FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023

On This Date

1827 – John Walker, an English pharmacist, recorded his first sale of the friction matches he invented the previous year.

1940 – Influential educator and leader Booker T. Washington became the first Black American to be pictured on a U.S. postage stamp.

1945 – During the Battle of Okinawa, hundreds of American planes sank the huge Japanese battleship *Yamato*. The *Yamato* and its sister ship, *Musashi*, were the heaviest battleships ever built.

1970 – John Wayne, an iconic movie veteran of dozens of films, won his first and only Oscar, for his role as U.S. Marshal Rooster Cogburn in 1969's *True Grit*.

Daily Trivia

The AIDS Memorial Quilt is the world's largest piece of folk art. It weighs 54 tons and could cover dozens of football fields. The memorial celebrates the lives of those who have died of AIDS.

Quote of the Day

"If I'm going to sing like someone else, then I don't need to sing at all."

~ Billie Holiday

Happy Birthday!

Percy Faith (1908–1976) born and raised in Toronto, was a popular arranger and composer known for his lush string orchestrations. During his childhood, Faith played several instruments, but he began conducting orchestras after his hands



were badly burned in an accident. He is remembered for his mood music recordings: "Delicado," "The Song from *Moulin*

Rouge," and "Theme from A Summer Place." He also composed the theme song for the television show The Virginian. In 1969, he received a Grammy Award for his album Love Theme from "Romeo and Juliet."