

# Woolworth Counter Reopened Here

The lunch counter at the downtown Woolworth store, closed since early April, reopened this morning with sit-down service to white patrons only, continuing the policy observed by the store prior to the shutdown of the counter.

Clarence L. Harris, manager of the store, said that the opening was without incident.

Shortly before noon, pickets had not put in their daily appearance from A&T and Bennett Colleges.

Woolworth counter closed in early April after resumption of

picketing by Negro students protesting segregated service at the counter. Kress, also scene of picketing, chose to remain open, except for brief periods. Climax of demonstrations came with arrest of 45 students who took seats at the Kress counter. Since then token forces have picketed Kress, Woolworth and Meyers, all of which operated segregated eating sections but sell to Negroes at other counters.

The sitdown demonstrations, which have spread throughout the South, began here on Feb. 1.