

October 28

1861 Missouri's rebel legislature, meeting in Neosho, adopted an act of secession from the Union. Signed three days later by deposed Governor Clairborne Jackson, the act was recognized in the South, but ridiculed by the North.

1904 The St. Louis Police Department officially adopted the fingerprint method of identification, the first city in the U.S. to do so. Scotland Yard detective L. Ferrier introduced the method at the World's Fair. City Police had been using fingerprints in conjunction with the Bertillion System of identification measurements for the past three months.

1922 WCK, The "Grand-Leader" radio station broadcast the first radio sports in St. Louis. Listeners heard bulletins on the football game between St. Louis University and the University of Missouri. Mizzou won, 9-0.

1927 Federal authorities ordered an investigation into the Prohibition office here. Over the past 18 months, someone had been tipping off saloons and roadhouses as they were about to be raided. Several prohibition officers were reportedly suspected.

1927 Vito Giannola of the Green Ones Gang was shot 37 times while hiding in the house of Augustina Cusumano. Giannola had chased away Cusumano's husband and had been living with the woman. Two men, claiming to be police officers found Giannola hiding in a secret compartment upstairs. John Giannola went into hiding after the death of his brother and was never again a factor in St. Louis.

1928 The Banner Buggy Company of St. Louis, once the leading manufacturer of horse-drawn carriages in the nation, went out of business. The company was a casualty of the automotive age. Orders had fallen from 100,000 in 1908 to just 50 in 1928.

1935 Miss Amelia Earhart gave a lecture at Washington University, part of her cross-country swing to talk about her upcoming flight across the Pacific Ocean. Earhart credited exhaustive preparation for the success of her flights. She said there was less risk involved in flying across the Pacific compared to the Atlantic, because there was no danger of ice.

1957 *Fortune* magazine named Raymond Tucker one of the nine best mayors in the nation. The magazine said the once ailing City of St. Louis had found one of the best leaders in its history. Tucker persuaded voters to approve new taxes and public improvement bond issues while pulling the city out of the red.

1958 Ground was broken for the new studios of KMOX, at the corner of Hampton and Wise. The building was the first new radio-only facility built by CBS in 20 years. (The building is still there. (And so is much of the programming!))

1960 A U.S. Court of Appeals ordered a new trial for Chuck Berry on his Mann Act conviction. He had been sentenced to five years for bringing a 14-year-old girl across state lines for immoral purposes. But the appeals court found that the judge had made racist remarks. Berry was convicted in the second trial and sentenced to three years.

1962 The City Council of University City became the first in the area to ban discrimination in city hiring based on race, creed, national origin or religion. The ordinance also prevented the city from doing business with any firm that was found guilty of discrimination.

1965 At 9:26 am, U.S. Representative Leonor Sullivan gave the sign, and hoisting engineer William Quigley operated the crane that lifted the final section of the Gateway Arch into place. Mrs. Aline Saarinen was on hand. The widow of Arch designer Eero Saarinen was the art critic for the *Today* Show and a commentator for NBC News. Other speakers included Mayor Alfonso Cervantes, Under Secretary of the Interior John Carver Junior and LeRoy Brown of the National Park Service. The St. Louis Fire Department also played a big role. Three pumpers were used to cool down the south leg, when it expanded due to the heat and threatened placement of the last section.

1968 Bob Gibson of the Cardinals was named the National League Cy Young Award winner. The unanimous choice for the top pitcher's award had won 22 games and set an ERA mark of 1.12.

1971 James LeRoy Cochran surrendered to the FBI in Kentucky, ending a massive six-day manhunt. He abducted eight people in ten states, after shooting it out with police during a bank robbery here. He fled through Northwest High School, holding 14 students and gunpoint and threatening to kill the football coach. He also abducted a Jefferson County family.

1996 President Clinton came to University City, for a campaign rally in front of city hall.

2003 Oliver Sain died at the age of 71. "The Man With the Golden Horn" was a legend among rhythm and blues fans in St. Louis. He played with Howlin' Wolf and led Little Milton's band before coming here in 1959 and later forming the Oliver Sain Revue. Sain discovered Fontella Bass and recorded or produced songs for many other artists.

2005 Legendary sports writer Bob Broeg died at the age of 87. Broeg wrote for the Post-Dispatch from 1945 to 2004 and gave Stan Musial the nickname "The Man." He also did commentaries for many years on KMOX, showcasing an encyclopedic knowledge of baseball, and his idol Frankie Frisch.