

R. A. PELHAM, WELL-KNOWN PUBLISHER AND EXECUTIVE DIES AT WASHINGTON HOME

The sudden death of Robert A. Pelham, at his home, 153 T. Street, N. W., Saturday evening, June 12, 1943, brought to an end the eventful career of a notable personality. Born January 4, 1859, Mr. Pelham had passed the eighty-fourth milestone of a useful life. Leaving the place of his birth, Petersburg, Virginia, with his parents—Robert and Frances Pelham—the family took up residence in Detroit, Michigan. Young Pelham was educated in the public schools of that city. While yet a student, he evinced an eager inclination for work, entering the employ of the Daily Post in 1871, climbing rapidly up until 1891, in the meantime having completed the grades and high-school course in nine years—three years ahead of schedule. His capacity for work grew, for from 1883 to 1891, he edited The Detroit Plaindealer, which held high rank among the weekly newspapers of its time, which were conducted in the interest of colored people. From 1887 to 1891, he also served as a Deputy Oil Inspector for the State of Michigan. In 1892, he was a Special Agent of the United States Land Office. From 1893 to 1898, he was an Inspector for the Detroit Water Department, and in 1899 he was again appointed a Special agent in the U. S. Land Office.

It might be said of Robert Pelham that he was in politics before he had reached his majority. He was a Republican, and it was his good fortune to have had close affiliation with such stalwart Republican leaders as Senators McMillan, John A. Smith, and Zachariah Chandler, Governor Russell A. Alger, and others. He was highly praised by such leaders as Frederick Douglas and the late Dr. William J. Simmons. He was a sergeant-at-arms at the National Republican Convention in Philadelphia, 1896.

In July, 1900, Mr. Pelham landed in Washington as a clerk in the Office of the Cen-

White Men Held For Inciting Race Riot In Inkster, Michigan

IN KSTER, Mich., (ANP) — Seventy deputy sheriffs and military police, armed with tear gas and guns, were necessary to quell a race riot here Sunday which two white men are charged with inciting. The two men are being held by police.

With the assistance of chief of detectives of the sheriff's office, Inkster police disclosed that approximately 150 soldiers from Romulus Air-base and approximately 300 citizens of both races were engaged in the Sunday disturbance.

The alleged altercation is believed to have started when an auto driven by Emory Davis, 23, stopped to allow two whites, William Newman, 22, and William Bosell, 19, both of Inkster, to cross the street. Both whites are said to have been drinking.

Davis is said to have reported that the white men called him and his companion, Napoleon Reeves, 22, vile names and asserted that they should not be on the street anyway. Davis was assaulted by both men.

Reeves got out of the automobile and was also beaten by a gang of whites who gathered at the scene. The crowd increased and, after a while included a number of whites, soldiers, and Negroes.

It is estimated that 150 soldiers and 300 civilians entered the melee. The crowd was dispersed by 70 deputy sheriffs and military police from Romulus air base, who were armed with tear gas and guns.

Davis suffered minor injuries. Police later questioned Mattie Malloy, 18, and Evelyn Hollis, 17, companions of Davis and Reeves.

Missouri Teachers Take Equal Salary Case To U. S. Court

FESTUS, Mo. — The NAACP disclosed this week that action has been started in the U. S. District Court in the Eastern Judicial District of Missouri to compel the Board of Education of Festus, Mo., to equalize the salaries of Negro school teachers. The complaint was filed by Emma Jane Lee on behalf of herself and others similarly situated.

The complain shows that Miss Lee, teaching in Douglas school since 1938 is being paid \$795 for her services while white teachers of equal qualifications and length of service receive \$1035. The average pay of Negro women teachers is \$680, while white women teachers receive on an average of \$973. The complaint shows that the services rendered by all the teachers are identical, and that the qualifications of Negro and white teachers are the same.

It is contended that the discrimination is in violation of the Federal Constitution and Federal laws as well as in violation of the Constitution and laws of the State of Missouri, and it is requested that the Court make a declaratory judgment decreeing the rights of the Negro school teachers and issue an injunction restraining defendants from making any distinction in fixing salaries on the ground of race or color.

The plaintiff is represented by attorneys D. N. Grant of St. Louis and Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel.

Jas. Hawkins Named Polemarch Of Local Fraternity Chapter

At a recent meeting of the Durham Alumni Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Holmes of Walton Avenue, James T. Hawkins was elected to the Polemarch after having completed one term as vice Polemarch.

He has been a member of the local Chapter since his graduation at N. C. College in 1930. At the college he was one of the Charter members of the Scrollers Club.

Already he has presented a new program to the Fraternity and it has been adopted and definite action has been taken towards this program. From this program he has promised to the members of the Chapter that he will be the most colorful churchmen of our day, regardless of race. Greensboro is probably the most liberal city on the race question south of the Mason-Dixon line. There are four large colleges located here, two white and two colored.

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Segregation Policy Enforced By State Not Interior Dept.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — M. W. Straus, assistant secretary of the Interior says the Department was not responsible for the other requiring Negro clerks to use separate toilet facilities in the Geological Survey unit located in Clarendon, Virginia, in a communication with the NAACP.

The Geological Survey, an Interior Department bureau, lease a floor in a privately owned building. It was reported that Negro clerks had recently been ordered to use facilities separate from their white co-workers.

The Secretary's inquiry disclosed that the owner of the building, in order to satisfy the demands of his other tenants had established segregation. One of the tenants of the building is the Arlington County Election Board. It urged the building manager to raise the color bar.

The Department of Interior leases the premises by the year. Any renewal of the lease, the premises by the year. Any renewal of the lease, said Straus, will be made with the full understanding of the lessor that the Department of Interior has a policy of non-discrimination and non-segregation of employees.

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Negro Business league; Rev. R. W. Winchester, Methodist district superintendent; and Dr. S. A. Peeler, president of the ministerial alliance.

It is very fitting that this conference should be held in this famous southern city. It is here that Bishop Robert E. Jones was born, and where he began his ministry just 50 years ago. The bishop will retire at this session. He is regarded as one of the most colorful churchmen of our day, regardless of race. Greensboro is probably the most liberal city on the race question south of the Mason-Dixon line. There are four large colleges located here, two white and two colored.

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Dorothy Maynor -- Continued from Page One

A native of Norfolk, Va., Miss Maynor enjoyed almost immediate success following her "discovery" five years ago by Serge Koussevitzky, famous conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Her appearance on "The Pause" Sunday (June 27) will be her third under the Kostelanetz Baton.

In addition to the Friml group, the Kostelanetz orchestra will round out the program with Bixio's "Tell Me That You Love Me Tonight" and Richard Rodgers' "People Will Say We Are in Love" from the sensational stage success, "Oklahoma."

Apid City Air Base Gets First Race Unit

BASE, S. D. (ANP) — A contingent of Negro troops, a unit of quartermaster truck drivers and mechanics, under the command of three Negro officers, was received recently at the Rapid City Army Air base. This unit, the first Negro unit to be trained in this part of the country, is a mobile transportation organization and will play a definite part in the training program of airmen stationed at the Rapid City base.

The truck company, which was activated April 4, 1941 participated in both the Carolina and Louisiana maneuvers, where it functioned as supply carrier for the combat troops. The company has seen service at many points in the United States. Its Negro officers have proved themselves excellent leaders and have won the confidence and cooperation of their men.

Among concluding statements, he remarked that if "I had to make the choice all over again, I would be a teacher and as such would resolve to touch here a Carver and a Jane Adams there a Charles Elliot and Booker T. Washington and always remember and teach others to remember to do the simple, hard things to life uncommonly well."

OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS ON

Mr. A. B. Wilkins, Superintendent of Schools in Cumberland County, introduced the final speaker. Invocation was given by the Rev. J. S. Braithwaite, Pastor, St. Joseph Episcopal Church. As was done last year, the Rev. J. S. Nathaniel Tross, Charlotte, gave each graduate a bible on behalf of the American Bible Society. Diplomas were presented by Mr. Richard M. Lilly, Acting Chairman of the Board of Trustees, The Hon. J. Scott McFadden, Mayor of the City of Fayetteville, greeted the graduating class on behalf of the City. Benediction was given by the Thomas B. Hargrave, Camp Pastor, Fort Bragg, N. C.

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Continued from Page One stated, "it seems to me that any state would be proud to have such an institution domiciled in its community. You have a fine state and some fine men and women of our race are located there. They have their feet on the ground and are aspiring to elevate their own group and bring about better race relations on an amicable basis. "I find the trouble with most of our southern governors has been that they do not know the real intent and motive of Negroes and instead of finding out, as you are trying to do now, what is best for both groups and suggesting a solution, they are inclined to refrain from getting the facts or doing anything about the matter."

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