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Chaplain says faith overcomes costly obstacles

Corps to sponsor MSC prayer dinner on Tuesday

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Tuesday some cadets will attend a dinner that Corps Chaplain Blake Purcell called, "a fun adventure in faith." Last semester Purcell said he went to a retirement dinner with at least 600 other people in the Memorial Student Center ballroom.

"The idea of trying to fill that ballroom with 600 people to hear the word of God came to mind," he said. "There's just not that many people in the Corps who would go to hear something religious, but I thought, 'Isn't God capable of doing it?'"

Purcell said he and others began to pray about the dinner to see if it was God's will. He said he can tell that it is God's will for the Corps to sponsor a prayer dinner by the way things have worked out, and the obstacles that have been overcome.

When he went to reserve the ballroom, Purcell said, there was only one night available. On that night the cheapest dinner the MSC would serve in the ballroom was \$7.90.

"We know not many people are going to want to pay that much for a dinner on a Tuesday night," he said. "So we decided that we would trust God for a lot of the money and only charge \$3 a ticket."

"The next thing was that we needed a speaker who would have an appeal," Purcell said. "We wanted someone who would show people that Christians are people influencing their world for Christ."

Purcell contacted Major General Clay Buckingham at the Pentagon. Buckingham is assistant chief of staff for automations and communications for the department of the army, and also president of Officers Christian Fellowship.

"We had no money to pay him to fly from Washington, and we knew he was a very busy man," Purcell said. "When I called him, he said, 'Yea, I'll be in San Antonio the day before the prayer dinner.'"

Purcell said that at that time, they still had no money and no publicity for the dinner.

"My family gave some money so we could print about 100 posters," he said. "When the guy came back he had a huge stack of posters, a thousand of them. I called the printing center to see what happened, and they said they didn't know why so many were printed."

Purcell said they needed about \$2,000 to get the dinner started.

They began calling churches to see if cadets could announce the dinner during services and pass out letters to let the

members know about the dinner. Also about the money they were trying to raise.

Purcell said that up to now the group has raised about \$3,300 for the dinner and free tickets to people in the Military Science Department.

Another obstacle, Purcell said, was that there were no rooms available in the MSC Hotel for the guest speaker to stay when he comes.

"We prayed about it," he said, "and we ended up getting the presidential suite."

The dinner will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on March 3. Cadets can buy tickets through Purcell or unit chaplains.

"The real exciting thing will be people turning to Christ," Purcell said. "We don't expect immediate results, but it will plant the seed."

Court overrules move in Daniel case

United Press International
AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court overruled late Thursday a petition by attorneys for Vickie Daniel, the widow of former Speaker Price Daniel Jr., to grant a change of venue from Liberty to Tyler in the custody battle over Mrs. Daniels' two children.

The court made the ruling about an hour after Houston attorney Richard "Racehorse" Haynes filed the petition. The court made the decision without comment.

Haynes claimed in the petition that State District Judge W.G. Woods Jr. of Liberty County did not have jurisdiction in the custody case because Mrs. Daniels now resides in Tyler. Woods has

been hearing the custody case in Liberty this week.

Daniel's sister, Jean Daniel Murph, is seeking custody of Mrs. Daniels' two children by the former speaker, Franklin Baldwin Daniel and Marion Price Daniel IV. She alleges that Mrs. Daniel, who shot her husband on Jan. 19, is an unfit mother.

In his petition Haynes said the case should be heard in Tyler because the "proper venue is the residence of the child."

Woods contended that he has jurisdiction because Mrs. Daniel moved to Tyler, where her sister resides, less than six months before the litigation began.

More witnesses called in slain judge probe

United Press International
SAN ANTONIO — A federal grand jury has called more witnesses in the assassination of U.S. District Judge John Wood Jr. — the first time the panel has convened since December.

The grand jury met Wednesday for about an hour, but witnesses scheduled to appear before the panel kept isolated from the public. Prosecutors later refused to discuss the number of persons who testified.

Chief U.S. District Judge William S. Sessions has ordered the grand jury proceedings to con-

tinue in secrecy and all court records relating to the case have been sealed.

Wood, the first federal judge in history killed in the line of duty, was shot in the back with a single rifle bullet while leaving his home for work on May 29, 1979.

The San Antonio Light today quoted sources close to the investigation as saying the grand jury appears to be interested in convicted hitman Charles Harrelson and Jimmy Chagra of El Paso, now serving a 30-year prison term for drug trafficking.

Boy plays robber — for real

United Press International
NEW YORK — Police are checking ice cream parlors and candy stores for a 10-year-old bandit who trotted into a midtown Manhattan bank, peeped over the teller's window, and announced a holdup.

Police guessed the boy, who made off with \$118 Wednesday, could not have been older than 10. He was wearing a dark blue parka with a red stain on the sleeve.

"He's probably out buying ice cream some-

where," a police spokesman said.

The boy, under 5 feet tall and carrying a silver automatic pistol, walked into the the New York Bank for Savings shortly before noon. Police believe he was accompanied by an elderly man.

He pointed his pistol at a teller and said, "Don't ring the alarm. Give me all the money."

Once the teller realized the child was serious, she handed him a pack of marked money. As he left, the gun-toting juvenile turned at the door and waved goodbye to the stunned teller.

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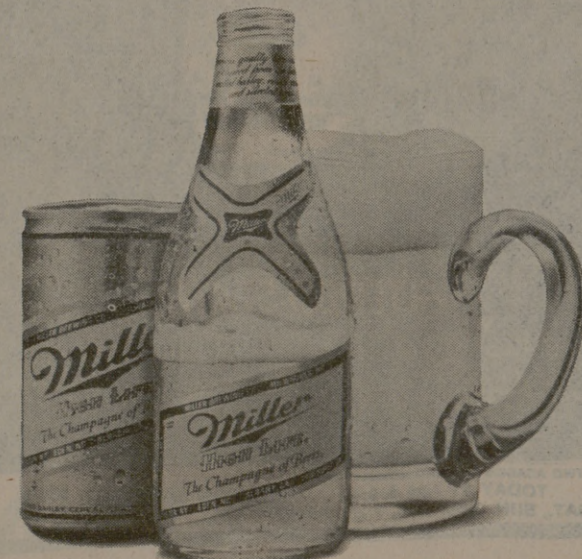


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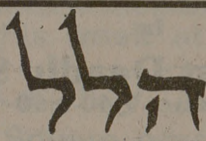
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