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1856 The city limits were extended from 18th Street west to Grand. The annexation took in 9 ½ square miles, including the old town of Bremen. The area of the city nearly doubled. In 1850, the population of St. Louis was 160,773. By 1860, it had doubled, to 160,773.

1867 A huge crowd watched as the finest hotel in the west burned. Shortly after midnight, the walls of the six-story Lindell Hotel collapsed. The loss of the hotel that took up an entire city block at Sixth and Washington was put at nearly \$2 million. A new hotel opened on the site in 1874.

1890 Compare this item to the way we cover snow storms today. As the city dug out from the worst blizzard ever, an item on page SIX of the "Globe" mentioned that "a spell of weather" had "affected all lines of business and pleasure in a most disagreeable way."

1919 A crowd of ten-thousand gathered in the Coliseum at Jefferson and Washington to protest the enactment of prohibition. The rally called by organized labor drafted a resolution of protest to be sent to President Wilson, the Senate and the governor.

1945 Authorities revealed the existence of a secret squad of detectives on the St. Louis Police force during the war. They were charged with keeping an eye on German-Americans. About 7,000 enemy aliens had been investigated along with "numerous fifth column groups." At least 58 people had been jailed.

1945 The *Glass Menagerie*, by Tennessee Williams opened on Broadway. Set in a St. Louis tenement in the 1930's, the story contains many autobiographical elements from William's youth here. Just as in the play, his father worked for a shoe company and his frail sister retreated into tending her collection of glass animal figures. *Menagerie* won the New York Drama Critic's Circle award, and established Williams as a major playwright.

1949 An Illinois state's attorney ordered East St. Louis Police to run the notorious Wortman Brothers out of town. The agents of the Capone gang were involved in East St. Louis tavern and vending machine operations. Fearing the gang would move their headquarters to St. Louis, Chief Jeremiah O'Connell issued an order that they be arrested on sight.

1958 Chuck Berry's autobiographical classic, "Johnny B. Goode," entered the Billboard chart. Berry's family lived on Goode Avenue in St. Louis--hence the title. Berry wrote the song in tribute to his piano player and collaborator, Johnny Johnson. In 2000, Johnson would sue Berry for royalties on many of their 50's classics

1961 Mayor Tucker signed a new building code, clearing the way for the biggest building boom in city history. Plans called for a motor hotel at Fourth and Washington, an office tower at Sixth and Olive and three 27-story apartment buildings on the

riverfront. The measure also cleared the way for redevelopment in the recently cleared Mill Creek Valley.

1964 Seventh months of protests at Jefferson Bank and Trust came to an end, as the bank hired four black clerical workers. The St. Louis Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality, or CORE, organized the protest over the bank's hiring practices. Many demonstrators were arrested. Some of those who took part included 2nd Ward Alderman and future U. S. Representative William L. Clay, Louis Ford, J. B. (Jet) Banks, Charles and Marian Oldham and Norman Seay.

1970 Over 200 protestors "convicted" the Washington University Board of Trustees of war crimes in a mock trial. The students burned the board in effigy while they chanted anti-ROTC slogans.

1971 Over 200 Belleville High School students risked suspension as they walked out of class for a march protesting the conviction of Lieutenant William Calley for the My Lai Massacre. Supporters said he was just following orders. Marches were planned in St. Louis for the coming weekend.

1977 The new convention center downtown was dedicated. The center was named for former Mayor A.J. Cervantes. The center was expanded to the south in 1993, and the domed stadium was added in 1995. Today, the complex is known as "America's Center." The convention center is just one of the well-known designs of architect Gyo Obata. His firm also designed One Metropolitan Square, the Boatmen's Tower and One Bell Center.

1984 The HBE Corporation's Adam's Mark Hotel at Fourth and Chestnut downtown opened. A pair of nine-foot-tall bronze horses, created by Venetian Artist Ludovico De Luigi, dominates the lobby of the hotel.

1990 Brett Hull scored twice in a 6-3 loss to Minnesota in the final game of the season. Brett's 71st and 72nd goals of the season set an NHL record for goals by a right winger.

1998 Mark McGwire belted a grand slam against the Dodgers on opening day at Busch Stadium. He became the first Cardinal to hit a grand slam on opening day.

2003 Wayne Hagin broadcast his first Cardinal game at Busch Stadium. Before the game, he met with Carole and Julie Buck. Hagin was hired during the off-season to succeed Jack Buck, a fixture on the Cardinal broadcasts for 47 years. The former Colorado Rockies broadcaster called a winner, as Scott Rolen's homer helped the Cards beat Milwaukee 11-9.