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Counties in the coastal area of North Carolina are very lax in organizing for civilian defense, according to Norman Chambliss, assistant state director, here last Saturday.

Lyman Mayo, of the United States Navy, home on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mayo, turned his speed boat over in the river here this morning, but escaped with only a ducking.

H. E. Beam, county chairman of War Bonds sales, said this morning that more than \$60,000 worth of bonds had been sold at the bank and post office here this month.

Miss Marie Hunt, registered nurse, of Rocky Mount, is now employed in the office here of Dr. T. L. Bray. She entered upon the work last week.

Approximately 1,700 old phonograph records have been collected so far by the American Legion post. They will be turned in on new records for men in the armed forces.

James E. Mizelle and Hugh Roberson returned last Friday after attending the State Federation of Labor meeting in Asheville last week as delegates from the local pulp workers' union.

James Wesley Vail, son of the late Jim Vail, of Washington County, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Howard Davenport, of the Pleasant Grove section.

John N. Carr expects to return to his work at the pulp mill next Monday after being out for about three weeks on account of injuries sustained when he fell on the porch at his home in the village about three weeks ago.

Young Boy Struck By Car Thursday

Bobby Beasley, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Beasley, of Plymouth, was seriously injured last Thursday, when he was struck by a pick-up truck, operated by James Cutler, of Terra Ceia.

In recorder's court Saturday, Mr. Cutler was fined \$5 and the court costs for having improper brakes on his car. It was stated that he was not held responsible for the accident.

Permission Sought To Locate Aircraft Spotting Station in Town of Plymouth

P. W. Brown, chief air raid warden for Washington County, has applied to Major Butler, of the Army Interceptor Command at Norfolk, Va., for permission to locate an aircraft warning station in Plymouth.

If permission can be secured, Mr. Brown hopes to locate a spotting station on top of one of the buildings here, possibly the city market. It will be manned 24 hours daily by volunteers in

Carl L. Bailey Heads Board On Price Ceilings in County

P. Bruce Bateman, county chairman of the Civilian Defense Council, announced Monday morning that he had recommended the appointment of the following as the county war price ceiling board: Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth, chairman; W. T. Freeman, of Roper; and W. H. Peele, of Plymouth.

Scrap Metal Delivery Shows Upturn Here as Drive Gets Underway

Stamps Nos. 6, 7 Expire Saturday

Stamp No. 6 of the sugar ration book, good for the regular 1/2-pound allotment of sugar per week, and Stamp No. 7, issued for a 2-pound bonus during July and most of August, will expire next Saturday night, according to the local rationing board.

Tire Quota for Next Month Is Cut 28 Per Cent, Board Advised

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The local rationing board was notified this week that September tire quotas are to suffer a 28 per cent cut, according to announcement of Tire Rationing Specialist E. H. Schellenberg, of Raleigh, who added: "This means that throughout August, as well as September, your board will, by necessity, be compelled to issue certificates only to the top-most eligibles in the war effort."

Special Meeting of Grace Church Vestrymen Friday

There will be a special meeting of the vestry of Grace Episcopal church at the office of C. E. Ayers on Washington Street Friday night at 8 o'clock. All vestrymen are urged to be present.

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Test Blackout To Be Called in This Area Friday Next Week

Washington County will have its second blackout practice Friday night of next week, between the hours of 8 p. m. and 1 a. m., when a 30-minute test will be called throughout the Williamston district, which includes all towns in this county.

Over 20,000 Pounds Received by Local Dealer in Two Days

The scrap metal drive launched last week by the salvage committee of the Washington County Council of Civilian Defense is having some effect, a survey this morning shows, although there were no reports of progress of the campaign from Creswell and Roper.

No Reports Yet Received From Roper, Creswell; Need Urgent

Chief Air Raid Warden P. W. Brown said this week that air-raid wardens appointed earlier this year will continue to serve, with few exceptions. Twenty arm bands have been ordered for auxiliary police and 20 more for auxiliary firemen; and they will be clothed with full authority during periods of tests or actual raids.

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According to reports, itinerant junk dealers from other sections have been buying much scrap metal in the lower part of the county, for which the Washington County quota does not receive credit. While all scrap metal sold to dealers is going into production of war materials sooner or later, it is hoped that people in the county will make an effort to see that their scrap goes into channels which will be credited to the county.

Revival Services To Begin At Pleasant Grove Monday

Pleasant Grove.—The revival meeting will begin services at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church Monday night after the fourth Sunday in this month, the 24th, with the Rev. A. L. Thompson, of Ahsokie, assisting the Rev. G. C. Wood in the services.

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