

Statesville

Reports

Sitdowns

STATESVILLE, March 16—The lunch counter sitdown demonstrations made its first appearance in downtown Statesville Tuesday afternoon as four Negro college students, practice teaching at Unity School here, occupied seats at the F. W. Woolworth Co. for some 45 minutes before being escorted out by local police.

Arrangements were made today for the four to leave Unity School.

Police Chief W. T. Ivey identified the students as Charles Napoleon Hart, 25, of Avondale, and Margaret Glenn, 22, of Monroe, both students at Livingstone College in Salisbury.

Both Hart and Miss Glenn told Chief Ivey they were staying with Mrs. Myrtle Horrington while doing their teaching here.

The other two gave their names as Shirley Ruth Moten, 22, Route 8, Statesville, and Nannie Ray Houston, 22, of Davidson, who are here from Barber Scotia College at Concord. Both of the latter students are staying at Rural Iredell homes.

Colleges Contacted

County School Supt. C. G. Credle said this morning that Leroy Campbell, principal at Unity School, had contacted him, saying he had been in contact with the presidents of the two colleges.

Campbell told Credle that arrangements have been made for the four students to be transferred today to other schools to continue their practice teaching.

"We put no pressure on them," Credle commented, "but in the interest of good personal relations, we thought it wise that they report back to their colleges."

The four students entered the local store around 4 p.m. and went to the lunch counter, where they were refused service.

Hart, apparently spokesman for the group, declined to talk with newsmen at the scene who talked reluctantly with Chief Ivey and Lt. C. L. Pearson, who were at the store to prevent any acts of violence.

News of the demonstration spread quickly and a crowd, both white and Negro, gathered around the store. The four students finally asked the officers to escort them through the crowd.

Acts Of Violence

Acts of violence, thought by officers to be retaliatory measures, were reported last night as three Negro homes were rocked.

Mrs. Horrington, who was an unsuccessful candidate for a seat on the City Council in the last election here, reported at 8:43 p.m. that someone had thrown rocks and bricks at her home, in addition to the phone calls.

At 9:05 p.m. Mary Lou Scott reported that a bottle had been thrown through a window at her home. Another complaint came at 10:05 p.m. from Mrs. Sam Walker, who told officers her family was in bed asleep when someone threw a bottle through a picture window at her home.

Chief Ivey issued a warning today. "We're not going to have any disturbance here. We don't want anybody—white or colored—mistreated. But we also want people who are involved to realize that we don't have enough policemen to station one at each home. We want them to think about it before they get involved in any trouble," he added.