

# 4 Lunch Counters Plan Re-Opening

WINSTON-SALEM, March 3 (AP)—Lunch counters in four downtown stores will reopen Friday—still segregated—after remaining closed more than a week by mutual consent.

And a prominent Baptist minister has offered a plan which he feels may "point the way out of our dilemma."

Two downtown Woolworth stores, S. H. Kress and Walgreens will reopen.

The store managers reached their decision late this afternoon. They had closed their counters Feb. 23 after 22 demonstrators were arrested on trespassing charges at a Woolworth store.

There will be signs displayed,

but, a spokesman said, persons attempting to eat at counters against the pattern of segregation will be warned that they are trespassing.

Herman Warren, manager of the Woolworth store in which the arrests were made, got a suggestion today designed to help clear it up.

The suggestion came from Dr. Ralph Herring, pastor of First Baptist Church.

## Policy Change

Herring, a former vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention and onetime president of the N.C. Baptist State Convention, suggested that Warren reopen his lunch counters "with this announcement of change of policy:"

"That meals will be cheerfully served to all who come regardless of race, with the further statement that at one counter you will be catering to your white clientele and at another to your Negro clientele."

Over the white counter, Herring suggested, Warren might display this sign:

"Cheerfully serving all, but catering to white clientele."

Over the counter for Negro patrons:

"Cheerfully serving all, but catering to our Negro clientele."

For Negroes favoring integrated lunch counters, Herring suggested, his plan would "remove the stigma of segregation to which our Negro friends rightly object insofar as it denotes second-class citizenship" and might also "establish the fact that no racial discrimination is being practiced."

Both Warren and the NAACP adopted a wait-and-think-it-over attitude toward Herring's plan.

Warren said he was forwarding the suggestion to officials of F. W. Woolworth for "consideration."