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George Fort

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Have Party For Retiring George Fort

A farewell party was held Friday evening, July 17, honoring George M. Fort, who retires from Central Illinois Light co. Aug. 1.

The party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Knabe, 309 Tyler st., for Morton district CILCO employees and their families.

Fort, 65, will retire after 7½ years of association with the light company. Prior to CILCO's taking over the property in 1957, Fort worked for the city. He is one of the plant operators and is a line-men helper.

Prior to joining the light company, he was with Fort Transfer, which he founded in 1925. He is still an inactive partner with his son Roy in the Transfer business.

All of his sons, Lloyd, Roy, Ray,

and Ralph were at one time associated and worked with the Fort Transfer company. Ralph and Ray are now in Pekin in business, Lloyd is an accountant in Morton and Roy has stayed with the transfer business.

Fort was also chief of police for the city of Morton for two years, in 1949 and 1950. He also has worked for the state. From 1941 through 43, he was chief commissioner of the division of motor carriers.

Plans for the future include "fishing," says George and a trip to California to see his daughter, Mrs. Elmer (Viola) Dringenberg of Glendale, Calif.

Other daughters of the Forts are Mrs. Gale (Mildred) Schafer of Wisconsin; Mrs. Eldon (Doris) Bauman of Morton and Mrs. Russell (Louise) Wanner of Morton.

George was 65 Sunday, July 19. As a farewell gift the employees of CILCO presented George with a power hand saw at the party. The saw, he said, was a complete surprise and was something he had wanted for some time.