one Tracy Hylton.



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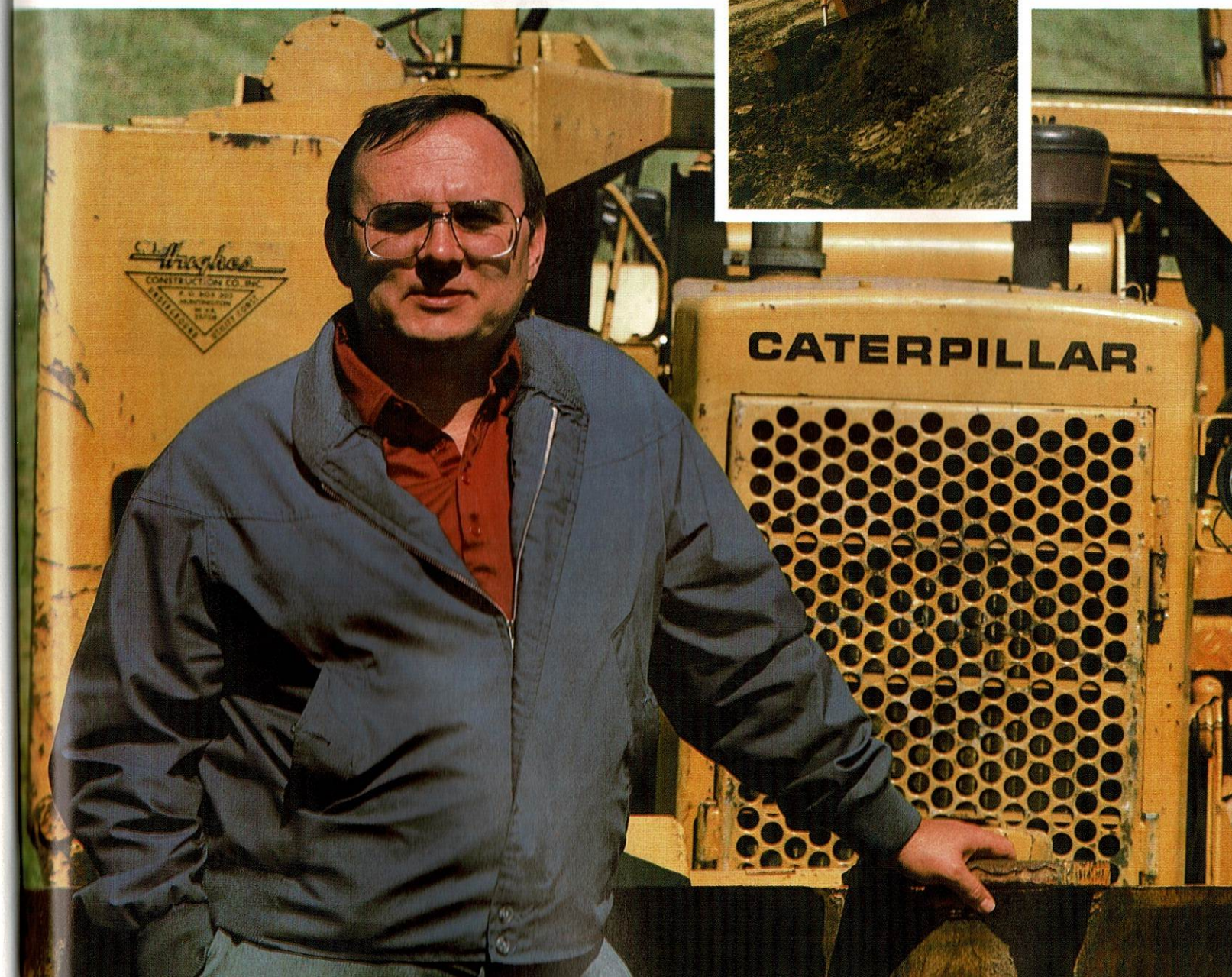
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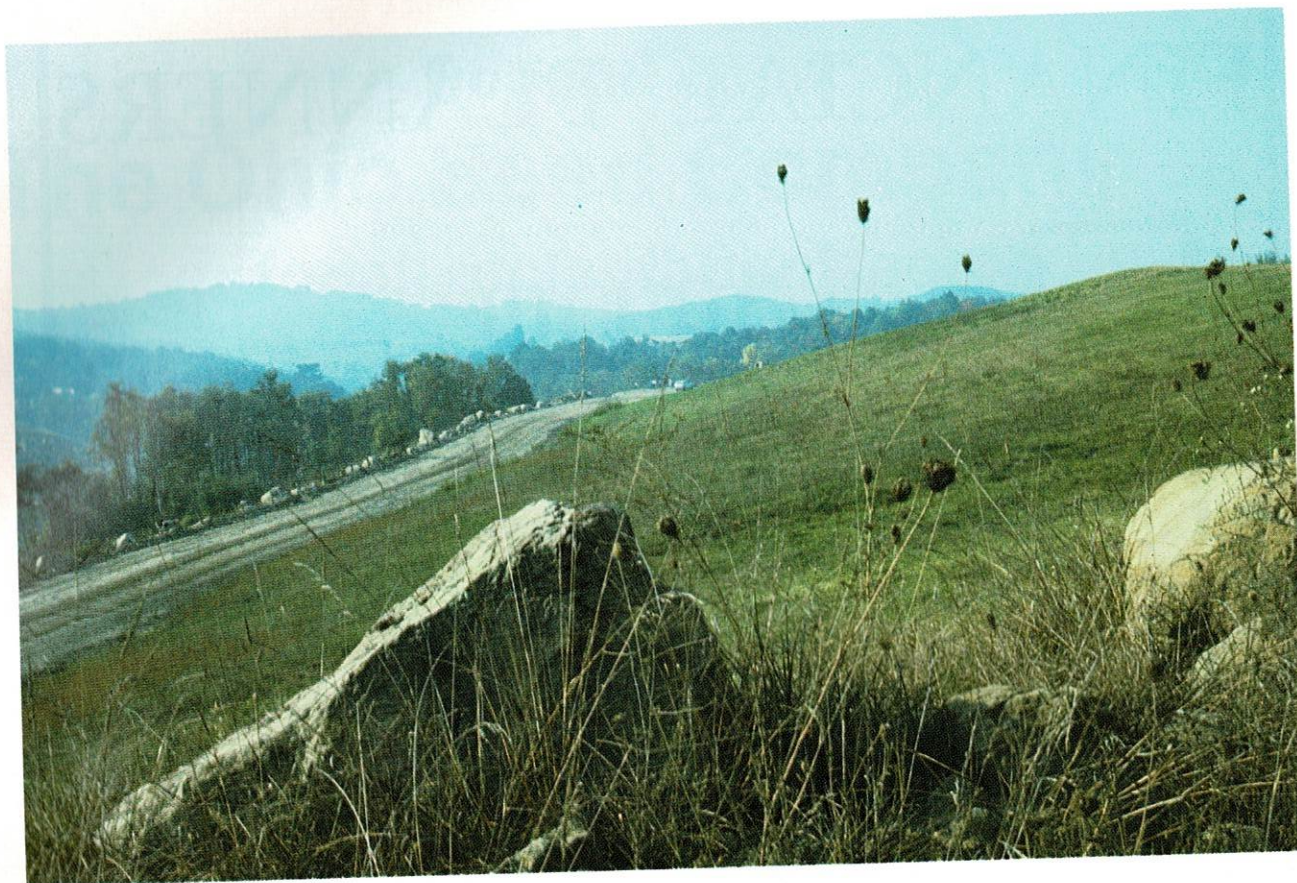
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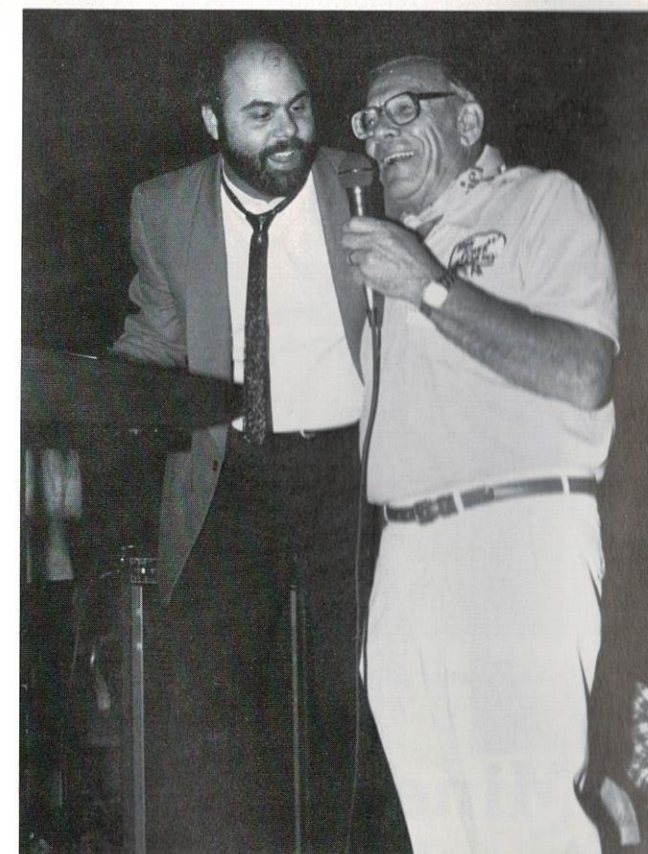
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The Entertainers

Lawson Hamilton, shown above and above left, has been the Association "in house" singer for as long as the band has played. As such he has performed with big bands, rock and rollers, and country/western. And never has he failed to demonstrate his versatility in adapting the band to his particular singing style.

Even after 20 years of WVMRA performances, Lawson shows no sign of slowing down. Yet, as always, there are others waiting in the wings. Ike Smith, below left, made his mark in Florida last winter with a lively rendition of "Sweet Georgia Brown." And who can forget Steve Walker's performance (below) on Kate's Mountain?





Paulena and Bill Anderson



Jim Justice and daughter Stephanie

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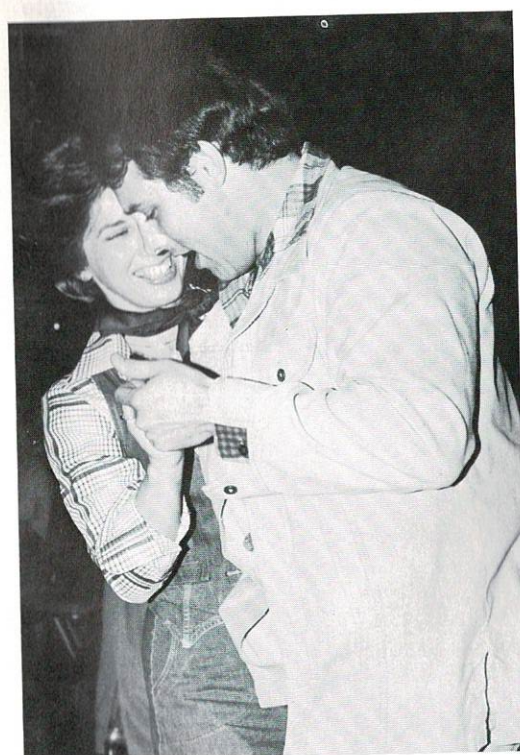


Bill Anderson and Patty Bruce

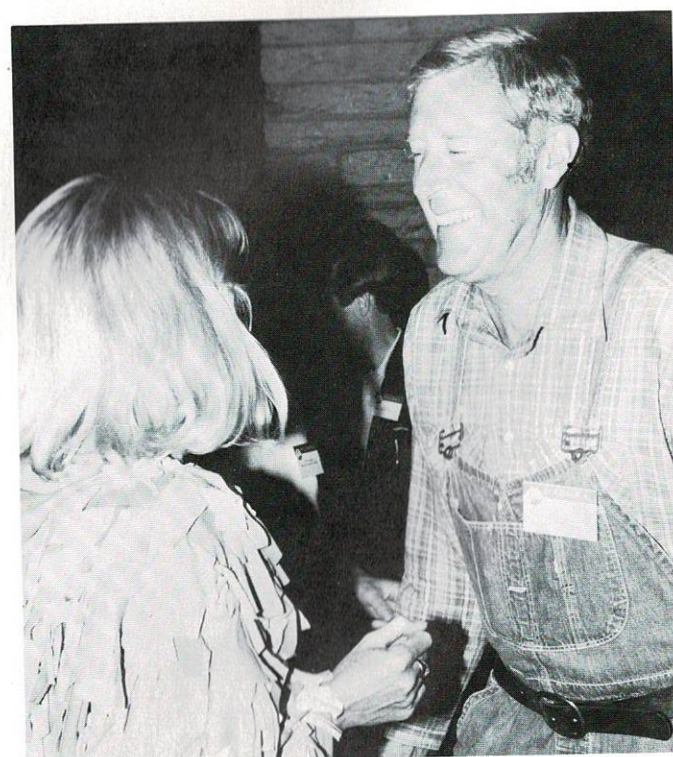


Shelley and Jim Poindexter

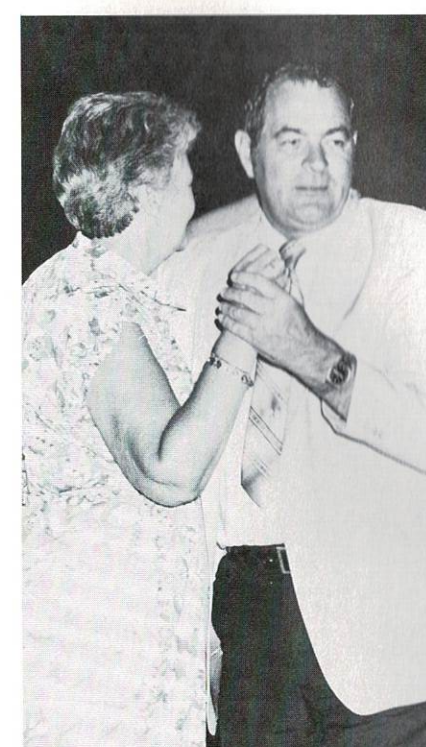
...or slow it down



Bev and John Sturm



Mary Ellen and Charlie Jones



Mary Jo and Milford Jenkins



Diane and Steve Walker



Cathy and Bill Butler



The world famous shotgun start of the WVMRA golf tournament

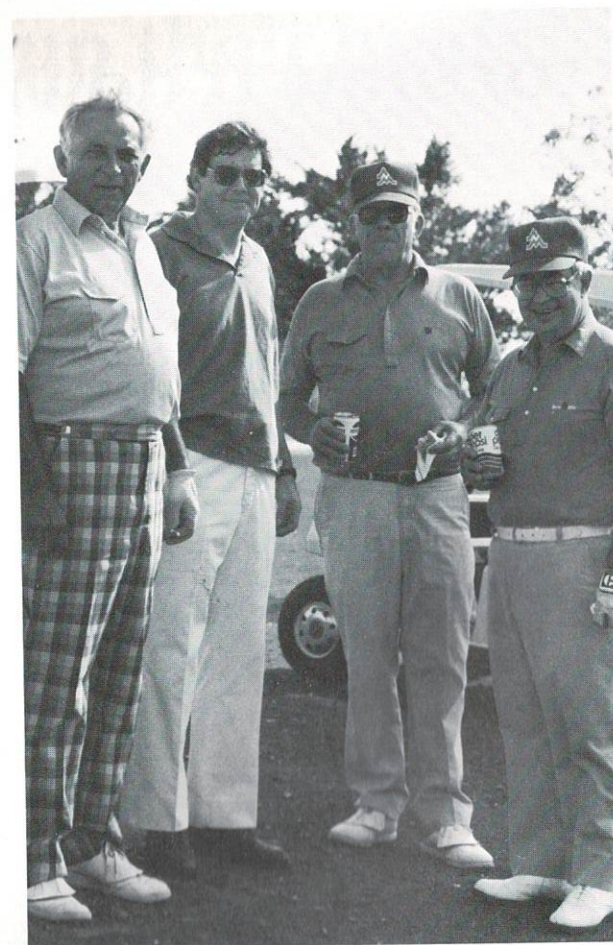


Buck Harless, left, and former Association President Ben Lusk, right, once engaged actor Lloyd Bridges and a local pro in a tennis match. As the placement of the plates in the photo indicate, Buck and Ben didn't fare too well.

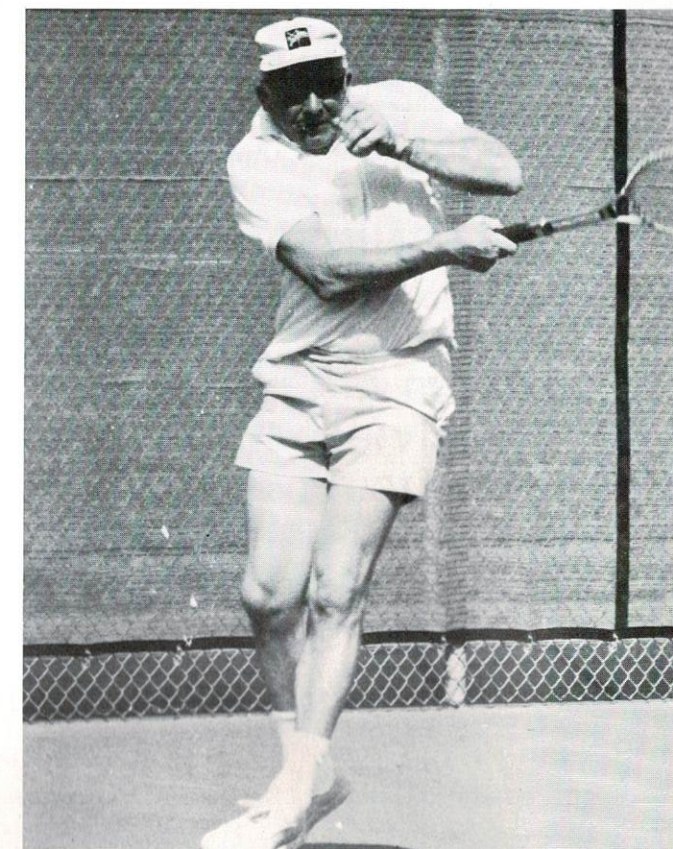


Intrepid golfers (l-r) Bob Bliss, Fred Shewey, Buck Harless, and Phil Fraser.

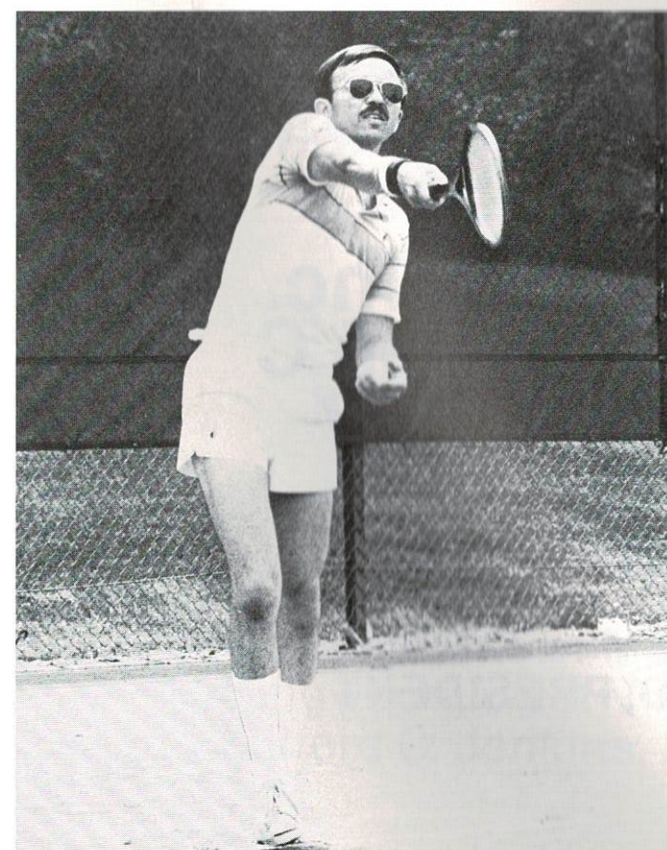
The Sportsmen



More intrepid golfers (l-r) Jim Justice, Steve Walker, Lawson Hamilton and Frank Vigneault.



Jim White, above left, and Frank Jennings, above, demonstrate proper form for golf and tennis strokes, respectively, while Bill Raney, below left, appears to be leading his tennis troops into battle. Below is an illustration of the danger of letting golfers onto the tennis court. Funny outfits, a lot of talk, and very little action.



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In 1981, Kelly Carr, Miss West Virginia USA, graced the Greenbrier.



Jim Compton (r), Coal Man of the Year for 1975, accepts his trophy from Bernard Folio.

Potpourri



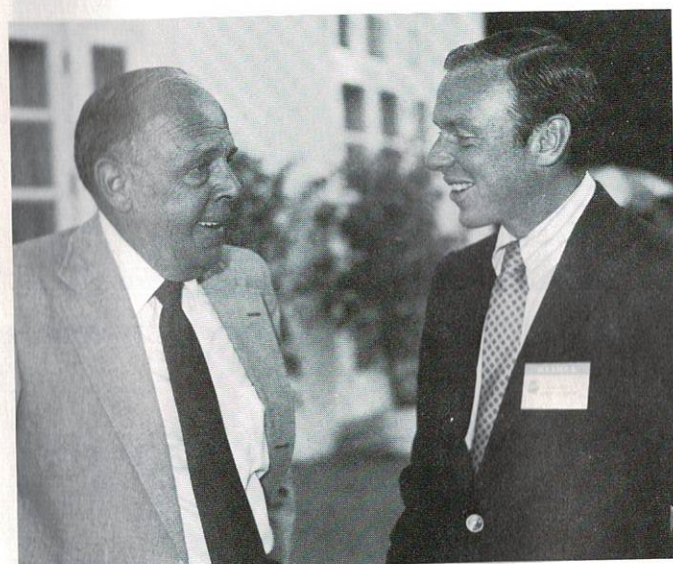
Don Donell, Bill Ritchie, Congressman Nick Rahall, and Frank Vigneault on an Association visit to Washington, D.C.



Former Board Chairmen Tracy Hylton and Carl DelSignore.



Richard Delatore accepts a Reclamation Award from DNR Director David Callaghan.



J.D. Hinkle with Chairman Dwight Keating.



Gubernatorial candidate Clyde See with Jack Fairchild.



Joe Elliot accepts from Director Sandy Latimer.



Jim Comstock, editor of the *West Virginia Hillbilly*, chats with Winston Cline.



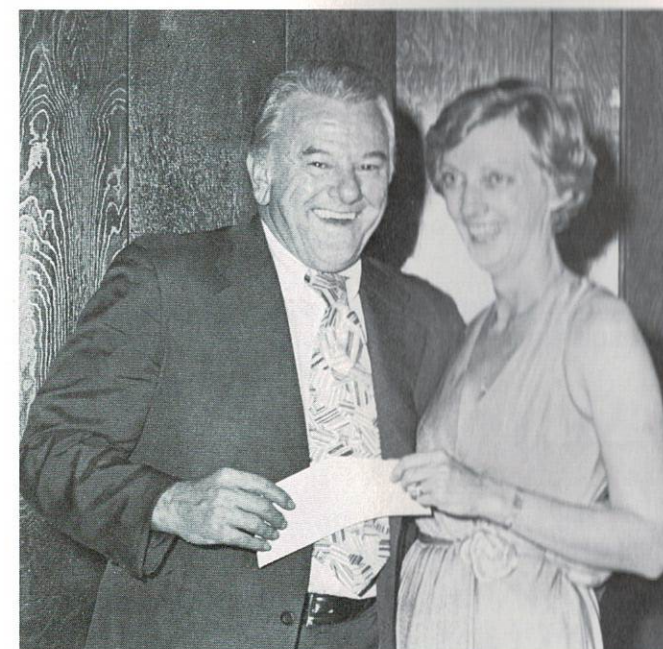
Pam Raney and Don Basham.



Marrowbone Development won the first David C. Callaghan Award for overall mining excellence. l-r are DNR Director Ron Potesta, Randall Sartin, Ted Asbury, Ralph Hall, Mike Castle, and former Director Callaghan.



Buffalo Coal Co. and Davis Trucking Co., Inc. were the most recent Callaghan winners. l-r are Inspector Mike Park, John Geroski, Carmen DelSignore, former Director Callaghan, Steve Shaffer, DoE Commissioner Ken Faerber, Don Cussins, Melvin Judy, and Buz Gorrell.



Andy Chandler and Patty Bruce

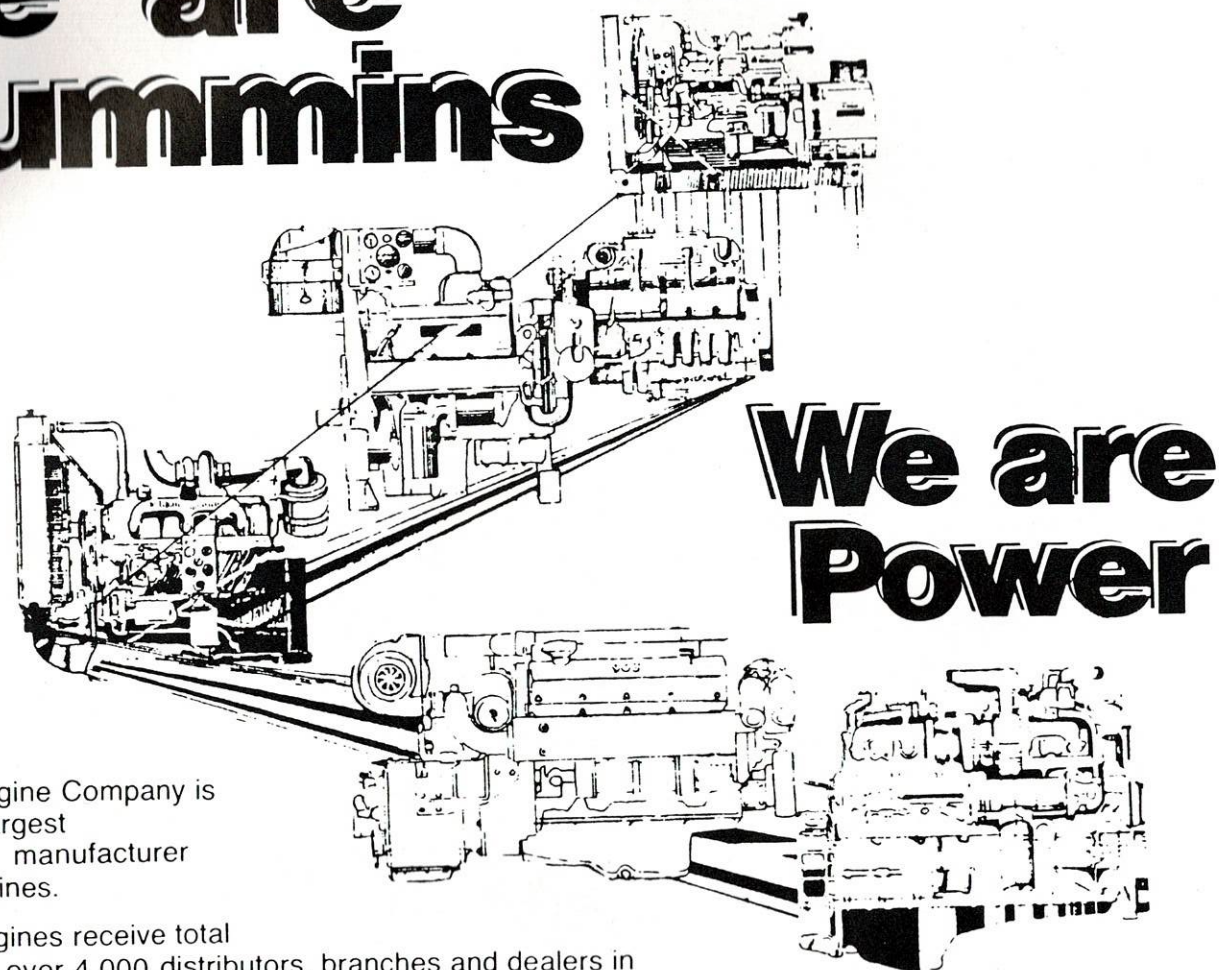


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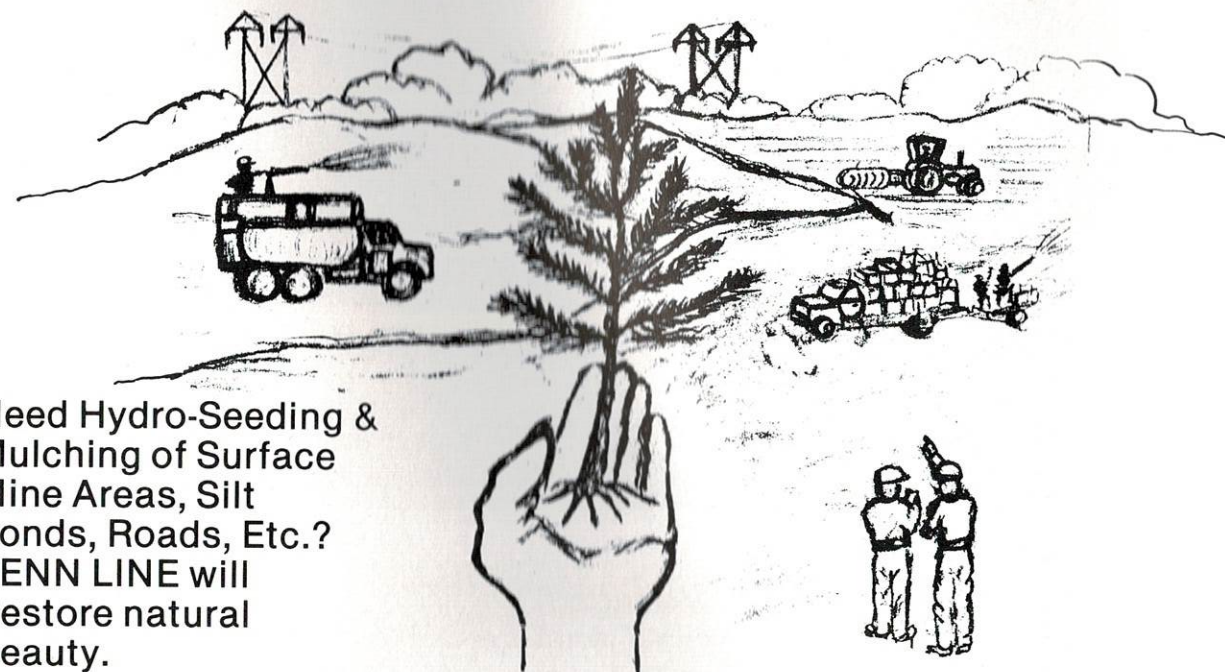
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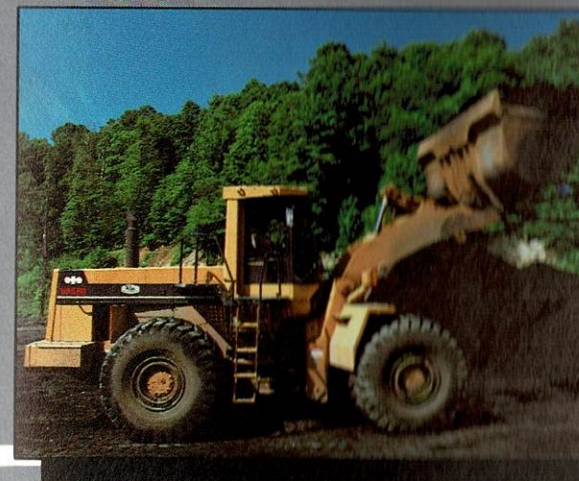


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