

# Gains Seen In Settling Race Issue

## Commission Is Organized

Mayor George Roach's Advisory Committee on Community Relations formed yesterday on a hopeful note in seeking a solution to the recent racial sitdown troubles in downtown Greensboro.

Councilman E. R. Zane, chairman of the group, said he had been assured by leaders of the sitdown demonstrations that they will be patient and understanding.

It was revealed at yesterday's session, which lasted about 40 minutes, that Zane has been one of the principal conferees with Negro student groups since the early February demonstrations. He disclosed that he has met with the Negroes on "a number of occasions." He said he was confident "they will come up with an intelligent response."

### Falkener Complimentary

Zane's statement brought compliments from Councilman Waldo Falkener, the only Negro on the nine-man group. He remarked that members of his race had been "deeply impressed by your (Zane's) sincerity and understanding."

Zane outlined the objective as one of fact finding and obtaining public opinion.

With agreement from the other committeemen, he said the group would first invite a committee of three from the Negro colleges to state their position. Later, the advisory group would invite the representatives of the F. W. Woolworth Co. and S. H. Kress Co. to express their views.

Five alternatives were mentioned by Zane:

The situation to remain as it is.

The two establishments to serve everyone seated.

The two establishments to remove seats and serve everyone standing.

The two establishments to reserve separate areas for seated white people and seated Negroes.

The two establishments to discontinue serving food.

### Sees Solution

Although the operators of the two counters have stated that local custom will not accept Negro and white service at one counter, Zane said he believed that the operators would consider a recommendation, if it should be made, which showed that a significant majority of the people of the city said they would not object to the integration.

Bland Worley, committee member, stated that it was his understanding that the Woolworth food counter policy would be decided by the Atlanta office.

Although yesterday's meeting was open to the press and television, Zane indicated that there might be a necessity to hold "executive" sessions, at which the news services would be barred. He told the committee he hoped to have a meeting next week and would give members at least two days notice.

Other members of the advisory group are Councilman David Schenck, Arnold Schiffman, O. L. Fryman, Howard Holderness, James A. Doggett and W. M. York. Doggett and York were unable to attend the organizational session.