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1817 The Reverend Salmon Giddings organized the first Protestant church to be established in St. Louis. A Presbyterian Church building was completed in 1826.

1819 Daniel G. Taylor was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was elected the 21st Mayor of St. Louis on a pro-union anti-black ticket in 1861 and served until 1863. He was in office when union troops captured the pro-southern state militia encampment at Camp Jackson on May 10, 1861. About 30 people died as shots rang out while the prisoners were being marched back to the Arsenal.

1827 The County Court appointed commissioners to view the route of the state road from St. Louis to St. Charles. The commissioners determined there really were none, and recommended four routes. One of the routes followed an Indian trail that would become St. Charles Rock Road.

1837 The second Missouri state capitol, the first in Jefferson City, burned to the ground. Many valuable documents detailing the early history of the state were lost.

1855 Slave woman Elizabeth Keckley purchased her freedom in St. Louis. She would become a successful businesswoman and Mary Todd Lincoln's personal dress designer. In 1868, she caused a sensation with her book *Behind the Scenes; or Thirty Years a Slave and Four Years in the White House*.

1872 The "Missouri Republican" reported that the huge Mill Creek Sewer project was nearing completion. Work on the two-mile sewer had begun in 1860, after Chouteau's Pond (where Union Station stands today) was drained because of pollution. The sewer was considered a marvel of the age, and was extended to Vandeventer in 1890.

1876 The trial of Missouri outlaws Cole, James and Bob Younger began in Faribault, Minnesota. They were charged with robbery and assault in connection with the disastrous attempt by the James Gang to rob the bank at Northfield.

1877 A measure was introduced in the city council to tear down city-owned Lucas Market and make 12th street a grand boulevard between Market and Washington. (Which is why the street is so wide today) Opponents denounced the plan as a disaster for merchants who owned stalls in the market.

1887 Influential modernist poet Marianne Moore was born in Kirkwood. Her first poetry book was published without her knowledge in 1921. *Collected Works* won a Pulitzer Prize in 1951. Moore would often incorporate quotes from other sources into her work and was known for her concise use of the language. Moore was a big fan of Muhammed Ali, and wrote the liner notes for his album, "I am the Greatest."

1904 Mayor Rolla Wells hosted a huge gala to celebrate completion of the new St. Louis

city hall. The building had been occupied for several years before the lavish decorations in the lobby were finished.

1906 City schools were closed for the first time because of pollution. The schools were equipped only for daytime use. Officials feared they would remain closed for several days because of a dense smoke pall that covered the city.

1907 Work was started on the McKinley Bridge. It was named for Congressman William B. McKinley, then-president of the Illinois Traction Company. The bridge carried U.S. 66 from 1926 to 1928, and Optional 66 from 1929 to 1937.

1909 The American Bridge Company was awarded the contract for the main spans of the long-awaited "Free Bridge." (Later the McArthur) The cost was put at \$1,394,000.

1915 The Riverfront Docks and Plaza Association proposed an arch on the St. Louis Riverfront. Their plan called for a stone arch resembling the Arc D'Triomphe in Paris, topped with a statue of St. Louis. The group also called for a plaza on Market between the Riverfront and 12th Street.

1922 The School Board announced that the new high school built on the site of the old Cardinals Stadium at Vandeventer and Natural Bridge would be named in honor of pioneer physician William Beaumont.

1927 Harry Keough was born. Keough was one of five St. Louisans on the 1950 U.S soccer team. The team defeated England 1-0 in Brazil; one of the greatest sports upsets in history. He played for two Olympic teams and became a successful coach for the Billikens. Keough was inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame in 1976. Zachery Ty Bryan played Keough in the film *The Game of Their Lives*.

1932 Robert Brookings died at the age of 82. He rose from a shipping clerk at the Cupples Woodward plant to dominate the shipping industry. The designer of the track system at the Cupples Complex gave his own money and raised more to help Washington University obtain its new site across from Forest Park. The main building was named Brookings Hall in his honor.

1937 The St. Louis County Court incorporated the community of Bel-Nor. The city covers just 180 acres with a population of 1,598. A rash of incorporations of small areas in North St. Louis County during the 1930's and 40's is mainly to blame for the fact that there are 91 municipalities in the county.

1953 Construction began on what was billed as the "first automobile age shopping center in the area." Northland shopping center was built on what were then the fringes of suburbia, at Lucas and Hunt and West Florissant.

1960 Integration groups and the St. Louis chapter of the Missouri Restaurant Association agreed on a plan to end segregation in eating places. The Board of Aldermen was

considering a bill banning discrimination in public places. It had defeated five similar bills in the past.

1964 The football Cardinals and the New York Giants played a game that went down in history as "The Mud Bowl." A torrential rain had turned old Busch Stadium into a sea of mud, obliterating the field markings and making for spectacular tackles and miscues. It ended in a ten-ten tie.

1984 Hundreds stood in line for hours as a Ballwin store celebrated its grand opening by selling 100 Cabbage Patch dolls. The dolls were gone 12 minutes after the MEGS Store in Ballwin Plaza opened its doors.

2005 Albert Pujols of the Cardinals was named as the National League MVP. All Albert did in 2005 was play in 161 out of 162 games, hit .330, slug 41 home runs and drove in 117 runs. He did it all while hampered by a foot injury.