

'Dead' For Five Years, Soldier Asks For Status

New York.—First Army headquarters yesterday said a former missing soldier, officially dead for five years, walked into an army recruiting station in New York and asked about his status.

Colonel William B. Force said a fingerprint test agreed with the man's identification of himself as Anthony V. Martino of Waterbury, Conn., where his wife and two children still live.

The next thing he remembered, Martino was quoted as saying, was walking down a street in Brooklyn in December, 1944. Force said he did not know whether Martino gave any reason for failing to identify himself previously to the army or to his wife.

Women IN THE CHURCH by Mary Foster

Miss Irene Hoskins, the first missionary sent by the Home Missions Council to help teach the Navajo Indians of the Southwestern States to read and write, has enlisted for the summer the assistance of college student Miss Jane Barclay who in 1947 accompanied the party of Dr. Frank C. Laubach to the Near East.

Under the leadership of Miss Margaret Crofoot, of the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., twelve college-age young Presbyterians will give their summer to service as ward attendants at the Philadelphia State Hospital—the first such group in the newly formed "Institutional Service Unit" asked for by the Church's young people.

Miss Margaret Barnes, American missionary, is the secretary of the North China Christian Rural Service Union which carries on its ministry despite changing political conditions in the nation.

Honoring the first president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, Grace L. Bragg Hall, a new dormitory for Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., will soon be erected at a cost of \$250,000.

Children Drowned When Boat Overturns

Raleigh, May 30.—Two children drowned in a small pond when a boat capsized Sunday on a farm pond about five miles northwest of Wendell.

Victims of the tragedy were Proctor Hocutt, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Newman Hocutt of near Wendell, and Jackie Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wood of Route 8, Raleigh.

Wake County Coroner I. M. Cheek said the children were among a party of eight riding on a pond on the J. C. Watson farm when the accident occurred.

Death Of Onslow Man Listed Suicide

Jacksonville, May 30.—John Ernest Shields, 39, Southport native, shot and killed himself at his home near Jacksonville this morning, Onslow Coroner Talbert Jones reported.

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In another room was his wife and a visitor. Shields, a farmer and formerly a prison guard, lived about four miles from Jacksonville on Richlands highway.

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