

Negro Group Demonstrates At Concord

CONCORD, March 4 (AP)—About 50 Negro students, accompanied by unidentified Negro minister, conducted a brief religious service on the courthouse lawn here today.

Then, marching two abreast, the group paraded downtown, through a department store and back to Barber-Scotia College.

About 25 white persons, mostly youths talking loudly and jokingly among themselves, stood on a sidewalk and watched the demonstrators at the Cabarrus County Courthouse.

The Negroes, their backs to the white spectators, did not interrupt the service. They read a printed litany.

The leader: "From all blindness apart; from pride, vainglory and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice and all uncharitableness . . ."

The responses: "Good Lord, deliver us."

The Negro students sang a paraphrase of a hymn, "We're fighting for our freedom and we will not be moved."

Together, they recited a poem, "Be strong, we are not here to play, to dream, to drift. We have hard work to do and leads to lift."

Five deputy sheriffs were present at the courthouse, but they were not needed to keep order.

The students found their path blocked by the white spectators when they ended the service. The Negroes stepped onto the snow-covered lawn and filed around the spectators.

The students proceeded downtown and into Belk's Department Store, where Negroes had demonstrated three weeks ago against segregated lunch counter service. They marched through the store and out again, back to the college for Negroes.