

# 2 Negroes Convicted; 1 Cleared

[*Sitdown strikes continue  
over South. A2.*]

CHARLOTTE, March 8 (AP)—Two Negro students were convicted today and a third cleared of charges stemming from demonstrations against segregated lunch counters.

Charles Allen McNeal, 21, of Fayetteville, a senior at Johnson C. Smith University here, drew a 30-day suspended sentence and \$25 fine for assaulting a white woman, Mrs. J. T. Morris of Monroe. Testimony indicated that McNeal shoved Mrs. Morris during a Negro demonstration outside the basement cafeteria of Belk's department store Feb. 23.

Elvis John Ryan drew a 30-day suspended sentence and \$10 fine for violating a fire safety ordinance by refusing to move from an aisle in the department store. Ryan, 20, is from Elizabeth, N.J.

Defense attorneys filed notice of appeal to Superior Court for both McNeal and Ryan.

Recorder's Court Judge Howard B. Arbuckle dismissed a charge of assault lodged against John Shamberger, a 19-year-old Negro student from Asheboro. Shamberger had been accused of striking Gilbert Cooper, a white man, with his hands and fists. Cooper testified, however, that he was shoved, but was not struck, as the warrant read.

The courtroom, which seats about 240, was filled with spectators, about 90 per cent of them Negroes.