

Dedication Set for New Carillon

Plans to dedicate the new carillon of the Central Christian church, donated by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Nordan and family, have been revealed by the Rev. W. Earl Waldrop, minister.

He said:

"Our carillon was shipped from the foundry of Petit and Fritsen, Holland's oldest bell-foundry, Nov. 19, and we have the promise of the manufacturers that it will be installed in time for us to dedicate it on Christmas eve at our regular 11 p. m. to midnight service."

CUP-SHAPED

A carillon is a set of cup-shaped bells cast to the true pitch of at least two chromatic octaves.

Mrs. Mary Beth Upshaw, organist at the church, will also be the carillonneur, Waldrop asserted.

He said the carillon contains 47 bells, ranging in weight from 19 pounds for the treble bell to 3850 pounds for the bourdon bell. Waldrop said:

"Our set can be regarded as one of the heaviest in the U. S. and by far the heaviest in Texas."

SENSITIVE

The bells are played from a baton-type wooden keyboard which is as sensitive as an organ console, Waldrop said, although the clapper of the bourdon bell weighs about 150 pounds.

He said both bells and clappers are manufactured of bronze, an alloy of 80 per cent red copper and 20 per cent tin.

He said if the carillon is installed in time for a Christmas eve dedication one of the country's foremost carillonneurs will be brought to San Antonio to play a concert.