

Hymns Played on Highland Park Church Chimes Regale Community



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Voicing in clear, resonant tones the benediction of music to the passing day, the chimes in the tower of Highland Park Methodist Church are daily played for fifteen minutes at 6 o'clock in the afternoon by Foy Thomas, church secretary, who is a theological student at S. M. U.

"People seem to like hymn tunes best, explained Thomas, "but the official chime book contains many patriotic airs and several of the familiar songs of the people. 'The Doxology' and 'The Wedding March' are both included in the collection."

The chimes hang in the tower far above the street, but they are electrically operated from a tiny keyboard which now stands in the choir loft back of the grand piano. The church officials announce the installing of a fine pipe organ immediately, at which time the

chimes will be connected up with this instrument, and so available in connection with the regular church services and programs.

The dedication of the chimes was held in Highland Park Methodist Church in February. Presented by Mr. and Mrs. William Burt Tucker, a bronze tablet is soon to be placed in the walls of the church bearing the following inscription:

"Dedicated to the glory of the Risen Christ. May the silvery peal of these chimes be an inspiration to many people to dedicate their lives to Him who died that they might live," is the prayer of the donors, Mr. and Mrs. William Burt Tucker."

Foy Thomas, official chime player, holds a bachelor of arts degree from Southwestern University, has studied at the University of Mexico and is now in his second year of preparation for the ministry. He plays the piano for recreation.