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MRS. CHARLES B. AUSTELL

Carillon Dedication Set At First Baptist

Dedication of the carillon recently installed at the First Baptist Church of Shelby will be during the morning worship service tomorrow.

The bells were built and installed by H.T. Van Bergen of Greenwood, S.C. It was given as a memorial to Mrs. Charles Benjamin Austell (Mary Adelaide Roberts) by her daughter, Mary Adelaide Austell Craver.

Mrs. Austell was a native of Shelby and a 1926 graduate of Converse College with a bachelor of music degree. She was one of 15 charter members of the Converse chapter of Pi Kappa Lambda, the national music fraternity.

Mrs. Austell was lifelong member of the First Baptist Church where she was a soprano soloist, instrumentalist and choir member for many years. She served as president of the Cecilia Music Club and taught piano, voice and music theory in the Shelby school system from 1926 to 1941. Mrs. Austell also compiled a history of Cleveland County as a program for Cleveland County school children.

Composer of several musical works, Mrs. Austell was listed in *Who's Who Of American Women*.

The carillon consists of 16 bronze bells weighing from 30 to 400 pounds and is located in the church steeple. It is played by a keyboard inside the sanctuary. Van Bergen, 80, is a native of Holland and his family has made and tuned bells for eight generations.