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### Attorney Will Appeal Denied Zoning Request

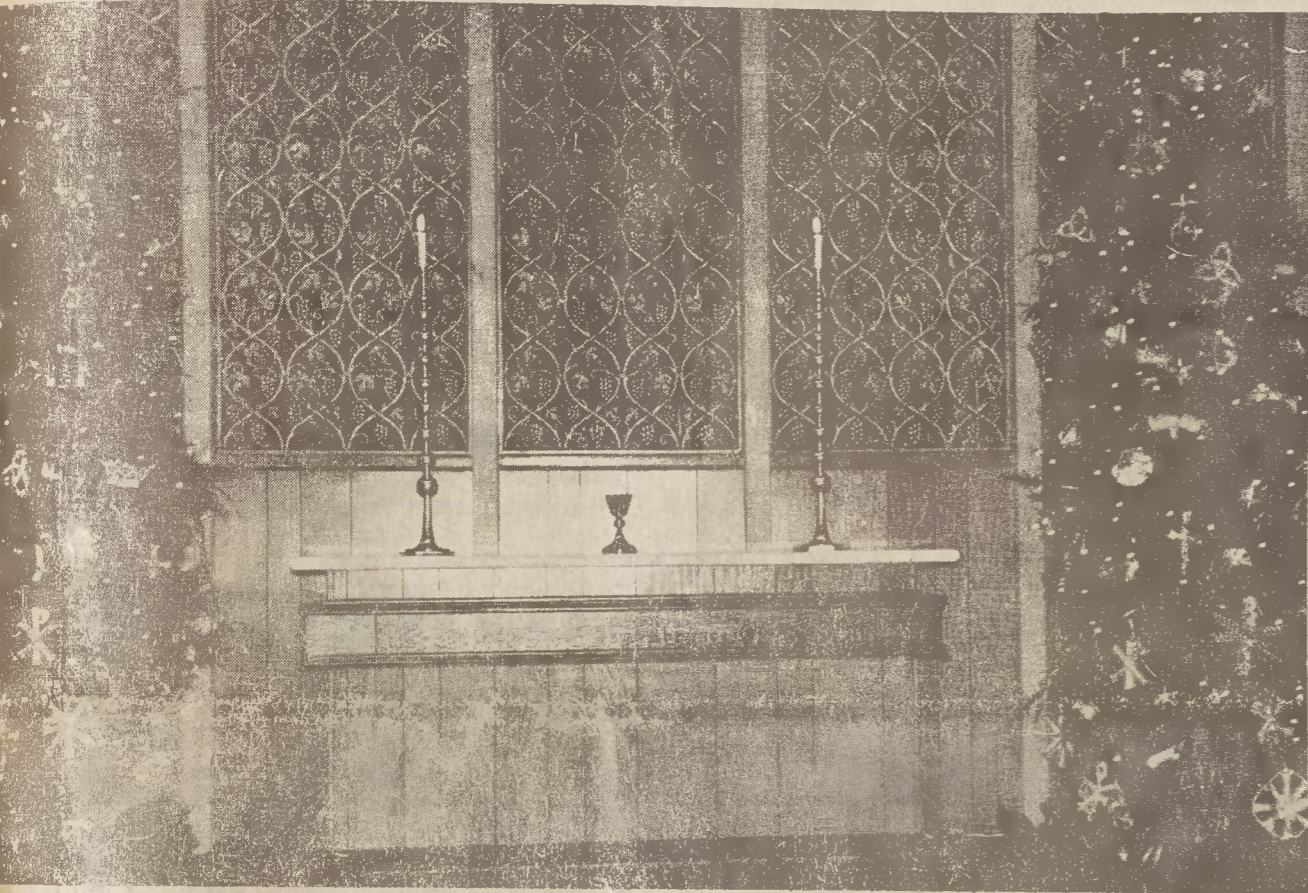


Photo By Lib Stewart

CHURCHES ARE DECORATED FOR CHRISTMAS — Christmas trees and candles decorate the sanctuary of Central Methodist Church. The two trees are laden with

Chrismson ornaments made by members of the congregations. At least four Kings Mountain churches plan Christmas Eve candlelight services Wednesday.

The city commission Monday night unanimously denied request of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Gore to rezone from residential to neighborhood business property at the corner of Walker and Cansler Streets.

Les Farfour, of Shelby, attorney for the Gores and C. M. Peeler, who holds option, said he would enter appeal to the zoning board of adjustments and the courts.

The attorney also warned the board that "spot zoning is illegal and unconstitutional" during a public hearing in which two dozen members of Temple Baptist Church presented petition signed by 111 property owners strongly opposing the rezoning.

Rev. Frank Shirley, pastor of the church, told the board that Temple Baptist church, organized in 1945, has a half-million dollar investment and is located in "a neighborhood we're proud of." Shirley said his congregation objects to the building of a convenience store nearby because the store would be operated on the Lord's Day. He said the church had presented petitions of opposition in March and that the city zoning board had voted to disallow the Gore request on rezoning of the property. Black Leonard, codes director and secretary to the zoning board, confirmed that the rezoning matter had been on the agenda of several meetings in the period of March-June and that the zoning board had recommended the zoning request not be honored.

Attorney Farfour asked that members of the board be polled to give reason for their vote. His request was denied but motion was made that the board's reason for decision be included in the minutes of the special meeting.

In other actions, the board: 1) Unanimously adopted resolution authorizing the sale of \$105,000 in gas system bonds, effective Dec. 13, 1975, for enlarging of the gas system;

2) Tabled until Jan. 12 for further analysis recommendations of Southeastern Consulting Engineers for electrical department work. Harry (Dutch) Wilson, Electrical Supt., told the board that Southeastern is recommending the building of a new 12 KV line to serve the West Gate Shopping Center and KM Nursing Home areas at estimated cost of \$23,789.28. Mr. Wilson said that if the city furnishes the materials the cost would be considerably less. Southeastern is recommending the building of the new line to balance out the system and eliminate the low voltage in the western area of town.

3) Tabled request by Faith Baptist Church for annexation. Mayor John Moss pointed out that the Faith request is the city's first annexation consideration of "satellite areas" and a relatively new legislation procedure. Attorney Jack White said he has some doubts that a church is required to submit a petition. Can the city annex a non-contiguous piece of property, he asked.



Photo By Tom McIntyre

TWINKLE - TWINKLE — Hundreds of colorful lights adorn this tree on the corner of Piedmont and King, the Mauney Memorial Library property, to show motorists and pedestrians that the Christmas season is here.

### Area Churches Planning Services, Music Programs

Church services on Christmas Eve will climax annual religious rites celebrating the Birth of Christ.

At least four Kings Mountain churches plan Christmas Eve services and three have scheduled 11 p. m. Musicales and Candlelight Communion. The Boyce Memorial ARP Church, the Choirs of the church will present a candlelight service, "Roads To Bethlehem" featuring a solo,

claimants Filing

Monday And Friday

USC Office

The Employment Security Commission has arranged for unemployed claimants to receive their regular claims over holidays in Kings Mountain.

The persons who sign in Kings Mountain on Wednesday at the Community Center report today Wed. Dec. 24, between 8 a. m. and 1 p. m. The persons who sign on Thursday and Friday will report this Fri., Dec. 26, between 8 a. m. and 1 p. m.

"O Holy Night" by Miss Frances McGill.

Dr. L. Glenn Cloninger of Dallas, Associate Minister, will deliver the message at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church traditional 11 p. m. Christmas Eve service. Mrs. L. Glenn Cloninger and Miss Frances Summers will be soloists for special anthems by the Senior Choir, including "Alleluia, Hodie"; "Come To The Manger," "Lovely Child, Holy Child" and "Venite Adoremus." The Junior Choir will sing "African Noel" and "Noel, Noel." The Musicales is directed by Mrs. Richard McGinnis with Mrs. L. E. Hinant as organist. The Chancel of the church will be banked by Christmas red poinsettias and lighted by candles. Christmas trees decked with Chrismson ornaments made by the congregation will be at either side of the altar.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Mauney of Oberlin, Ohio, former residents of Kings Mountain, will present a piano-violin concert at 10:45 p. m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church and the 11 p. m. Candlelight Communion Service will follow. Choir

Director Donald Deal will direct the Choir in the anthems, "Three Noels" and "Sleep Holy Babe" with Mrs. Aubrey Mauney at the organ. Pastor Glenn Boland will lead

the Communion meditation. The Resurrection Church will be banked with poinsettias and garlands of greenery.

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### Housing Authority Buys KMRC Parcels

The Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission conveyed approximately 11 acres of land to the local housing authority Monday for \$62,200.

The property, on four parcels in the Cansler St. project area, is earmarked for 78 low income housing units to be constructed early in 1976.

At least 36 of the units are designed for the elderly. The

other 42 will range from one to five bedroom family units.

The housing authority is expected to advertise for bids in January and award construction contracts to begin in February. The project is expected to be completed by November 1976.

The housing authority currently operates about 200 low income units in various sections of the city.

### Tax Listing Begins Friday, January 2

Tax listing for No. 4 Township residents gets underway Jan. 2 at City Hall and Edwin Moore, Mrs. Charles Ballard and Mrs. Jack Hauser again will serve as listers.

The tax listers will be in Grover two Saturdays in January at the Grover Rescue Squad.

Tax listing for all Cleveland County residents will be conducted in all 11 townships through Jan. 30.

County Tax Supervisor Jim Hendrick said that persons desiring to have the tax forms mailed to them and list by mail should contact the tax

listing office (482-8311) between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. by Jan. 15.

Persons listing for the first time must report to their listing location in person, Hendrick added.

### To Class Jan. 2

Students in the Kings Mountain District Schools will return to class on Jan. 2, 1976.

School officials said the students are returning on Jan. 2 to make up for the day lost during the Oct. 7 vice presidential visit to Kings Mountain.

### Holidays Busy Times For Kings Mountians

Kings Mountain area citizens are making final preparations for observing Christmas.

The final preparations will include a variety of activities. Last-minute shopping is expected to be brisk and merchants are prepared for busy pre-Christmas sales.

Many citizens are already enjoying the holidays. School closed Friday and reopens Jan. 2, most college students

are already home for the holidays and most industrial employees are already enjoying a week's holiday and Christmas cash in the form of Christmas checks or gift certificates for turkeys and hams.

Busiest spot in town was the Kings Mountain Post Office where mail cancellations were heaviest during the weekend with citizens wrapping up last-minute mailing of parcels and

greeting cards.

Religious celebrations will claim the interest and participation of a major segment of the community. Christmas Eve 11 p. m. Candlelight services are planned by at least three congregations — First Presbyterian, St. Matthew's and Resurrection Lutheran Churches.

Children had that wide-eyed look of anticipation awaiting the visit of Santa Claus.

Thursday, Christmas Day, will be a holiday for virtually all citizens as the city will be closed down tight.

Holidays vary from the week of Christmas to 10 days of majority of industrial employees.

Burlington Mills suspended operations Saturday at 10 p. m. and reopens Sunday, Dec. 29. The traditional plant party was held last Sunday afternoon at Kings Mountain Community Center and Santa Claus was on hand to present gifts and treats to the children.

Neisco Industries will close the full week of Christmas, suspending operations on Friday when employees were treated to ham dinner with all the trimmings and presented gift certificates for turkeys.

Bonuses based on length of service were distributed to employees of Mauney Hosiery Mills Friday when the plant suspended operations for the holidays until Dec. 29. A dinner-dance for employees, their husbands and wives, was held Friday night at

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### Early Edition

The Mirror-Herald will publish one day earlier next week; Wed., Dec. 31, for New Years.

This will necessitate moving all deadlines back in order to maintain the publishing schedule. The social and women's news items must be by 10 a. m. on the Monday preceding the Wednesday dateline. Regular news items must be in by 10 a. m. on Tuesday before the Wednesday dateline.

The Mirror-Herald advertising staff will call on accounts earlier during these holiday schedules in order to assure service to businessmen and merchants.