

## March 22

**1828** Mother Philippine Rose Duchesne wrote in her journal that she had received the deed to the convent in St. Charles that she opened in 1818. She brought the Order of the Sacred Heart from France to Missouri and opened schools for girls in St. Louis and St. Charles. The pioneer educator of the American west was canonized in 1988.

**1850** The Missouri Supreme Court ordered that Dred Scott be returned to slavery. Scott had sued in St. Louis, claiming he should be freed because his owner took him to a free state. The case would end up before the US Supreme Court. The high court ruled that slaves were not citizens, and thus could not sue.

**1872** The faltering *St. Louis Democrat* was sold at auction to George W. Fishback. Fishback had been one of the founding members of the *Democrat*. But he left to found *The Morning Globe* with two partners in 1872. He would combine the two papers into the *Globe-Democrat*.

**1903** The landscape architect for the world's fair unveiled plans for a huge floral clock. The plan called for the clock to be planted on a hillside visible from a large portion of the fairgrounds. Made of green and white bedding plants, the numbers were to be ten-foot-tall.

**1904** The founder of University City, Edward G. Lewis, unveiled the world's largest spotlight. It was brought here from Germany. He planned to put it on top of his Woman's Magazine Building, now the city hall of University City. The light would be visible from 150 miles away.

**1913** Governor Major signed a measure officially adopting a design by Mrs. Marie Elizabeth Watkins of Cape Girardeau for the Missouri State flag. Watkins was the wife of a former State Senator. The three horizontal stripes of red, white and blue represent valor, purity, vigilance and justice. The center of the flag features the Missouri coat of arms surrounded by 24 stars. (Missouri was the 24<sup>th</sup> state to join the Union)

**1921** The Board of Aldermen passed a bill outlawing "pullers." Pullers were sidewalk salesmen who accosted passersby to try to get them into the stores.

**1922** An article in the *Globe-Democrat* reported on the growing popularity of radio in St. Louis. The paper said there were now 2200 receiving sets here, up from just a few hundred the year before. Nationwide, there were about 600,000 sets, up from 50,000 just one year earlier.

**1928** Ed MacCauley was born in St. Louis. He acquired the nickname "Easy" while helping lead the Billikens to the 1948 NIT championship. In the NBA, he played for the St. Louis Bombers, the Boston Celtics and the St. Louis Hawks. The seven-time All Star was elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1960. He went on to become a sportscaster for KTVI.

**1931** Vladimir Golschmann was named as the new conductor of the St. Louis Symphony. His leadership is credited with developing the symphony into one of the finest in the world. Golschmann brought in many of the top soloists of his day before leaving in 1950.

**1933** Anheuser-Busch and Falstaff announced they were ready to resume production at the stroke of 11 p.m. on April 16th. A law legalizing 3.2% beer and wine was enacted just days after President Franklin Roosevelt took office.

**1934** A woman took to the mound for the Cardinals. The great Babe Didrickson started an exhibition game against the Boston Red Sox. She gave up four hits and three runs in one inning. "Wild Bill" Hallahan was brought in to relieve her. Two days earlier, Didrickson had pitched for the Philadelphia A's and held the Dodgers hitless for an inning. Lizzie Murphy is the only other woman to play with a Major League team. She played first base for an AL All-Star team on August 14, 1922.

**1952** St. Louis was granted a franchise in the Central States Football League. The owner said it could be a first step towards getting an NFL team here. In the meantime, fans could look forward to exciting battles to upset the reigning league champions--Wausau, Wisconsin. St. Louis had been without professional football since 1939.

**1952** Bob Costas was born in New York. At age 22, he came to KMOX to broadcast games of the St. Louis Spirits of the ABA. He also was the voice of Mizzou basketball from 1976 to 1981. He started his career at NBC in 1980, covering baseball, football and basketball. Costas has hosted World Series and Super Bowls. He also anchored the Olympics in 1992 and 1996. From 1988 until 1994, he hosted his own late-night talk show, *Later with Bob Costas*.

**1970** A confrontation between police and Washington University students turned violent. The students were angered over the operation of an ROTC center on campus. Five students were arrested and several policemen were hurt as the crowd hurled rocks and bottles.

**1976** Elvis Presley made his final concert appearance in St. Louis. The Sweet Inspirations performed with Elvis. A reporter attempting to cover the show at Kiel was told he would not be admitted without a paid ticket. A member of the Presley entourage told him that The King did not need any publicity. Elvis was scheduled to return to St. Louis in September of 1977, but died in August.

**1982** The son of a US District judge was charged with murdering his girlfriend. John Nangle Junior was accused of killing Susan Crow with an ax at his father's Brentwood home. The judge said his son had been under psychiatric care for years.