

Janis Kozlowski: So was this, maybe, in '46?

Vic Krygowski: That was ... yeah, that was ... yeah. Because, I was discharged in '45, in September of '45. I came home, got married in September of '45 and then had to go back for a little bit. But the early part of '46 is when my time was up and the paperwork was done and I separated from the Navy at that time.

Janis Kozlowski: So your wife didn't know but she married a rich guy, or a guy that was gonna be rich - working for Western Electric.

Vic Krygowski: Well, [laughing] as rich as a working man can get in those days.

Janis Kozlowski: Yeah. [laughing]

Vic Krygowski: There was in Bloomfield at the time, well, my wife lived in Bloomfield, I lived in Newark. But she ... so I went to the General Electric Company in Bloomfield and I went to Westinghouse in Bloomfield and they both made me offers but they were not good or there was some other negatives about it that made me opt for going with Western Electric.

Janis Kozlowski: Then did you stay with them for your whole career?

Vic Krygowski: 34 years.

Vic Krygowski: With Western Electric. Yeah.

Janis Kozlowski: So that turned out to be a good choice for you.

Vic Krygowski: Yeah, I went from a rookie engineer to middle management in engineer ... all of it in engineering. I had a tour of duty in labor relations which was an eye opener for me. But, yeah, it was a good life's excursion. If I had to do it over again I wouldn't change too many things, I'll tell you that.

Janis Kozlowski: Well, it sounds like you were pretty single minded about what you wanted to do, even when you were young and getting out of college, you know, you wanted ... the torpedoes were a good choice for you and you kind of stuck with that and the submarines and then this whole thing carried into your profession later.

Vic Krygowski: Yeah, there was a linkage that drew us together, sure.