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1864 The village of Kirkwood was the scene of much military activity. Two brigades of Union troops rushed in to head off the invasion by Confederates under Sterling Price. Price was held off by outnumbered federals at Pilot Knob. When he learned of the reinforcements outside St. Louis, he abandoned his plans to march on the city, and the Battle of Kirkwood was never fought.

1875 President Ulysses Grant, after a visit to his farm on the Gravois, announced that livestock was a losing proposition. Grant auctioned his animals off. The animals brought a fraction of what they were worth. The "Chestnut Mare" that Grant had ridden at Vicksburg went for \$56.

1878 The County Counselor ruled that county citizens must observe the regulations on the use of Clayton Road through the new Forest Park. The park commissioner had banned farmers from using the road to get their produce to market. Outraged farmers were demanding the county build a new road

1900 An editorial in the *Globe-Democrat* decried the mediocrity of Missouri's colleges on the playing field. "Inexcusable as it may seem," the paper said, "A university without a good football team is regarded as altogether inefficient. Like the possession of a family Bible, though seldom opened, it stands for respectability and solid worth, and confers upon a college a distinction scholarly superiority cannot command."

1900 A huge crowd gathered at the St. Louis Exposition to see how phonograph records were made. Until now, the process was a secret closely guarded by Thomas Edison. Since his patents were about to expire, Edison arranged the demonstration. The crowd watched a recording session by "World famous phonograph singer," Will Denny.

1902 The World's Fair commissioners and representatives of the federal government and the states coming to the fair gathered for formal ceremonies allocating the exhibition sites. The first choice went to the U.S. government, followed by Missouri and then Louisiana.

1907 First baseman Ed Konetchy of the Cardinals stole home twice in one game. Joe Delehanty also stole home in the game against Boston, giving the Cardinals a new Major League record. Konetchy once hit safely in ten at bats in a row. He was also one of the few players to ever hit a ball out of old Robison Field.

1926 Just two weeks after he bailed out of his plane as it ran out of gas outside Chicago, Charles "Lucky" Lindbergh had another close call. His engine failed, and he glided to a safe landing in a field. Lindbergh said it was the first motor failure in 240 trips for the St. Louis to Chicago Air Mail contractors.

1927 The bodies of five girls were recovered from the ruins of Central High School and the death toll from the tornado was put at 86. As Mayor Victor Miller declined offers of aid from other cities, the Red Cross appealed for \$500,000 to meet the immediate needs of the homeless. KMOX aired a plea for members of the St. Louis Naval Reserve to respond for help, and raised \$20,000 to aid the victims.

1930 St. Louis insurance executive John Meyers proposed turning the Old Courthouse into a planetarium. The future of the landmark had been in doubt since it was abandoned in favor of the new Civil Courts building a few months earlier.

1930 The production of illegal booze reached even to fashionable homes. Agents raided a three-story home at 3733 Pine Street. They uncovered a still capable of making 250 gallons per day.

1934 The "Gashouse Gang" clinched the 1934 National League pennant. The pennant-clinching win was Dizzy Dean's 30th of the season.

1946 The first television equipment ever in St. Louis arrived here. It was delivered to KSD TV, for use in several test broadcasts. KSD signed on the following year.

1955 McDonnell Aircraft landed the biggest contract in company history to that date. The Air Force granted Mac the \$330 million contract to produce the "Voodoo" supersonic long-range twinjet fighter. At that time, there were 14,300 people working for McDonnell.

1964 The 1964 pennant race came down to the wire. The Cardinals beat the Phillies 8-5. Then Cards fans tuned in to hear the Pirates down the Reds in a 16-inning game. The Cardinals were in first place. But the Birds would lose the next two to the Mets. The final day of the season found the Reds and Cards tied with the Phillies one game back.

1979 Five people, including four children, were killed in the fire bombing of a house at 4100 Westminster. Police said it appeared to be drug-related.

1979 Reverend Edward Stanislaus Filipiak was found murdered in his residence at the Shrine of St. Joseph, the apparent victim of a burglary. He had been fighting to keep the shrine open as a regular place of worship. Father Filipiak Park at 9th and Biddle was dedicated in his honor in 1980.

1979 Lou Brock ended an 0-for 4 day lining out to Elliott Maddox of the Mets in his last career at bat. The crowd of 13,618 on the last day of the season at Busch cheered as he left the game in the 8th inning. Dane Iorg replaced Brock in left field.

1990 The Cardinals clinched their first last place finish since 1918, losing to the Pirates at Busch.

1993 Ed Bonner died at the age of 70. Bonner was a pioneering rock and roll disc jockey in St. Louis, first on KXOK, then on WIL. In July 1959, he out ranked every DJ in St. Louis, including his WIL colleague, Jack Carney.