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## MEMORIES

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### STANLEY THOE – CHIPPEWA FALLS, WI

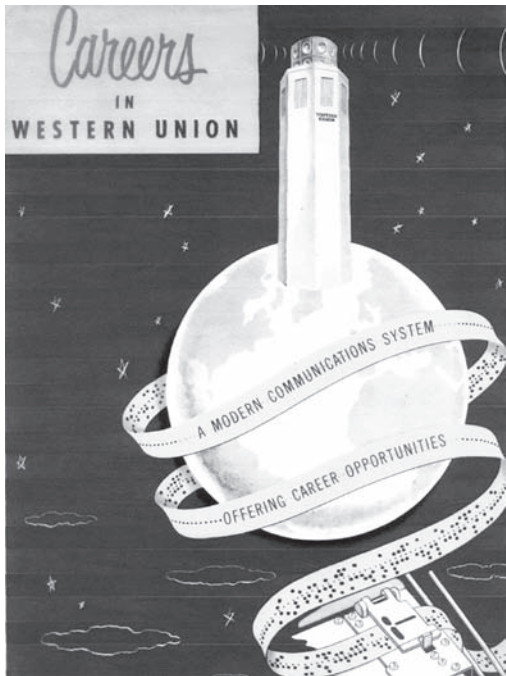
Stanley sent in this photo of Kenneth Rogers and Stanley taken in the 1960s at the Rhinelander, Wisconsin office. At that time, Ken (on the right) was the Manager of the office and Stanley was a Computer Technician. In the 1970s, Ken was elected President of Local 206 and Stanley was elected Secretary Treasurer. Good friends for over 50 years, Ken will be greatly missed by many friends and co-workers.



Stanley Thoe and Kenneth Rogers - 1960's - Rhinelander, Wisconsin

### TENLEY TOWER – WASHINGTON, DC

On May 22, 2008, the DC Historic Preservation Review Board voted unanimously to make the former Western Union Tenley Radio Beam Site a District of Columbia historic landmark. The Board's consulting historian, Dr. David Rotenstein, furnished that information to me. Built between 1945-1947, this tower was part of the original network for microwave radio use for commercial communications, carrying traffic originated by the public. The network linked Washington, Pittsburgh and New York City. The tower is a 73-foot tall limestone tower with a metal turret for the antennas and was the only tower in the network to have been designed by a noted architect. The tower sits on a 400-foot elevation property at 41st Street near Wisconsin in Northwest Washington. Subsequently, several lattice towers were also constructed on the property. Today, the site is owned by American Tower Corporation and is a cellular telephone cell site. (Editor's Note: for more information you can "Google" Tenley Tower or go to the [westernunionalumni.com](http://westernunionalumni.com) site.) The tower illustration below is from the cover of a Western Union recruiting brochure "Careers In Western Union". The other illustration is from a Western Union Brochure, "Works Like Magic" that I found when I Googled "Tenley Tower" and was attributed to placement by Al LaFrance.



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