

October 8

1830 John Howdershell and Julius Utz were among a group of commissioners named to mark out a road "from Jump's Bridge on the Missouri Bottom on the St. Charles Road by way of Owen's Station (Bridgeton) to Barry's Tavern. (At the present day Goodfellow and Doctor King) The road was named Natural Bridge, after a stone arch over a small creek near what is now Salisbury Street.

1847 Peter Richard Kenrick was ordained as the first Archbishop of St. Louis. Just after Kenrick took over, the Dioceses of Dubuque, Nashville, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul were created from the original St. Louis Diocese.

1878 The first Veiled Prophet ball and parade was held in St. Louis. Merchant Charles Slayback dreamed up the Veiled Prophet. He saw the event as a way to drum up business during October fair week and build support for the Agricultural and Mechanical Exposition. In the wake of the 1877 general strike, the elite also saw it as a way to keep the masses under control and demonstrate their power.

1881 Chris Von der Ahe, the operator of Sportsmen's Park, signed the players of the independent St. Louis Browns semi-pro club. He thus gained control of the players for the first time, an important step in the establishment of the team that evolved into the Cardinals. The Browns won four straight American Association titles from 1885 to 1888. Von der Ahe would help organize a merger of the AA with the National League in 1892.

1900 Vice-presidential candidate Teddy Roosevelt was here on a campaign trip. He borrowed a horse, and went for a solo ride in the country before addressing a crowd of 15-thousand at the Coliseum. Roosevelt later called it the best day of the campaign.

1903 President Roosevelt, Secretary of State John Hay, and Attorney General Philander Knox agreed to seek changes in extradition treaties with France, England, and Mexico. St. Louis Circuit Attorney Joseph Folk had lobbied for the changes so he could prosecute city officials who had fled the country to escape bribery charges.

1910 The International Air Meet got underway at Kinloch Air Field. At the historic meet, Theodore Roosevelt became the first president to ride in an airplane. Arch Hoxsey set a cross-country record by winging it all the way from Springfield, Illinois. Alfred LeBlanc set the American speed record at 68-miles-per-hour.

1910 The St. Louis Zoological Society was founded. The Society set a goal of securing a public zoo for the city. A small collection of animals was already being housed in Forest Park, largely through the efforts of broker George Dieckmann. The collection boasted a llama, a camel and some bear cubs by 1912.

1922 The Egan Gang held up the Rose Inn, a popular "resort" on North and South Road in St. Louis County. Gang member Joseph Resnick was shot and killed by Deputy

Constable George Roth, who was seriously wounded. Elmer Runge would be thrown out of the gang for breaking the code of not shooting at a "copper."

1925 Ground was broken for the studios and transmitter for "The Voice of St. Louis" Corporation's new radio station near Geyer and Manchester. The station was tentatively assigned the call sign "KVSL." The corporation wanted "KMO." It turned out those call letters were already assigned, so an "X" was tacked on the end.

1925 Four people were killed and 80 injured in a natural gas explosion at the Laclede Gaslight Company Building at Eighth and Olive. Many of the injured were seriously hurt. The route of the Veiled Prophet Parade would be shifted, because of the rubble that filled the street.

1930 The Philadelphia Athletics clinched the 1930 World Series, beating the Cardinals four games to two. The Cardinals hit only .200 as a team during the series. But the A's only hit .197 and still won.

1946 The Most Reverend Joseph Ritter was installed as the fourth Archbishop of St. Louis. He replaced the late Cardinal Glennon. Ritter immediately took steps to end the segregation of the Catholic schools.

1954 Pro football in St. Louis died for a lack of money. Bob Reed, president of the St. Louis Knights of the Central States League told players the team would not be able to make its payroll. He blamed low attendance. It wasn't because the team played poorly. The Knights racked up a 14-1-1 record during their first season.

1964 Yankee rookie Mel Stottlemyre got the win over Bob Gibson in Game Two of the World Series. The series was tied at one game each.

1967 Bob Gibson overpowered the Red Sox in game four of the world series. He held Boston to just five hits, as the Cardinals won 6-0.

1969 The Cardinals traded Tim McCarver, Curt Flood and Joe Hoerner to the Phillies for Richie Allen, Cookie Rojas and Jerry Johnson. Flood refused to report to the Phillies, beginning a court fight that would change baseball forever.

1971 The Moody Blues set a record for concert attendance at the Arena. Over 20,000 fans heard the band that night. Santana had set the old record.

1977 A sniper fired into a crowd leaving a bar mitzvah at the Brith Sholom Kneseth Israel Congregation in Richmond Heights. Gerald Gordon was killed and two others were injured. Avowed racist Joseph Paul Franklin was sentenced to death for the shooting. Franklin has confessed to 20 murders, and claimed to have shot *Hustler* Magazine publisher Larry Flynt.

1982 The Board of Aldermen approved the Pride of St. Louis plan for the Gateway Mall. Pride of St. Louis settled the fight over the competing plans, calling for demolition of the historic buildings along "Realty Row." The city settled for a half mall, instead of the uninterrupted open space originally proposed between the Old Courthouse and the Civil Courts Building.

1987 Chuck Berry was awarded a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. That night, the *Hail, Hail Rock and Roll* made its world premiere. The concert movie was filmed at the Fox Theatre in St. Louis and caused quite a controversy. During filming, a second show was added at the last minute. Those with tickets to the first show were upset. Director Taylor Hackford also stopped the first show at least six times for re-shoots.

1993 The Mississippi slipped below flood stage for the third, and final, time in 1993. The river had been over flood for 147 of the 281 days of the year so far. The Missouri rose and fell over flood stage six times.