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1828 Classes began at Lebanon Seminary. Two teachers taught 67 boys and five girls in two small rented buildings. The name of the school was later changed to McKendree College, in honor of Bishop William McKendree. The first American-born Methodist Bishop donated the land for the school and helped insure its survival. McKendree is the oldest college in Illinois.

1868 Scott Joplin was born in Linden, Texas. He began his musical career in Sedalia, but moved to St. Louis about 1890. He returned to Sedalia, where he penned the "Maple Leaf Rag" in 1900. In 1901, he moved to St. Louis again with his new wife, Belle. He wrote some of his best-known compositions, including "The Entertainer," while living at 265B Morgan. Morgan is now Delmar. He moved to New York City in 1911 and composed the opera "Treemonisha," the first by an African-American.

1904 At the World's Fair, thousands took advantage of the Thanksgiving holiday. A feast was prepared for the Indians at the Indian School. The Igorottes and other tribes at the Philippine Village enjoyed a turkey banquet. (The Igorottes were more accustomed to feasting on dog during special occasions)

1906 The *Globe-Democrat* reported that St. Louis was one of several large cities where the Post Office Department planned to test autos for the delivery and collection of mail. The Post Office here was authorized to purchase two cars.

1911 Joe Medwick was born in Carteret, New Jersey. He may be best remembered for being taken out of the last game of the 1934 World Series for his own safety. But Medwick put together a Hall of Fame career with the Cardinals. In 1937, he won the NL Triple Crown, with a .374 average, 154 RBI's and 31 home runs. (He tied with Mel Ott for the home run title) No National Leaguer has won a Triple Crown since.

1923 A ten-mile segment of the planned transcontinental "Victory Highway" was completed west of St. Charles. It marked the first time that St. Charles and St. Peters were linked by a decent paved road.

1945 The first jet airplane to be demonstrated here went on public display at Scott Air Force Base. The P-59 "Air Comet" was on display as part of a Victory Bond open house.

1961 A Navy F-Four-H "Phantom Two" set a world speed record. The plane was made by McDonnell-Aircraft in St. Louis. It hit 1,606 miles-per-hour during a test run at Edwards Air Force Base, California.

1963 Over 30,000 people, their ranks swelled by those paying tribute to President John F. Kennedy, marched from the Soldier's Memorial to the Old Courthouse to witness for racial justice. Mayor Tucker declared that Monday, November 25th, would be a day of mourning in St. Louis. All busses and streetcars would halt for one minute at eleven a.m., the hour of the president's funeral.

1964 Ken Boyer of the Cardinals was named the National League Most Valuable Player. The Cardinal's captain drove in 119 runs in 1964 and hit a grand slam that turned the World Series around.

1965 The 17,000 striking machinists at McDonnell Aircraft ended their strike. They accepted a nine-cents-an-hour raise, with an additional three to six cent hike for 70 job classifications.

1965 Mayor A.J. Cervantes and Spanish Ambassador Merry del Val signed the documents officially giving the Spanish Pavilion from the New York World's Fair to the people of St. Louis. It opened as a downtown cultural center amid much fanfare in 1969. But the foundation went bankrupt, and the pavilion closed a year later. The structure is now the lobby of the Marriott Pavilion Hotel.

1974 The FAA announced it had reached an agreement with Fostaire Helicopters to end sight-seeing flights over Busch Stadium during games. The action came in the wake of complaints of low-flying helicopters buzzing Busch during a September 15th football game.