



A Confederate Ram, Constructed In N. C., Engaged Seven Federal Combats, May 5, 1864

"Stand to your guns; and if we must sink, let us go down like brave men." These were the words of Captain James W. Cooke, spoken in a firm calm voice during a Civil War battle.

He commanded the Confederate ironclad ram, Albemarle, which Gilbert Elliott constructed below Halifax, at Edward's ferry on Roanoke river. It was surrounded by a federal squadron of seven well-armed gunboats. Her smokestack had been riddled; iron plates in her shield had been broken; and the after-gun had been rendered useless. The destructive firing continued until late in the afternoon. Then came the attack that brought forward the undismayed captain's command, which checked the incipient disorder. Some of the crew had been excited, fearing the ram was sinking.

The crash that caused the trouble was an attack from the federal gunboat, Sassacus. The commander of this gunboat selected his opportunity, and with all steam on struck Captain Cooke's Albemarle squarely abaft her starboard beam. The impact was so great it forced the after deck of the ram several feet below the surface of the water.

The battered boat soon regained its poise, and fired a shot through its assailant's boiler. The escaping steam disabled several members of the crew.

Every effort failed, when the federal fleet tried to strike a fatal blow against the confederate ironclad ram. Night's shadows ended the day's combat, but Captain Cooke's Albemarle was handicapped by the loss of its smokestack. The capacity for drawing had been lost, and the boat had no steam to furnish power to return to Plymouth. It lay a helpless mass until the resourceful Cooke used his supply of lard and bacon for fuel. Fats burn without the aid of a good smokestack. By using these supplies gathered in Halifax and Martin counties, he was able to make sufficient steam to run against the

current of the Roanoke. When the ironclad Albemarle, constructed in North Carolina waters, tied up to her wharf in Plymouth, it was covered with wounds and with glory.

In her different engagements, the Albemarle was struck a great many times by shot and shell. The upper section of the smokestack had one hundred and fourteen holes torn in it, yet only one member of its crew lost his life. An imprudent sailor was killed by a pistol shot. He had put his head out of one of the portholes to see what was happening.

N. C. QUESTION BOX
What was the first clash between two ironclad boats?

ANSWER: The battle between the Confederate "Merrimac" and the Federal "Monitor", on March 9, 1862.

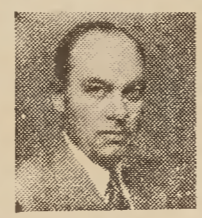
American industry knows that the only road to continued progress is through keeping awake and looking for new ideas. Many millions of dollars of profits are re-invested each year in this country in research activities, to find new products or improve existing ones. One dramatic example on record is that of a company which spent \$40,000,000 on new factories and experiments before earning a single cent on the dyes it eventually produced!

Government figures indicate that nearly 12,000,000 farm family workers and hired hands will be busy with fall crops and livestock during September.

Americans Say Quick Defense

AMERICANS can think for themselves. Ample proof of this statement is offered by hundreds of nationwide polls which have been taken in recent years—polls which highlight the fact that very often the American people are far in advance of the traditional-minded politician.

Consider, for example, their attitude on national defense. Writing in the October issue of Good Housekeeping, Dr. George Gallup, Director of the American Institute of Public Opinions, points out that the American people did not balk at increased taxes. Instead they have been ready to make direct, personal sacrifices in order to build up an army, a navy, and an air force—and all this long before Congressmen and other political leaders were ready to recognize the fact.



Since democracy requires knowledge and participation, we have made it available through the same channels totalitarian states have employed to deceive their citizens. The radio, press, and films have never been used in this country to enslave people or to create uniform thought. America has made use of them only to increase our capacity for self-government.

As Theodore Roosevelt once put it—"The majority of the plain people will, day in and day out, make fewer mistakes in governing themselves than any smaller class or body of men will make in trying to govern them."

EXPANSION

Plans are now being worked out to finance the purchase of milk cows in Bladen county's drive for an expanded dairy program, says J. R. Powell, farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

DEFENSE

Forty new Army and Navy projects already approved by Congress as a part of the nation's defense program will require 400,000,000 feet of pine lumber.

A LETTER from HOME

Welcome GIFT to the Former Resident

IN THIS NEWSPAPER



Condensed Statement Of Condition Of BRANCH BANKING & TRUST CO. "THE SAFE EXECUTOR"

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 29, 1940.

Resources

Cash and Due from Banks	\$6,869,238.83
Obligations of the United States—Notes	4,971,000.00
Obligations of the United States—Bonds	1,324,188.57
Federal Intermediate Credit Bank Debentures	895,000.00
Federal Land Bank Bonds	1,077,635.16
North Carolina Bonds	333,536.88
Municipal and Other Marketable Bonds	1,515,676.56
Loans and Discounts	2,977,259.54
Accrued Interest and Accounts Receivable	89,676.84
Banking Houses, Furniture and Fixtures, and Real Estate, Less Depreciation Reserve	232,574.61
Total	\$20,215,787.00

Liabilities

Capital Stock—Common	\$ 400,000.00
Capital Stock—Preferred	100,000.00
Surplus	750,000.00
Undivided Profits	388,026.34
Reserves	307,250.00
Dividend Payable July 1, 1940	8,000.00
Unearned Discount and Other Liabilities	55,232.87
DEPOSITS	18,207,277.79
Total	\$20,215,787.00

(Estimated value of assets charged off not included above—\$117,625.49)

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Johnston Baptist Association
— In Session At —
PISGAH BAPTIST CHURCH
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1940.
OPENING HOUR 9:45 — CLOSING 4 P. M.

PROGRAM

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MORNING SESSION

Theme: "The Firm Foundation"

9:45—Hymn—"How Firm A Foundation"
1940 Watchword—"Be Ye Steadfast", 1 Cor. 15:58
Devotional—By Mrs. Josephus Johnson, Pleasant Grove Church
Welcome—By Mrs. T. E. Powell, Pisgah Church
Response—By Mrs. Coye Blinson, White Oak Church
Roll Call of Societies
Recognition of Visitors and Pastors
Appointment of Committees

"SUPPORTED BY HIS WORD"

10:35—Reports, and "The Challenge"—By Divisional Leaders
Mission Study Report—By Miss Annie Myatt, Chairman, Smithfield, N. C.
Speaking to Report—Mrs. J. T. Craig, Durham, N. C.
Our Magazines—(A Demonstration)—By Clyde's Chapel Society
Stewardship Report—Mrs. R. G. Lewis, Chairman, Selma
Speaking to Report—Mrs. M. A. Huggins, Raleigh, N. C.
Song—"Debtless Denomination by 1945"
Personal Service—Mrs. W. A. Weston, Garner, N. C.
Speaking to Report—Mrs. G. K. Middleton, Raleigh, N. C.
Training School and Margaret Fund—Mrs. B. A. Hocutt, Clayton, N. C.
Speaking to Report—Mrs. Thos. Pittman, Raleigh, N. C.
Hymn—"Rock Of Ages"
Offering

12:10—In Memoriam—By Mrs. Forrest Young, Benson, N. C.
12:20—Address—By Dr. S. E. Ayers, (Missionary to Chengchow, China)

12:55—Benediction
Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

Theme: "Building Today and Tomorrow for Christ"

2:00—Hymn—"My Hope Is Built"
Devotional—By Mrs. Dalma Stephenson, Smithfield, N. C.
"Building During 1939 and 1940"
2:15—Report by Superintendent—Mrs. D. B. Oliver, Pine Level
"For A More Excellent Way During 1941"—Mrs. W. R. Stone, (Divisional Supt. of the Raleigh Division)
Report by Young People's Leader—Mrs. J. R. Overby of Smithfield, N. C.
"Our Youth Steadfast For Christ"—Miss Mary Currin, State's Young People's Leader, Raleigh, N. C.
Report by Treasurer—Mrs. Annie Barham, Selma, N. C.
3:25—Miscellaneous Business
3:40—Report of Committees
4:00—Adjournment

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