

## June 14

**1824** The *Missouri Gazette* carried an ad from the first insurance salesman in St. Louis. Edward Tracy said he represented a New York insurance firm, offering "the lowest rates of premium." He would go on to be one of the most successful businessmen in the city.

**1862** John Cardinal Glennon was born in Kinnegad, Ireland. In October 1903, he became the third archbishop of St. Louis. Glennon is best remembered for spearheading construction of the "New" Cathedral on Lindell. Glennon died in his native Ireland while returning to St. Louis following his installation as cardinal in 1946.

**1874** John Robinson led a "test elephant" on a stroll across the new Eads Bridge to prove it was safe. A big crowd cheered as the elephant from a traveling circus lumbered towards Illinois. It was believed that elephants had instincts that would keep them from setting foot on unsafe structures. Two weeks later, Eads sent 14 locomotives back and forth across the bridge at one time.

**1885** The Helvetia Milk Company opened the world's first condensed milk plant in Highland, Illinois. Helvetia grew into the Pet Milk Company.

**1916** The Democratic National Convention met in at the Coliseum in St. Louis. The convention would re-nominate President Woodrow Wilson by a vote of 1,092 to one. A crowd of 10,000 suffragettes held a silent protest, lining a ten-block route to the Coliseum. They wore yellow sashes, carried yellow parasols and yellow banners, leading the press to call the route "Golden Lane."

**1917** The War Department announced it had selected a site to start construction immediately on a base for aviation cadets. The \$1 million facility was to be built on 640 acres in St. Clair County, Illinois. The base would be named in honor of Corporal Frank Scott, the first enlisted man to die in a plane crash.

**1921** Missouri Governor Arthur Hyde called a special session of the state legislature to consider legislation to "lift Missouri out of the mud." The session resulted in the Centennial Road Act of 1921, which established the state highway system.

**1922** August A. Busch charged the government with violating the Volstead Act. He pointed out that liquor sales were permitted on U.S. Shipping Board vessels, operated by the government. He provided a list of portables available just as soon as the ship was three miles out to sea.

**1926** The Cardinals traded outfielder Heinie Mueller to the New York Giants for outfielder Billy Southworth. Southworth would prove vital in the Redbird drive to their first pennant. Giants manager John McGraw called it the worst trade he ever made.

**1927** A special committee preparing to welcome Charles Lindbergh home announced that 15,000 troops would be on hand at Lambert when the "Spirit of St. Louis" touched

down. They wanted to prevent mob scenes like those that greeted Lindy across Europe. One hundred thousand people were descending on St. Louis from out of town.

**1933** Sergeant Benjamin Booth became the first Missouri Highway Patrol officer to die in the line of duty. Booth and the Boone County Sheriff were killed in a shootout with a suspected bank robber at US 40 and US 63.

**1939** The government took the first step towards acquiring the land for the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. A total of \$6,183,480 was set aside as fair value for the land along the riverfront.

**1941** The *New Yorker* published part one of a series of autobiographical short stories written by Sally Benson of St. Louis. The magazine would publish eight installments of "5135 Kensington" through May 23, 1942. The short stories would become *Meet Me In St. Louis*.

**1956** The Cardinals traded Red Scheondienst, catcher Bill Sarni and pitcher Dick Littlefield to the Giants. The Birds picked up Alvin Dark, Whitey Lockman, Ray Katt and Don Liddle. On June 15, 1957, Red would be traded to Milwaukee, and would lead the National League in hits. He came back from losing a lung to tuberculosis and returned to the Cardinals in 1961.

**1986** Marlon Perkins died in St. Louis at the age of 81. The former director of the St. Louis Zoo was known around the world for his landmark television show, *Wild Kingdom*.

**1979** The Charles H. Yalem Childrens Zoo and nursery opened. The location at the St. Louis Zoo formerly housed some cages with small animals, and was better known as "the flats."

**1991** The Riverport Amphitheater opened. The first concert featured Steve Winwood and Robert Cray. Now known as the UMB Bank Pavilion and one of the premier outdoor concert venues in the country, Riverport entertains more than 500,000 people each year. It can accommodate about 20,000 per show.

**1997** The Cleveland Indians became the first American League team to play a regular season game at Busch Stadium. The Cardinals first interleague game was rained out the night before, so the teams played a pair. Cleveland won the first game 5-2, but the Redbirds cam back to take the second game 5-2.