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1821 “The pioneer of St. Charles” died at the age of 81. In 1799, the Spanish Government asked Francois Saucier to establish a fort near the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi. He established a village at the “Portage of the Sioux,” where the Indians had carried their canoes between the rivers to attack a band of the Missouris. Portage Des Sioux was once the most important settlement in St. Charles County.

1838 The Mormon War in Missouri broke out into the open. Mormon homes in Gallatin were burned, and the governor ordered the militia to exterminate them or drive them from the state for the public good. After a massacre at Haun's Mill, the legislature appropriated two thousand dollars to help the Mormons move.

1856 Nicholas Krekel arrived to open a store on land he had bought from his brother in St. Charles County, along right-of-way he had donated for the new railroad. Colonel John O'Fallon, head of the Northern Missouri Railroad, gave Krekel the honor of naming a depot to be located there. Krekel named it after O'Fallon.

1862 Confederate forces under Colonel Joseph Porter were defeated by Federals under Colonel John McNeil at the battle of Kirksville. Porter had been recruiting for the Confederates, hoping to build up his army and cross the Missouri to join the main body of the rebel army.

1875 The city announced a prize of two thousand dollars for the best design for a new city hall. The new building was to be built on Washington Square, and the cost of the design could not exceed \$700,000.

1921 Plans were announced for a one-point-one-million-dollar municipal hospital farm on Bellefontaine Road. The facility would house T-B victims, the feeble minded and hospital convalescents.

1922 Thirty-seven people were killed, 138 injured, when a St. Louis-bound Mo-Pac express train slammed into the rear of a local near Sulphur Springs, Missouri. (Near Valley Park.

1927 Albert Bond Lambert offered to sell the 169-acre St. Louis Flying Field to the city for \$60,000. That amount was his cost for the land alone. The aviation booster had graded, drained and developed the field at his own expense. While the city waited for the results of a referendum to secure the field, Lambert leased it to the city for 15 months for \$1.00.

1929 Construction began on the new Union Electric dam at Bagnell, Missouri. The dam flooded an area of 61,000 acres and a shoreline of 1,300 miles. That includes one "Party Cove." At the time, the Lake of the Ozarks was the largest man-made lake in the United States.

1931 The *Globe-Democrat* reported on an examination of Robert Wadlow of Alton by physicians at Barnes Hospital. The doctors said the 13-year-old stood 7' 14 1/2". Wadlow had grown by 5 1/2" in just one year.

1931- TWA became the first airline to inaugurate cargo service. A shipment of livestock was flown from St. Louis to Newark.

1950 Traffic was at a standstill here after a last minute conference failed to break a deadlock in the strike by the transit union against the public service company, which operated the buses and streetcars. Governor Forrest Smith warned that he would seize the buses under an act barring strikes against public utilities if a settlement was not reached soon.

1956 The *Globe-Democrat* reported that eight people had died so far in 1956 on the "Death Lane" section of US 66. The stretch west of 141 to the Franklin County line was three lanes, with the center lane for turns. Drivers were using it as a passing lane.

1960 Civic Center Re-Development unveiled plans for the first phase of the stadium project downtown. The plans called for rebuilding Broadway to curve around the stadium, and for an 800-unit hotel on Broadway as well as a parking garage that could hold 21-hundred cars.

1960 An article in the *Globe-Democrat* reported that FM radio was coming into its own in St. Louis. The paper said there were now ten FM's on the air, including three new ones. The newest ones were KMOX- FM and KPLR-FM, with WIL-FM expected to sign on in about 60 days. The station manager said WIL would have an emphasis on "classical music and public service."

1966 The Big Red played their first game at the new Busch Stadium. Quarterback Charlie Johnson led the Cardinals to a 20-10 win in the annual Cardinal Glennon Benefit Match. A crowd of 34,303 saw the game, which also marked the debut of new coach Charley Winner. It took grounds crews about 30 hours to convert the new stadium from baseball to a football configuration.

1970 The St. Louis County Council allowed the City of Black Jack to incorporate. Black Jack made headlines across the country after the new city voted to allow only single family housing units. The move was an effort to head-off a proposed federally assisted apartment complex. The battle went all the way to the Supreme Court.

1969 Head East played their first gig, in Carbondale, Illinois. Although St. Louis is often mentioned as their hometown, the original members, brothers Roger and Larry Boyd, Steve Huston, John Schlitt, and Dan Piper, grew up in Southern Illinois. Their 1975 album "Flat as a Pancake" produced the classic rock staple "Never Been Any Reason."

2002 Darrell Porter was found dead of an apparent heart attack in a suburban Kansas City park at the age of 50. Porter was a catcher for the Cardinals from 1981 to 1985. He

dominated the post season in 1982, being named MVP for the NLCS and the World Series. He is also remembered for his well-publicized battle with drugs and alcohol prior to arriving in St. Louis.

2002 Ameristar Casinos opened its \$360 million casino and entertainment center on the St. Charles riverfront.

2004 The Cardinals traded three minor league players to Colorado for three-time National League batting champ and seven-time Gold Glove winner Larry Walker. Walker had been hampered by injuries over the past few years. He had rejected trades to Arizona, Texas and Florida.