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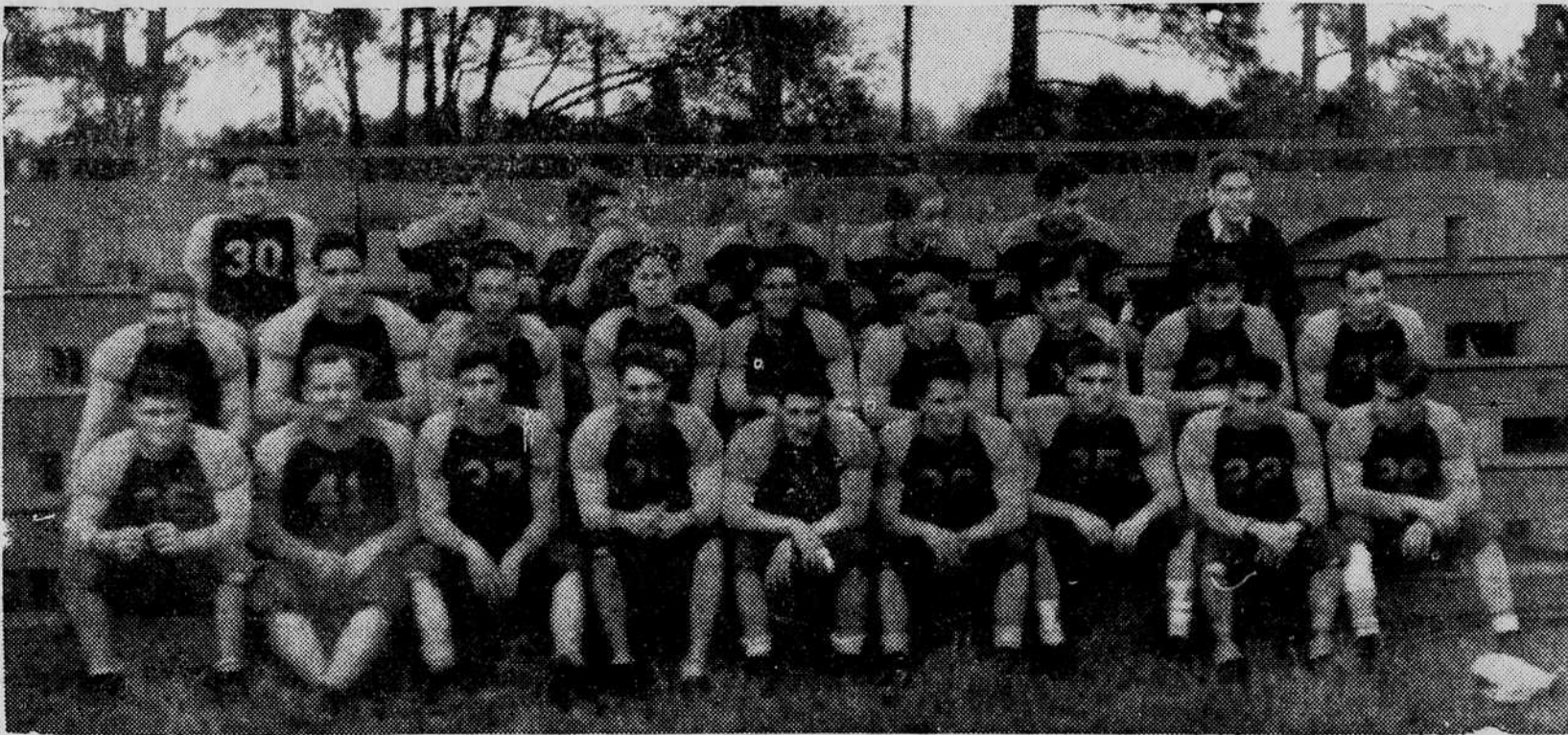
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## TO VOTE ON JAIL BONDS

### ROANOKE RAPIDS 1940 FOOTBALL SQUAD



Above is a photograph of the 1940 edition of the Roanoke Rapids Yellow Jackets, snapped the day before they played their last game against Tarboro here last Friday. They came through the season with five wins, three losses, and a tie. The players are, reading left to right, front row: Craddock, Green, Howell, Acree, Davis, Kendrick, Byrd, Moseley, Cox; middle row, Cooper, Ellis, Hasty, Ray, Clements, Weathers, Bray, Harris, Jenkins; back row, Hasty, Moore, McDowell, Sanders, Neal, Thompson, and Long (Manager). (NewsKut by Brigman)

### LOCATION INVOLVED IN ISSUE

The Roanoke Rapids Board of Commissioners decided at an adjourned meeting Tuesday of this week to hold an election for the issuance of bonds for a jail to be located in or adjoining the Municipal building. The ordinance will call for the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$12,500.

This action came after about the Board learned that it could not submit the question of the location of the jail and of the bond issue to the people of the city at the same time. This information came from Masslich and Mitchell, bond attorneys of New York, at the request of the Board.

In the event the election fails for the ordinance for the issuance of the \$12,500 bonds, another election for an ordinance calling for the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$21,000 for the construction of a jail at some other location in the city will be called.

The voters of the city jail will be notified by handbills and otherwise of the election. In order to defeat the first ordinance (that for the issuance of bonds for \$12,500 for the construction of a jail in or adjoining the Municipal building) voters will have to cast their votes against it.

In addition to the handbills put out for the purpose of informing citizens of the election, personal letters will be written to those people who signed a petition last August protesting against placing the jail in the Municipal building.

The Commissioners will meet in a regular session next Tuesday, at which time they expect to have in hand the forms as prepared by Masslich and Mitchell for the bond issue ordinance. The election will be held as soon as all arrangements can be made, in about a month from now, it is expected.

The ordinance for the bond issue of \$7,500, which was approved on September 19, 1939, will be rescinded, that amount having been found inadequate for the construction of a jail in the Municipal building or any other location. The bonds that were approved were never issued.

### No. 2 Board May Fill White Quota With Volunteers

The two white men who have been called from Halifax County Selective Service Board No. 2 may come from volunteers, it was learned this week. One of the two colored men who have been called will have to be drafted as there is but one Negro volunteer.

The white volunteers are William Ray Whitehead and Ernest Earl Judge, both from Hobgood. Carl Joyner, colored of Halifax, is the Negro volunteer.

All these men will have to take the regular army physical examination before being accepted as training recruits.

## 12th Northampton Highway Death

### Staff Sergeant



Above is pictured one of the boys from Roanoke Rapids stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., with the National Guards from all over the Southeast. He is James Tommie Martin, recently promoted to Staff Sergeant, according to information received here. Starting as a private in Company B, 105th Medical Regiment, he soon rose to the rank of Corporal, thence to Staff Sergeant. He is also serving as assistant athletic officer.

Sergeant Martin is one of the 66 men, from Roanoke Rapids and vicinity, who are encamped at Fort Jackson with the guards for a year's training.

### License Plates To Be Black And Gold Next Year

The new 1940 license plates, which are expected to be here for the opening of the local bureau Saturday morning, will be gold and black—the Wake Forest College and local high school college colors.

These new tags may be installed and put into use as soon as they are purchased, thereby giving a motorist license coverage for a total of 13 months if he so desires.

There is some possibility of plates for trucks and other vehicles not reaching the office here by Saturday, it was learned this week. However, if those tags are not here by the week-end, they are expected to arrive early next week.

The delay in the delivery of the tags, which is expected to be felt at some of the branch offices, will be the result of a carload of the steel used in the making of the plates being held up for a brief period in shipment.

Those offices that do not receive tags by Saturday are assured of having them in hand by Monday or Tuesday of next week.

### Quiet Holiday

Members of the local police department and the highway patrolmen report one of the quietest Thanksgiving days here in some time.

### Wins Contest



Jane Massey (above), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Massey of Gaston, won first prize in the baby contest held at Gaston School last week. She was chosen among seven entries. The contest was held in connection with the "Fiddlers" Convention which was sponsored by the Gaston Athletic Association last Thursday night. Money secured from the contest and convention will be used toward the erection of a gymnasium for the school.

### HERBERT HODGES KILLED

Without regaining consciousness after an automobile accident last Friday night, Herbert Hodges, 17 year old boy of near Vulture in Northampton County, died in the Roanoke Rapids Hospital at 6:43 Tuesday evening. Death came from a fractured skull and an injury to the spine, according to hospital attaches. A coroner's inquest had not been set early today.

Four other boys in the car, which turned over on the Gaston-Vulture road at 11 p.m. last Friday night, were not injured seriously.

Funeral services for the boy were held this afternoon at 3:00 at the home. Rev. Mr. Garlington, pastor of Shiloh Church, was in charge. Interment was in the family burying ground near the home.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hodges who survive him. Other survivors are two brothers, Ricks Hodges of Salisbury and Frederick of the home; seven sisters, Mrs. E. T. Rice of Richmond, Va., Mrs. R. S. Moody, Jr., of Henrico, Mrs. Lawrence Beale and Mrs. James Williams of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. Lonnie Lassiter of Glen Alpine, Mrs. Jack Smith and Phyllis Hodges of Roanoke Rapids Star Route. (Complete Details of Wreck — Page 1, Sec. B)