



# THE DAILY CHRONICLE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021

## On This Date

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

**1869** – Prince Edward Island held its last public hanging. The unfortunate center of attention was a sailor convicted of murder.

**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 more than 200 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. Growing up, 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.”*