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“On Their Own Again” was presented by the Joint Study Committee showing the story of Weirton Steel Corporation’s ESOP (Employee Stock Ownership Plan). The movie, narrated by Roy Fox, starts in 1982 with all the local news channels reporting the bad news of National Steel planning to sell its Weirton Steel Division and the uncertainty of Weirton’s future. After a long feasibility study and community planning, the employees vote unanimously to purchase their mill and form the Weirton Steel Corporation. The ESOP was made official on January 11, 1984. Several officials and other celebrities appear in this 40-minute movie, including Jack Redline, Walter Bish, “The Gunner” Bob Prince, the Steelers’ Jack Ham, and many others. This movie was written by Mike Pernatozzi and Charles Lafferty with videography by Randy Kerstetter and Rick Smith. Production assistants were Tom Starchan, James Harper, Joseph Bates, Bob Conley, Rudy Vajentic, Mike Garan, Ralph Heise, and Linda Guz.