Ednor M. Rowe, founder of Wisconsin's Synchrotron Radiation Centre and a leading force behind its success, died last year. In the 1960s at the Mid-Western Universities Research Association (MURA) in Madison he became head of the r.f. group, working on new accelerator ideas. With the dissolution of MURA in 1967 he joined the staff of Madison-Wisconsin, where he pushed for the establishment of the Synchrotron Radiation Centre, serving as its Director from 1970-83. With Fred Mills, he designed and built the 240 MeV Tantalus electron storage ring, subsequently converted into a dedicated synchrotron radiation source and the forerunner of Wisconsin's big Aladdin ring.