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## WATCHMAN

raised "object." One bullet failed to stop Cook's advance, the "loaded" watchman fired three other

shots into Cook's body, one shot being fired into Cook after he had stumbled and fallen. Cook managed to get up and run to the "Tops" filling station on Peace St., a block away from the scene of the shooting.

Suffering from the pistol wounds, loss of blood, and shock, Cook was carried to St. Agnes hospital with no hope held for his recovery. No charges were preferred against his assailant who was praised for acting in the "discharge of his duty." Since Cook was supposed to die, the daily press and radio reported that the "coroner" would rule his death to be "justifiable homicide."

Here is the story told by Cook in Raleigh City Court last Tuesday morning. A story that not only resulted in having all the charges of trespassing, drunkenness and resisting arrest, thrown out, but caused Judge Albert Douc to bind his assailant over to W. E. Superior Court under charges of assault with deadly weapon—to wit, a pistol, intent to kill, inflicting injuries not resulting in death.

Cook, a native of Wendell, was living and working in Cary at the time of the affray. On the night of the assault, he had hitchhiked a ride back to Raleigh from a road house where he had gone earlier that evening. Upon arriving in Raleigh, he found his wallet, containing \$80.00 missing and he accused the Negro couple, who

had brought him back to Raleigh of taking his money. They denied the story and put Cook out near the Tops Service Station on Peace St.

The couple had promised to take Cook to the Raleigh Bus Station so when he was put out on Peace St., being a stranger, he did not know how to get to the bus station. Cook told an attendant at the service station that he had been robbed and asked the attendant to call the police in order for him to report the robbery. The police were called, but after waiting some time for them to arrive, the bus station thinking he was following the directions given him by the service station attendant.

Cook says he walked east on Peace St., crossed Hobbins and continued on eastward for about one-half block. Realizing he was "lost" he crossed from the south side of Peace St. to the north side and offered assistance to a man who was on Peace St. He was taken in front of Peace College, but did not realize it.

He said he had only walked a short distance in this westerly direction when a voice behind him commanded him to "halt." Lost and maddened him to "halt." Lost and that it was a policeman who had given the command. He had a less than half-filled pint bottle of whiskey in his rear pants pocket and he surmised if he threw this bottle away, he could not be charged by the "policeman" with carrying an unsealed bottle of whiskey on his person.

Before he could get the bottle out of his pocket, the "voice" asked Cook where he was going. Cook replied he was looking for the bus station in that vicinity. Cook had never stopped walking and had never turned around to face the "voice" speaking to him from his rear. By this time Cook had succeeded in getting the bottle from his rear pants pocket and throwing it into some nearby scrubbery, he replied he saw now that there was no bus station around. Before he could say anything else, the "voice" who later proved to be the night watchman of Peace College, opened fire and fired a bullet through Cook's left side. Never turning to see who his assailant might be, Cook began running down the street with the watchman in hot pursuit and still shooting.

After two of the watchman's

bullets had passed through parts of Cook's body, Cook stumbled, only to receive another bullet, inflicting no loss but continuing to run but did not get out of range until another bullet had passed through his body.

The "voice" presided to the court substantiated Cook's story. Medical testimony given at the trial was to the effect that all of the bullet wounds inflicted upon Cook entered his body from behind and were fired at close range.

Although the watchman designated a particular spot on the campus where he claimed he shot Cook in "self defense," no shot of any kind was fired at any time on the campus of Peace College and had no intention of doing so. He was lost, but not a lawbreaker, confused and frightened. He did not threaten the watchman by either word or action. He was shot down, but did not know who his attacker was, but thought at first he was a policeman. At the time of the attack, he was walking on a public place. The attack upon him was unprovoked and without justification in any manner. Cook is being represented by Attorney Herman L. Taylor.

This is the second time in recent weeks that a Negro in Raleigh had his life jeopardized by a white man. A few weeks ago a Negro high school teacher, Kimpson, was threatened with lynching because a white man "thought" he had snatched his daughter.

## POLITICAL PICTURE

With the two Negro physicians in the race at Fayetteville, the total number of aspirants for the council post number five, with Dr. Deane as one of the incumbents seeking reelection.

**ATTY TAYLOR WELCOMES REVEREND JONES**  
Noted civil rights lawyer, Herman L. Taylor, said this week that he welcomed the entry of the Rev. C. C. Jones into the city council race at Raleigh. Qualifying his statement, the attorney noted that "Raleigh's real need is for Negro representation on the city council, whether it be myself or any other person willing and able to serve the best needs of the people."

Continuing, Attorney Taylor said "I am certain that the Rev. Mr. Jones views this race for he counsel in the same light that I do. It is known that I pledge my services to no particular segment of the populace, but to each and every citizen of our city."

## DURHAM SITUATION "DIFFERENT"

While the situation may be described as "unstable" as involved candidates seeking offices in Raleigh, the Durham council race took on another complexion Tuesday when Prof. James T. Taylor, teacher at North Carolina College, announced the appointment of a campaign manager who immediately issued the proverbial "bank of fat" into the arena, considering political games in the Tarboro City.

James Hawkins, Durham (Lynchburg) member, appointed manager by Prof. Taylor, took a back-lash from the Powerful Durham Council on Monday. He immediately accepted appointment, and that the few people who oppose him (Taylor) in the ward was predominantly Negro population. Third Ward are the same people who opposed Governor E. W. Carr and Carl Durham for the Sixth District.

In a heated meeting, some few weeks ago, The Committee on R. M. Albright revealed its intention in backing the candidacy of R. M. Albright, incumbent, for the Third Ward post, in deference to the Committee one race candidate withdrew from the Durham race, leaving Taylor, Harris and a candidate, M. T. Manning, in the running. Harris, Taylor and Manning refused to withdraw, the look to make a primary unsuccessful.

**WINS TITLE**  
A "political novice," William H. Myers, has entered the city council race at Greenville, N. C. Myers, who never before has sought political position, is one of the 17 candidates seeking election to the Greenville City Council.

**MANY ARE SEEKING POST**  
While the Raleigh, Durham and Fayetteville races promise to be the hottest contested, much attention was expected all over the state when voters filed the ballot for April 27 primaries and May 2 general elections.

At a glance, the political picture looks this way as far as Negro candidates are concerned: **RALEIGH:** Attorney Herman L. Taylor and Rev. C. C. Jones candidates for election to City Council.

**DURHAM:** Prof. James T. Taylor and E. W. Carr, Jr. candidates for election to City Council.

**GREENVILLE:** William H. Myers, city council candidate.

**FAYETTEVILLE:** Dr. W. P. Deane, incumbent, and Dr. J. M. Jones, challenger, candidates for election to City Council.

**CHARLOTTE:** Alex. H. Alexander, NAACP president, city council; Mrs. E. E. B. and son, retired principal, school board.

**SANFORD:** The Rev. J. Wesley Graves and Robert Anders, Businessmen, Board of Aldermen.

**CONCORD:** The Rev. R. M. Cole, board of education; A. T. Taylor, schoolman, Board of Aldermen.

**GREENSBORO:** Attorney Kenneth Lee, city council.

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One Negro had for election to the office was stymied in North Carolina on Easter Monday when water Sander, Jr., Smithfield, lost general election for A. T. Taylor, Governor. Instead of making appropriations to individual schools, subsequent members agreed that the matter should be carefully surveyed to determine exactly where the funds should be located. The year's appropriation is for \$1,000,000 from the combined resources of the two Negro colleges.

## STATE IN BRIEF

Featured speaker of the evening was Dean George Johnson of Winston-Salem Teachers College, presiding officer for the occasion was John W. Goode.

Special guests for the occasion included Superintendent W. S. Hamilton of the Hickory city schools, county board trustee Otto Swales, Clarence Howard, R. Glenn Abernethy, Dr. Shuford A. Kennedy, Everett Eckard and E. W. Carr, Jr., president of the A. T. Taylor Club and secretary of the Hickory Merchants Association, Mrs. T. D. Blynn, Jr., president of the Hickory Junior Women's Club, Mrs. Dan Hoyle, past president of the Junior Women's Club, Mrs. and Mrs. Harold L. Icenhour, Mrs. Brian Lewis, and Mrs. Maud Jeffries, supervisor of Catawba county colored schools.

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Predictions that Statum would turn professional were nipped in the bud by the promising young fighter this week who advises that his immediate plans call for his entering the army as an infantry lieutenant upon graduation in June.

**MAY GET NURSING**  
Previously Fourth Rep. F. L. Goobler had asked for a \$25,000

annual appropriation for a four-year nursing school at Teachers College, which would use facilities of Ratto, Baring Reynolds Memorial Hospital. A larger appropriation had been asked for A. T. Taylor, Governor. Instead of making appropriations to individual schools, subsequent members agreed that the matter should be carefully surveyed to determine exactly where the funds should be located. The year's appropriation is for \$1,000,000 from the combined resources of the two Negro colleges.

**COLLEGE PRESIDENTS AMONG ALUMNI**  
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