

Prayer Held After Arrest Of Students

CONCORD, March 25 (AP)—Fifty-eight young Negroes held a prayer meeting on the steps of the Cabarrus County Courthouse today two hours after the arrest of seven students for trespassing at a lunch counter.

The 58 then paraded single-file through Concord, passing through Belk's Department Store and two drug stores situated on the square, Pearl Drug Store and Gibson Drug Store. They carried signs with such slogans as "I am an American, too."

For the most part, downtown crowds ignored the orderly file of Negro students, but a few teenagers heckled them.

The group went to Barber-Scotia College for Negroes after the parade.

The seven—two young men and five coeds — were booked on charges of trespassing at Pearl Drug Store.

Harry A. Barringer, owner-operator of the drug store, said the group took seats at the lunch counter and refused his request to depart. He then called police.

These were the first arrests here, although there have been previous anti-segregation demonstrations by Negroes, thought to be students at Barber-Scotia College in Concord.

The seven, who listed themselves as students, were identified as:

Rudolph Scott Jr., 21, Taylor, Fla.; James Luther Roach Jr., 21, Pinehurst; Myrtie Lee Brayboy, 16, Millen, Ga.; Shirley Ann Wilson, 19, Greenville, S.C.; Yvonne Joan Eaddy, 18, Greenville, S.C.; Candetha Green, 19, Ocean Drive, S.C., and Edythe Mae Rush, 21, Norwood.