

Winston Opens Desegregated Lunch Counters

WINSTON-SALEM, May 25 (AP) —Lunch counters in Winston-Salem's big downtown drug and variety stores reopened this morning on a desegregated basis as recommended by a community goodwill committee.

Counters which resumed service included those at S. H. Kress and Co., two Woolworth stores, H. L. Green Co., and Walgreen's drug store.

A few Negroes were being served at the counters in Kress and H. L. Green about noon. No Negroes had been observed at noon at counters in the other stores, but all had agreed to desegregate their eating facilities.

The desegregation took place very quietly. A number of whites also were eating at the counters, but none were crowded at their opening. At least one member of the goodwill committee was seen checking the stores.

A number of detectives and uniformed policemen were inside some stores and stationed in other parts of the downtown area, but no unpleasant incidents of any kind had been reported at noon.

Observing the situation also were several strangers, introduced as detectives from Greensboro who were watching the manner in which the desegregation was being accomplished in this city.