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1804 The Lewis and Clark expedition reached the mouth of the Osage River. Two days later, they made camp on Moreau's Creek, near the present site of Jefferson City.

1854 The man who served as the third mayor of St. Louis passed away. John W. Johnston won a special election in November 1833 after the Missouri Supreme Court overturned the election of Doctor Samuel Merry. The election was contested because Merry also held a federal office, serving as U.S. Receiver of Public Moneys. Johnson was once married to the daughter of Chief Keokuk.

1856 Rolla Wells was born in St. Louis. He was the son of Erastus Wells, the man who started the streetcar system and for whom Wellston is named. Rolla Wells served as the 34th Mayor of St. Louis, from 1901 to 1909. He headed a massive cleanup effort in the city in time for the fair and welcomed dignitaries from around the world. The water supply was cleaned up and the city bought Fairground Park during his administration.

1875 The Union Railroad Depot opened at 12th and Poplar. The new depot was obsolete from the day it opened because of the tremendous growth of St. Louis as a rail center. Plans were soon underway for a magnificent new depot on the former site of Chouteau's Pond.

1890 The first bridge over the Missouri at St. Charles other than a railroad bridge opened. It was a pontoon bridge, supported by 50 barges. The two center barges, pulled by cables, were opened to allow boats to pass. The bridge was destroyed by ice and rising water after just five months. The permanent highway bridge opened in 1904.

1890 The first trains began rolling over the newly-completed Merchant's Bridge. The members of the St. Louis Merchant's Exchange built the bridge to break the monopoly held by the owners of the Eads Bridge and the powerful Wiggins Ferry Company.

1894 The St. Louis Library was opened free to all. The library was founded in 1865, as the public school library. It was located at 5th and Olive until the magnificent new central library was built in 1902, with a grant from Andrew Carnegie.

1905 Missouri motorists were upset over a ruling by a St. Louis judge. He ruled that automobile licenses were not valid outside the jurisdiction that issued them. That meant a motorist had to buy a license for each county he passed through.

1920 It was announced that National League baseball would return to Sportsmen's Park. Cardinals owner Sam Breadon persuaded Phil Bell of the Browns to lease the field so the Cardinals could move from Robison Field. Beaumont High School was built on the site of Robison Field.

1924 City officials took part in the dedication of the new Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children at Kingshighway and Clayton Avenue. A \$2 annual gift from every Shriner in the country would pay for the construction and the operation of the hospital.

1927 Charles Lindbergh accepted President Coolidge's office to speed Lindy and the "Spirit of St. Louis" home aboard the cruiser *Memphis*. Plans called for him to arrive in Washington on the 11th, travel to New York, and then return to St. Louis on or about June 14th.

1932 The city was hesitating to accept the offer by philanthropist C.A. Tilles to donate his 68-acre estate to the city as "a playground for downtown children." City officials feared they didn't have enough money to maintain another park. So the County Court invited Tilles to donate the land to the county.

1934 Paul and Dizzy Dean claimed they had sore arms that only a pay raise would heal. Rookie Paul was making \$3,000, while Ol' Diz got \$7,500. The brothers gave in, and went on to win 49 games that season, plus four in the World Series.

1944 The city was paralyzed by a bus and streetcar strike. Special gasoline rations were issued. Downtown stores were using trucks to transport employees. The strike was settled the following day, after riotous union meetings and appeals from War Labor Board officials.

1968 The county planning commission voted down a request by a subdivision developer to change the zoning of the "Queeny Tract" in West St. Louis County. The chairman of the commission suggested it would make a nice site for a park.

1972 The wrecking ball struck the 111-year-old St. Clair County Courthouse in Belleville. The new \$10 million courthouse opened in 1976.

1988 The city of Chesterfield was incorporated. There actually were three Chesterfields over the years. Justis Post laid out the first in 1816 near what are now Wild Horse Creek and Wilson Roads. The second sprang up in the early 1900's next to the railroad tracks that ran beside Olive. The third community developed around the Chesterfield Mercantile on Highway 40. (That building is now the Smokehouse Restaurant)

1989 The new "Living World" at the St. Louis Zoo was dedicated. The \$17.9 million building is headquarters for the education efforts at the Zoo. It houses interactive exhibits on ecology and evolution.

2003 The 5400 block of Elizabeth Avenue was re-named "Hall of Fame Place" in honor of former residents Yogi Berra, Jack Buck and Joe Garagiola. Berra and Garagiola grew up across the street from each other on Elizabeth. Jack Buck lived there in the late 1950's

2005 The *Post-Dispatch* reported that Falstaff Beer was history. The Pabst Brewing Company, which acquired the Falstaff brand after production in St. Louis ceased in 1977, cited lack of sales. The Lemp Brewing Company created Falstaff in 1903. In the late 50's, it was the 3rd most popular brand in the nation.