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# VOTE JAIL QUESTION

## LIONS ENTERTAIN CHILDREN



Above are two views of the Lions Club's Christmas party held here for approximately 50 underprivileged children in the city. Upper scene shows the children being fed. Lower picture shows Santa Claus distributing gifts to the youngsters. The children were fed and given gifts, which included eats and something to wear. (NewsKuts by Brigman)

## ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY ON LOCATION, BONDS

An election to determine whether the City of Roanoke Rapids will construct a jail in and adjoining the present Municipal building will be held Tuesday, January 7. The polls will be opened for all qualified city voters at 7 a. m. and close at sunset on that day.

Polling place in the North Ward will be at the Boy Scout hut on West Second Street. The registrar in the North Ward will be Henry Fitts. Judges will be S. C. Cook and J. O. Brown.

Polling place in the South Ward will be the Rosemary graded school. A. M. Cameron will be the registrar and Curtis Shell and Allie Wood will be the judges.

Citizens of the city will be asked to vote "yes" or "no" to the following question: "Shall an ordinance passed December 3, 1940, authorizing not exceeding \$12,500 bonds of the City of Roanoke Rapids for paying all or part of the cost of constructing a jail in or adjoining the Municipal building, and a tax for said bonds, be approved?"

If the majority of voters in the election approve the ordinance next Tuesday a jail will be erected in or adjoining the Municipal building. The shop now used by the Sanitary District and the Street Department will probably be converted into a jail in the event the ordinance is approved.

If the ordinance is not approved, the Board of City Commissioners plans to hold another election to vote on \$21,000 bonds for the construction of a jail at

some other location, undecided at the present time.

A majority of votes cast for the approval of the ordinance will decide the election in favor of locating the jail in the Municipal building. A majority cast against the approval will defeat the measure and another election will have to be called. All citizens properly registered on the city books are eligible to vote.

Last August (1940) a group of citizens signed a petition protesting the construction of a jail in the Municipal building. Following the presentation of the petition to the Board of Commissioners, the board decided against placing the proposed jail in the building.

An investigation as to the cost of a jail constructed as a separate unit was made. The expense was found more than had been anticipated by the commissioners, who later decided to hold the election.

The City Health Department has declared the present jail building not suited to its purpose and the County Grand Jury has warned the City that it must improve its jail conditions or be forced to be without one.

An ordinance authorizing the issuance of bonds for \$7,500 for the construction of a jail was repealed recently at a meeting of the commissioners. The bonds were never issued. They were repealed because they were insufficient to construct a jail adequate for the city.

## FOUR VOLUNTEERS READY TO ENTER TRAINING JAN. 8

Four volunteers have been declared ready for induction into the Selective Service training by the local Board. They have had their physical examinations and will leave for Fort Bragg next Wednesday with the six to go in the second call.

Three other men are to take examinations Friday. Out of these three are expected to come the remaining two men. The third one is being examined as an alternate. Two of the men to report for physical examination tomorrow are draftees. The other one is a volunteer.

Those who have already been declared ready for induction are: Sanford Wood of Weldon; John Wilson Joyner of South Rosemary; Sammy Leon Jones of 210 Hamilton Street, City; and Solo-

man Powell, whose box number is 525, City.

The draftees to report tomorrow are the first to be called by the local board. All others have been volunteers. These boys who will report Friday have the order numbers 8 and 14. If No. 8 passes his physical examination, he will be the one to go to Fort Bragg. If he is found unfit, No. 14 will go, provided he is fit.

However, the board will still accept volunteers in this call. Those who would like to go at this time may do so by getting in touch with the board early Friday.

If the other volunteer passes his examination tomorrow, he will give the local board a total of seven volunteers to be inducted

## Golden Gloves

All amateur boxers in Halifax and Northampton Counties who wish to enter the Herald 1941 Golden Gloves Tournament are invited to report at the Roanoke Rapids High School gym at 8:30 Monday night, Jan. 6th for instructions and first training by Coach Lonnie Blackwelder. Bring your trunks and shoes for workout.

The Tournament Committee is also asked to meet at the same time and place. (More details inside)

into the service. Two have decided to get into the navy; one is serving a term on the road; two are disqualified legally because of having been convicted of a felony; one has been disqualified because of physical disability. He is placed in 1B class and is subject to call if ever needed.

Those who would like to volunteer for the expected call in February are urged by the Board to do so early in order to get induction papers out of the way before the last minute.

## 3700 AUTO TAGS SOLD HERE SINCE OFFICE OPENING

A total of 3700 automobile tags has been sold at the local license bureau since its opening on November 30, according to reports from the office force. There have been 815 truck and 320 trailer tags sold in addition to the passenger vehicle line.

December 31 (Tuesday) led in a single day's sales. On that day, the last day that drivers were allowed to operate with old licenses, the local office sold a total of 755 tags which amounted in dollars and cents to approximately \$12,000. A line of automobile and truck owners remained at the windows practically the entire day. A rushed order had to be called in to Raleigh for additional tags before the day was over.

The first two days of the new

year were very "slow" at the office, Mrs. Mincher, who is heading up the license sales, said today.

City tag sales have increased this year also, it is reported. Today there had been 745 city tags sold, an increase over former years for the entire 12 months.

No definite check has been made as yet, but it has been estimated by those who have been closely associated with the tag sales that a "good" 50 per cent of those people buying licenses at the local office came from communities outside of Roanoke Rapids and immediate territory.

The office force handling the plate sales here took the job with some misgivings, but report that they have encountered little difficulty in the sales.