

## History Committee Data Base - March

Year	Date	Information
1862	19-Mar	Supply wagons arrived at Sikeston to pick up the haversacks and 10,000 rations of coffee for the union troops around New Madrid. The supply of coffee was a welcome sight.
1862	30-Mar	By the end of March, private, public and commercial movement in Southeast Missouri came to a standstill because the rivers were at flood stage.
1899	9-Mar	The State Historical Society of Missouri was incorporated in Missouri.
1903	Mar	<u>Sikeston Herald</u> newspaper was founded by John B. Huffman.
1904	28-Mar	The Greer-Ebert Milling Co. and the Bowman-Matthews Milling Co. joined and became the Scott County Milling Co. It became the largest milling company in the Midwest.
1913	22-Mar	Nearly 100 years after achieving statehood, Missouri adopted an official flag this date. The flag was designed by the late Mrs. Marie Elizabeth Watkins Oliver, wife of former State Senator R. B. Oliver. The flag consists of three horizontal stripes of red, white and blue. These represent valor, purity, vigilance and justice. In the center white stripe is the Missouri coat-of-arms, circled by a blue band containing 24 stars, denoting that Missouri was the 24 <sup>th</sup> state.
1914	Mar	Parish Motor Taxi Cab Service offers rides inside Sikeston or to and from trains for 25¢ for each passenger each direction.
1915	Mar	Teachers could not dance, play cards, drink liquor or get married while they were teaching not only in the Sikeston School System, but nation wide.
1915	22-Mar	The 48 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly set aside the third Wednesday in October as "Missouri Day," due to the efforts of Mrs. Anna Brosius Korn, a native Missourian. Missouri Day is a time for schools to honor the state and for the people to celebrate the achievements of all Missourians. [Today Missouri 4th graders study Missouri history and observe "Missouri Day."]
1921	Mar	The road from Sikeston to Charleston and on to Bird's Point became the first concrete highway in rural Missouri. Five boats were used to ferry cars across the river. Traffic on this route grew from 200 vehicles a day to 1,500 a day after it was paved. By 1926, as many as 5,000 cars a week were crossing the Mississippi River.
1923	26-Mar	A contract between the town of Sikeston and the International Shoe Factory was signed. A tract of nearly four acres in the southwest corner of Malone Avenue and East Street was purchased by the factory. This factory will employ about 600 people.
1923	Mar	Dr. P.M. Malcolm, city physician, recommended that all open toilets within 1,000 feet of the city waterworks pump be condemned, lots on which livestock is kept within that area, and all cess pools near the pump be filled in and nothing but septic tanks be used for sewage.
1923	16-Mar	The white hawthorn blossom is the official state floral emblem of Missouri. More than 75 species of the hawthorn grow in Missouri, particularly in the Ozarks. On March 30, 1927 the native Bluebird became the official state bird of Missouri, The bluebird is considered a symbol of happiness. The bird is common in Missouri from early spring until late November.

1930	Mar	Denver Wright crashed the front pages of the metropolitan newspapers saying he had selected Scott County as the scene for a lion hunt on a twenty-acre island near Commerce, densely covered with undergrowth and willow sprouts. The hunters were to stalk two lady lions. Two Sikeston business men said they had seen the caravan of animals, hunters, movie cameramen and reported them heading east on Highway 60, so the deduction followed that Mississippi County would get the lion hunt after all.
1933	16-Mar	After the Market Crash of 1929, two banks in Sikeston will reopen for business at 8:00 a.m.
1934	Mar	No more roller-skating on the paved streets of Sikeston; an ordinance has been passed by the City Council designating penalties for those who violate the ordinance.
1935	Mar	"The Rex" Sikeston's new motion picture theater located in the Bowman Building on Center Street, will have it's Grand Opening.
1942	27-Mar	Sikeston High School's Band won top rating in a music festival at Blytheville, Arkansas. Bands from TN, AR, MO, & MS competed.
1943	Mar	Because of a drastic need for waste fats, tin, and reclaimed silk, and nylons, Sikeston begins a sustained effort to collect all these items for the war effort. Collection will continue "for the duration" of the war.
1943	Mar	Many Sikeston men are included in the group of 50 who have been ordered to Jefferson Barracks for induction into the armed services.
1943	18-Mar	Plans are formulated for military and physical fitness drills for high school boys. It takes from three to four months for most boys to become accustomed to Army life, whereas with this training in school, a boy will be capable of going into the Army with preparation enough to meet the requirements of the Army.
1944	Mar	"The Blonde Bomber," a combat plane which left last week for the Pacific theater of war, is named for Miss Helen Vera Dudley, a graduate of Sikeston High School and blonde daughter of Col. & Mrs. Harry E. Dudley of Sikeston.
1944	10-Mar	WAVES are to be recruited at the post office between 9 and 1. All women between the ages of 20 and 35 years interested in joining the WAVES (Women's Division of the U.S. Navy) are invited to call at the post office during the above hours.
1944	21-Mar	A school contest has been announced in Sikeston in which pupils can make money catching rats and mice and at the same time do their family, their city and Uncle Sam a big service. The rules state each pupil must trap mice and rats each night, save a small piece of the tail of each pest and bring all these to school on Friday April 14. Rats constitute a constant menace to public health, eat grain, and if uncontrolled wreck havoc through out this part of the country.
1963	Mar	Sikeston and the entire Bootheel were shaken up Sunday by an earth tremor supposedly originating with the New Madrid Fault. Dishes danced on the tables, highway pavement undulated up and down frightening motorists. In every community of the area, the quake shook house and buildings and in some communities, shattered windows and cracked plaster walls.
1969	12-Mar	A team led by Dr. Barbara Herjanic, a psychiatrist from St. Louis Malcolm Bliss Hospital, will now be available on a regular basis to provide consultation and treatment for school-age children in this area who are having emotional problems.

1981	Mar	Sikeston Junior and Senior High School students participated in a Science Fair Saturday at the Sikeston Field House. It was the first time the event was held in the field house.
2000	3-Mar	The Sikeston Depot Museum opened its doors in its new role of museum and cultural center. The Sikeston Depot Museum has also been added to the National Registry of Historical Places.
2003	7-9-Mar	Boy Scout Venture Post of Sikeston presented the first Civil War Re-enactment on Scott Matthews' land south of Sikeston.
2003	14-Mar	Missouri Delta Medical Center opened the new dialysis unit.
2005	1-Mar	Charlie Company came home from Iraq to a welcoming fanfare from 1500 Sikestonians.
2005	11-Mar	Re-enactment of the "Battle of Sand Ridge" was held as a 2 day event that included a morning raid on the Sikeston Depot and Railroad.
2005	Mar	Charles Warren, of the Sufficient Grace Apostolic Church in Sikeston, returned to the United States from a missionary tour in the Philippines where he was a victim of a kidnap and extortion plot. The man, who was believed to have been taken in his place, has still not been returned to his family.