

DEDICATION OF THE

SCHULMERICH CARILLON AMERICANA

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

AUDITORIUM, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1962

THE CARILLON AMERICANA

The Carillon Americana, by Schulmerich Carillons, Inc. of Sellersville, Pennsylvania, is the crowning achievement in tower instruments. The Carillon being played in concert for the first time today is one of the five largest and most versatile in existence.

The console of the Carillon is located in the University Auditorium and its impulses are carried by wires through campus tunnels to Memorial Stadium where the stentors are located in the northeast tower.

The donors of the Carillon, Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Staley, desire that the instrument be an integral part of the programs of the University's School of Music and the cultural life of the campus. In addition to the concerts, the Carillon will be a vital part of instruction in music.

The new Carillon provides additional distinction to the new south areas of the campus, as does another major gift — the beautiful Krannert Art Museum.

The modern Carillon consists of small bronze bell units which, when struck by metal hammers, produce pure bell tones barely audible to the ear. The resultant bell vibrations then are picked up electrostatically, amplified to desired proportions, and reproduced from a lofty height in Memorial Stadium. The presence of the stentors in this great memorial structure is especially appropriate.

Mr. and Mrs. Staley have a strong and continuing interest in this form of musical instrument and have made gifts for carillons for the First Congregational Church of Phoenix, Arizona, the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Decatur, Illinois, and the First Presbyterian Church of Naples, Florida.

DEDICATION PROGRAM

Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.

Presiding

ALLEN S. WELLER

Dean of the College of Fine and Applied Arts

Presentation of the Carillon on Behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Staley

JAMES C. COLVIN

Executive Director of the University of Illinois Foundation

Presentation of the Carillon to the University on Behalf of the Board of Directors of the University of Illinois Foundation

JAMES G. THOMAS

President of the University of Illinois Foundation

Acceptance on Behalf of the University

DAVID DODDS HENRY

President of the University

Remarks about the Carillon

GEORGE J. SCHULMERICH

Chairman of the Board of Schulmerich Carillons, Inc.

Selections on the Carillon

JOHN KLEIN

Carillonneur, Sellersville, Pennsylvania

DEDICATION CONCERT

Memorial Stadium, 12:30 p.m.

JOHN KLEIN

Between halves of the football game in Memorial Stadium, two Carillon numbers, "Shadows," the Michigan State University song, and Illinois' "Hail to the Orange," will be played by Mr. Klein.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Staley, whose generosity provided the magnificent Schulerich Carillon, are residents of Naples, Florida. Until his retirement on June 15, 1956, Mr. Staley was a Director and Vice-President in Charge of Customer Relations for the A. E. Staley Manufacturing Company of Decatur.

Mr. Staley was a long-time resident of Decatur, and both he and Mrs. Staley were active in civic affairs there. He was Vice-President and then President of the Young Men's Christian Association. He was on the Community Chest Board and in 1940 was presented the Civic Service Award for his work for the Chest. Mrs. Staley was on the Executive Board of the American Cancer Society and the Board of the Girls' Welfare Home.

Mr. Staley is a member of the University of Illinois Class of 1931 and long has been interested in its programs. He is a sports enthusiast and not only follows Illinois teams but works to help them. He is a member of the University of Illinois Foundation, to which he and Mrs. Staley are making their gift for the purchase of the Carillon.

Mr. Staley always has been keenly interested in aviation. In 1940 he served as a member of the U. S. Army Air Force.

The A. E. Staley Manufacturing Company, an important Illinois industry, was founded by Rollin Staley's father, the late A. E. Staley, Sr.