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1820 Daniel Boone died at the home of his son on the Femme Osage in St. Charles County. He was 88. Boone was buried two days later in Marthasville. But Frankfort, Kentucky obtained permission from surviving relatives and had the remains moved in 1845. Some say relatives led the Frankfort delegation to a different body, and Boone still rests in St. Charles County as he specified.

1864 With the city in a near panic, Union General Rosecrans asked citizens of St. Louis who were exempt from military service, but capable of defending their homes, to organize under the mayor in the face of the invasion by rebels under Sterling Price. Over 5,000 thousand people responded. But resistance by the outnumbered federals at Fort Davidson in Iron County convinced Price he would never take the city.

1872 City leaders raised a champagne toast as the new Social Evil Hospital at Manchester and Arsenal opened. Mayor Joseph Brown denied a charge that by regulating prostitution the city was condoning it. The home had room for 30 patients but all agreed that more room would be needed immediately. Sublette Park occupies the site today.

1872 The James Gang committed a daring crime that cemented their growing legend. Jesse and Frank robbed the box office at the Kansas City Fair in the middle of a crowd of 10,000 people. They made off with less than one thousand-dollars, and a little girl was shot in the leg. But the Kansas City papers praised the outlaws for their daring.

1878 The biggest fire in East St. Louis history destroyed 12 buildings of the Missouri Car and Foundry Company and the roundhouse of the Mississippi and Ohio railroad. Hundreds of people were thrown out of work.

1888 Thomas Stearns Eliot was born at 2635 Locust. His 1922 work, *The Wasteland*, is considered by many critics to be the most influential poetic work of the twentieth century. He won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1948, the only Nobel Prize winner to have been born in Missouri. He became a British citizen in 1927, but said St. Louis and the Mississippi influenced him more than any place in the world.

1925 Rain turned the track to mud as Fairmount Park opened. But 8,000 fans came out, eager for horse racing to resume here after 20 years. Betting was still illegal, so the \$2 put on a horse was termed as an "investment" in the horse's earnings.

1926 The Missouri Hotel opened at 11th and Locust. The 16-story, 300-room hotel was later re-named the Hotel DeSoto. President Warren Harding laid the cornerstone for the building in 1923.

1930 The Cardinals clinched the 1930 National League pennant with a 10-5 win over the Pirates, Jesse "Pop" Haines got the win.

1949 The village of Hazelwood was organized. Area farmers organized the village after Florissant moved to annex the land that included the new Ford plant. The name Hazelwood comes from the country estate of Colonel Richard Graham. Senator Henry Clay, visiting in 1828, remarked that it reminded him of his estate back home, "Hazelwood."

1950 The first flight of the reborn Ozark Airlines left Lambert for Chicago--with one person on board. Ozark started during World War Two with a couple of flights a day between Springfield, Kansas City and St. Louis. But the airline failed. This time, it took off, and the familiar green planes were serving 67 cities in 25 states when TWA took it over in 1986.

1953 Billy Hunter hit the very last home run by a St. Louis Browns player. It didn't help. The hapless Brownies lost the game anyway, 6-3 to the Cubs.

1966 The Big Red were off to a great start, as they came back from a 28-14 deficit in the third quarter to beat the Browns and move into first place in their division. It was their best start since they moved to St. Louis in 1960.

1967 Aldermanic President Donald Gunn announced the city was working on plans for a new civic center to replace Kiel Auditorium. The city was planning to hire a firm to consider location, size and financing for the new facility.

1968 GOP presidential candidate Richard Nixon was here for the first in a series of "Youth Wants to Know" appearances. Nixon took questions at Kiel Auditorium from students, and drew cheers when he said he was in favor of lowering the voting age to 18 and abolishing the draft.

1969 Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, the Archbishop of Krakow, made his first visit to St. Louis. He visited St. Stanislaus Church and the Arch. Wojtyla returned to St. Louis in January 1999, as Pope John Paul the Second.

1979 The hottest group in rock and roll, "The Knack," gave a free concert at Kirkwood High school as a promotional stunt for their latest album. They were just coming off a number one hit with "My Sharona."

1983 Bob Forsch became the only pitcher in Cardinal history to ever throw two no-hitters, His second was a 3-0 win over Montreal. Only two runners reached first base and Forsch threw just 96 pitches.

1985 Financier Carl Icahn beat out Frank Lorenzo to obtain control of TWA, using over \$1 billion in borrowed money. Icahn took the airline private in 1988. He stripped TWA of its most valuable assets and sold TWA routes to other airlines. The move put \$469 million in Icahn's pocket, but left the airline saddled with \$539 million in debt. Icahn resigned as chairman in 1993.

1986 The *Globe-Democrat* filed for bankruptcy. Publication was suspended on October 6th. Owner Jeffrey Gluck of Columbia then sold out to two St. Louis businessmen, William Franke and John Prentis. They resumed publication briefly but shut the paper down forever on October 29th.

1998 Mark McGwire regained the home run lead with numbers 67 and 68. Number 67 was his 35th of the season at Busch Stadium. It broke Ted Kluszewski's 1954 record for the most home runs at home.

1999 Kurt Warner became only the second quarterback in 50 years to throw for three touchdowns in his first two NFL starts. Warner led the way to a 35-7 win over Atlanta at the Trans World Dome.

1999 Mark McGwire hit his 60th home run of the season. He joined Sammy Sosa as the only players in history to that date to reach the 60 home run mark twice. Big Mac would end the season with 147 RBIs on 145 hits, the only player in ML history to have more RBIs than hits.