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1819 The first steamboat to make it up the Missouri River arrived at St. Charles. *The Independence* is the boat portrayed on the city seal. The *Independence* took 13 days to make the 150-mile trip to Franklin.

1854 The first lots were auctioned off to the public in the new St. Clair County town established by the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad. The town would be named for the director of the railroad, John O'Fallon.

1884 Catcher Thomas Deasley of the Browns was arrested for drunkenness and "insulting ladies." He was released, but was injured six days later in a brawl. The team asked his wife to accompany Deasley on the road to keep him in line.

1900 With the city in the grips of a violent street car strike, Governor Lon Stephens came here to meet with city officials on the situation. He ordered the Board of Police Commissioners to sign on 2,500 more officers to quell the deadly violence. He warned that the militia would be sent in if things didn't quiet down.

1903 The Police Board acknowledged that it was working on a plan to confine "The Social Evil" to a prescribed area of the city during the world's fair. The board said it would come up with a plan before the details were released to the public. Previous plans had failed because of "the clamor raised by every locality suggested."

1921 A Congressional subcommittee was studying whether to allow beer to be sold for medicinal purposes. Surprisingly, August A. Busch sent a statement against the plan. He said he was speaking for "The great mass of men, those with the dinner pail but without the prescription price. Beer for all or beer for none."

1946 St. Louis became the first city in the nation to have regular commercial car telephone service. You could get a radio telephone in your car for 15 dollars a month.

1958 In the sixth inning of a game against the Cubs at Wrigley Field, Stan Musial lined a double to left field for the 3,000th hit of his career. The Cardinals originally planned to keep Stan on the bench for the final game of the Cubs series so the hometown crowd could see the historic moment. But with the Cards trailing in the game, skipper Fred Hutchinson called on Musial to hit for pitcher Sam Jones. The Cardinals went on to win the game and Musial became the only player whose 3,000th was a pinch hit.

1965 The Teamsters announced plans for a benefit show in June to benefit Dismas House. Frank Sinatra would enlist "Rat Pack" members Sammy Davis Junior and Dean Martin for a show at Kiel Opera House. The show would be broadcast live over closed circuit television to select theatres across the country. Joey Bishop injured his back, so Johnny Carson was pressed into service as an emcee. Quincy Jones conducted the musicians. A kinescope of the performance sat undiscovered in a closet at Dismas House until 1997.

1966 The radio station operated by Our Lady of the Snows signed on the air. WMRY broadcast on 101.1 FM, and was a non-commercial station. The station later became WVRV-FM, "The River," and then WMVN, or "Movin."

1966 Dedication ceremonies were held for the new \$4,500,000 campus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

1970 Militant students occupied the administration building at Florissant Valley Community College. The National Guard was called in to quell violence at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

1971 A survey team hired by the State of Missouri urged that the new airport be built at a site five miles south of O'Fallon, Missouri. It said that site was as good or better than the proposed site at Columbia-Waterloo, Illinois.