THERE IS NO QUESTION that folks are simply putting up their Christmas decorations earlier than usual this year. Illuminated yard, window, and door ornaments were in profusion across the county last weekend. The storekeepers gladly confirm, too, that the trite admonition to "Do your Christmas shopping early" seems to have borne fruit this Yuletide. Weary postal clerks are in accord. The mail volume is heavier and earlier than in any year previously.

LT. DONALD TRIPP, FIREman in charge of Chapel Hill's Glen Lennox Fire Station, has resigned from the Department locally to become Fire Chief in Cary. He has been a Chapel Hill fireman for the past three years. Chief Jim Stewart said he was in the process of making a replacement.

SPECULATION IS RIFE THAT Luther Hodges of No. 3, The Glen, in Chapel Hill, will be unable to completely retire from the ultra-peripatetic career he had for the past several decades. Top rumor is that he'll work actively with the Research Triangle, a "baby" he helped create as Governor. One continuous thread throughout his business and governmental career has been as a Rotary Club leader. He was district governor of Rotary when the Chapel Hill club was formed in the 20s, and has indicated he'll accept an invitation to join the local group when he finally settles here.

SPEAKING OF ROTARY, IT'S generally agreed there's never been a night like it since Hollis Edens as President of Duke stood on the piano and led the boys in a lusty rendition of "Hark, The Sound." That was at the Chapel Hill Rotary's Yule social several years back. Last night the gang, warmed by the inspiration of the UNC Glee Men and their gorgeous coed singer, Dolly Isom, truly engaged the Christmas spirit in a round of caroling. It was their Christmas party meeting, and the stereotype of staid nonsinging discipline was roundly shattered.

BOND OF \$7,500 WAS SET IN superior court this week for Jack Simmons, charged with the Nov. 28 shooting of sheriff's deputy Bobby McCullock. As of late yesterday the defendant had neither posted bond nor asked for a preliminary hearing. The officer is reportedly recovering in Alamance General Hospital.

ATTORNEY JOHN MANNING in a zoning hearing before the Chapel Hill aldermen Monday night suggested that L. J. Phipps, as Judge of the Recorder's Court, had "a mystical touch" on rowdyism in fraternities near his Pittsboro St. home. Because of his position on the bench, lawyer Manning implied, the Judge could effectively bring about his wishes for peace in the neighborhood. In ceply the Judge went "one up" on his rival attorney — recalled that when the late Henry A. Whitfield was Judge, and also lived on Pittsboro St. several years back, he'd had little success in quieting down the lads in the next door in the fraternity in which Mr. Manning had held membership!

THE PUBLIC TOUR OF THE rural tract on which the Chapel Hill Senior High School is to be built was postponed from last Saturday afternoon because of rain. Mark Burnham of the sponsoring Citizens School Committee said the jaunt would be rescheduled in the near future.

Six sites are toured new ABC outlet

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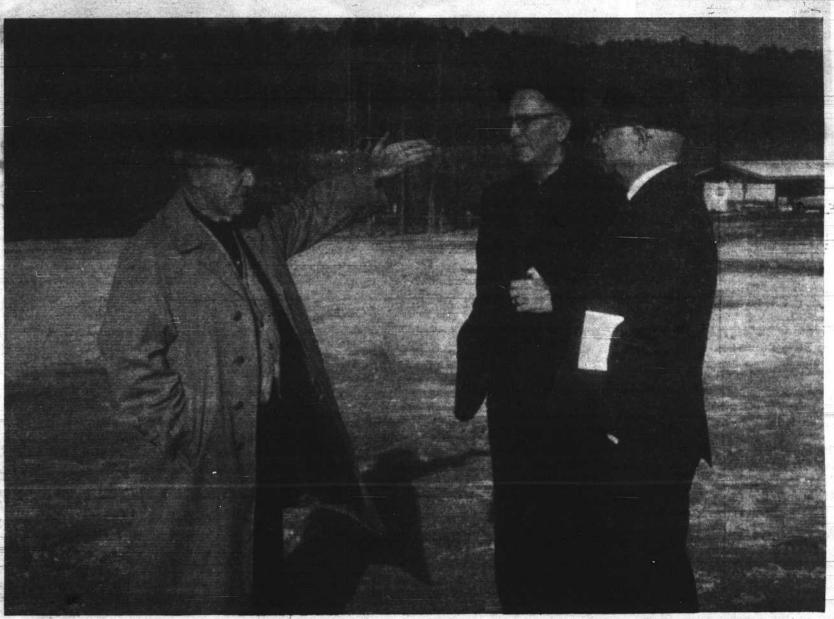
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Durham Co. area taken out of zoning extension plan

Store site debated



PRINCIPALS IN A.B.C. CONTROVERSY -Dudley D. Carroll, left, opponent of the proposed second A.B.C. store for the Chapel Hill area, discusses the matter with his fellow County ABC Board members, Giles Long, center, and Chairman Remus Smith, during a tour of six possible sites yesterday afternoon.

Above they're seen on the T. M. Danziger property on Airport Rd. near Bolin Creek. A shopping center is proposed for this tract in the future. The owners offered to locate the ABC store there, if the Board wanted it. (See story on Page Two.) .

ost-conviction hearings dominate high court docket

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