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Monday, January 15, 2018	76	1942-01-15	Marian Anderson visits IU	Famous African-American contralto singer Marian Anderson gives a performance at the IU Auditorium.
Tuesday, January 16, 2018	106	1912-01-16	Johnson Creamery established	Ward and brother Ellis Johnson start a small milk plant on South Washington Street delivering milk in buckets by horse and wagon to IU fraternities and sororities. Ward Johnson remembers delivering milk with horse and wagon.
Wednesday, January 17, 2018	57	1961-01-17	Bloomington places first in prevention	The City of Bloomington is selected first in fire prevention in Indiana for the fourth straight year, a position highly respected was announced during a City Council meeting, the results are part of an overall evaluation made by the National Fire Protection Association. Nationally the association named Bloomington second in cities of its class and 17th for all cities.
Thursday, January 18, 2018	53	1965-01-18	First police radio dispatchers hired	Joyce Bitner, Lois A. Bruce and Barbara Webb are hired as the county's first radio dispatchers. The radios were formerly staffed by desk sergeants.
Friday, January 19, 2018	61	1957-01-19	GAR remains firm	The Grand Army of the Republic or GAR, a Civil War veterans group, supported by their descendants, stands firm in their fight to keep their hall at the court hours. So do the Commissioners. A legal hassle over the proposed ouster of patriotic groups from the GAR Hall in Monroe County Courthouse continues as representatives of both sides remain resolute in their stand. Commissioner William Stuckey states that a committee headed by Byron Curry has been invited to meet with the commissioners to determine if the matter can be settled around the conference table.



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Monday, January 22, 2018	57	1961-01-22	C.A. Evans Dies at 78	One of the pioneers in electric store specialization -- Chester A. Evans -- dies after an extensive illness. He opened the Evan Electric Company here in 1906, two years after his graduation from IU. He retired in 1956 after 50 years of electric progress had been recorded in Bloomington.
Tuesday, January 23, 2018	118	1900-01-23	Mary Wright Sewall speaks to women	Mary Wright Sewall, one of the most famous women in America, known as women's rights reformer and advocate for world peace, gives a speech to the Local Council of Women.
Wednesday, January 24, 2018	155	1863-01-24	Mass meeting of dis-loyalists held	Judge Eckles of Greencastle, Indiana, addresses at the Monroe County court house, with a large meeting of persons against the war. He urges cessation of the conflict, and blames it on the Republican Party and the Abolitionists.
Thursday, January 25, 2018	81	1937-01-25	IU provides lodging for flood refugees	Indiana University provides lodging and food for four hundred flood refugees from Louisville and southern Indiana, who arrived in Bloomington today.
Friday, January 26, 2018	62	1956-01-26	State continues with one-way plan	State highway department plans to continue on with the plans to make College and Walnut Avenues one-way streets, even though city council backed away from these plans. This change should be complete by next week.



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Monday, January 29, 2018	85	1933-01-29	Gambling devices to be removed	Mayor Joseph Campbell issues an order to remove all gambling devices from the city.
Tuesday, January 30, 2018	185	1833-01-29	Female Seminary established	The Indiana state legislature helps establish the Monroe County Female Seminary at 7th Street and College Avenue.
Wednesday, January 31, 2018	61	1957-01-31	Harlos to construct giant shopping area	Cecil E. Harlos of Harlos Construction Company announces that construction of a full city block shopping center with parking space for 140 cars will begin soon in the 200 block of S. College between 3rd and 4th Streets. Harlos expects to complete a modern air conditioned building for lease to the Kroger Grocery Company and the Haag drug Company of Indianapolis by October.
Thursday, February 01, 2018	49	1969-02-01	Lake establishes flag warning system	A red-flag weather warning system is being enforced for Lake Monroe in order to help warn people of adverse weather conditions.
Friday, February 02, 2018	107	1911-02-02	First automobile fatality	Mrs. John Harrell dies in car accident. Her death is the first automobile fatality in Monroe County history. She was traveling with her husband as well as Fred and Lillian Deckard with the purpose of visiting her mother's grave.



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Monday, February 05, 2018	88	1930-02-05	Boy Scouts control city government	From 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. the local Boy Scouts control city government, acting as mayor, police chief, fire chief, and other public offices. This is a part of the national anniversary week of Boy Scouts of America.
Tuesday, February 06, 2018	78	1940-02-06	Allan Jones visits	Allan Jones, a celebrity of screen and radio, visits Bloomington presents a concert at the men's gymnasium.
Wednesday, February 07, 2018	82	1936-02-07	Woman serves on jury	Willie Hamm and Dwight Hedrick go on trial for gambling today with a woman serving on the jury for the first time in Monroe County's history.
Thursday, February 08, 2018	113	1905-02-08	Local Council of Women founded	The employee newsletter for the Showers Brothers Company profiles the Bloomington Hospital and explains its creation by the Local Council of Women. The article elaborates on how, when the hospital was built, the furniture for all the rooms was especially designed and finished by the Showers Brothers factory, and informs of the debt with which the new hospital is burdened.
Friday, February 09, 2018	47	1971-02-09	Longest blackout on record	The Bloomington area is without electricity for over an hour, the longest blackout on Bloomington record.



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Monday, February 12, 2018	66	1952-02-12	Referendum for DST set	Mayor Kelly says the matter of switching to DST (daylight savings time) or not will be addressed in a referendum on May 6.
Tuesday, February 13, 2018	41	1977-02-13	Backstreet boycott	A group of about 25 people gather at Dunkirk Square tonight to pass out leaflets encouraging a boycott of the Backstreet bar, 430 E. Kirkwood Ave. Members of the group said the bar was violating human rights. The reason for the boycott was to protest a recent ruling by the Human Rights Commission which upheld the Backstreet's actions last spring when enforcing its own rule barring same sex couples from touching while dancing.
Tuesday, February 13, 2018	86	1932-02-13	Boy Scouts take over	The Boy Scouts take over the city offices' posts for one hour.
Wednesday, February 14, 2018	80	1938-02-14	Templin admits to theft	IU Freshman Charles L. Templin admits to stealing \$1,000 worth of merchandise from the university bookstore.
Thursday, February 15, 2018	22	1996-02-15	Herald Times Inc. purchases InterSource	Herald Times Inc. purchasing Internet Service Provider InterSource. Then renamed to Kiva Networking.
Friday, February 16, 2018	46	1972-02-16	Drive-In sued for X-rated films	Residents sue the owners of the Cinema West Drive-In in a class action suit for their showing X-rated films which can be seen from Indiana 46.



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Monday, February 19, 2018	57	1961-02-19	IU coronation ball queen arrested	University and city officials alike dismiss charges of illegal possession of alcohol against IU's Coronation Ball queen and her friends as a comedy of errors. Richard Wilder, deputy Monroe County Prosecuting Attorney states that it was uncertain whether formal charges would be filed against the 10 student arrest in a raid at the site of a former coffeehouse early Sunday morning. Nine of the ten students were underage, including 19 year old Judi Bonsib.
Tuesday, February 20, 2018	45	1973-02-20	County council reinstates positions	The county council reinstates two positions in the Bloomington Township Poor Relief Office which six months earlier it had voted to eliminate.
Wednesday, February 21, 2018	45	1973-02-21	City maintenance strike	A strike against the city is approved by city maintenance workers and members of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees.
Thursday, February 22, 2018	41	1977-02-22	Tarzian firm fights IRS claims	Sarkes Tarzian, Inc. filed a petition in federal Tax Court saying that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is wrong when it claims the Bloomington company owes \$4.6 million.
Friday, February 23, 2018	52	1966-02-23	Showers Company mill fire	Fire destroys Showers Brothers Furniture Company mill.



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Monday, February 26, 2018	81	1937-02-26	Monroe and Owen courts separated	The bill to separate the court circuits of Monroe County and Owen County passes 87 to 8 by the Indiana House.
Tuesday, February 27, 2018	82	1936-02-27	Smithville schools burns	Fire of undetermined origin destroys the grade and high schools at Smithville.
Wednesday, February 28, 2018	50	1968-02-28	The "Bank" gutted by fire	The "Bank" a historic building in Ellettsville is gutted by fire. It was built in 1900 by Richland Township trustee Harley Marshall. It initially served as the Second Bank of Ellettsville. It also served as a feed store, hardware store, and Ell-Clo-Go chain store. It later served as a skating rink, movie theater, saloon, school gymnasium, pool room, and a garage. It was one of the oldest building in Ellettsville.
Thursday, March 01, 2018	62	1956-03-01	Lake Monroe construction begins	Due to home-rule legislation, Lake Monroe is built in the Salt Creek Valley to solve Monroe County's water problem.
Thursday, March 01, 2018	80	1938-03-01	Herman B Wells	Sometime in the month of March, 1938, Herman B Wells is named Indiana University's eleventh president by the Board of Trustees.
Friday, March 02, 2018	37	1981-03-02	Jail recreation program begins	A recreation program designed by Indiana University is enacted at the Monroe County Jail. This program has been in the works for over 6 months.



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Monday, March 05, 2018	88	1930-03-05	Bloomington Limestone opens quarry	Bloomington Limestone Company opens new quarry on Kinser Pike.
Tuesday, March 06, 2018	45	1973-03-06	First female receives BHS letter	Bloomington High School South diver Nancy Faris becomes the first female to be awarded a Bloomington High School athletic letter.
Wednesday, March 07, 2018	113	1905-03-07	Historical Society established	The Monroe County Historical Society is established. Mr. Atwater is named chairman, and Dr. Woodburn secretary.
Thursday, March 08, 2018	85	1933-03-08	Stench bombs prohibited in theatres	Stench bombs are forbidden from being thrown in local theatres following the passing of an ordinance by the city council.
Friday, March 09, 2018	56	1962-03-09	Quarantine set on all dogs in area	During a meeting by state officials, health officers, veterinarians and conservation men in Columbus, it is determined that a three county quarantine and elimination of the fox population is needed. Monroe County Health Officer Dr. T.L. Wilson announces the decision will cover Bartholomew, Brown, and Monroe counties.



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Tuesday, March 13, 2018	82	1936-03-13	Director announces resignation	A. L. (Pete) Phillips announces his resignation as Athletic Director, basketball coach, and track team coach at Bloomington High School.
Wednesday, March 14, 2018	83	1935-03-14	Stinesville School burns down	The Stinesville High School, including its gymnasium, is completely destroyed by fire. The total loss is approximately \$125,000. The fire started from either a short circuit or defective flue.
Thursday, March 15, 2018	32	1986-03-15	Bloomington sues Monsanto	The City of Bloomington files suit against Monsanto. Bloomington is seeking \$387 million in damages. Monsanto supplied Westinghouse with PCBs.
Friday, March 16, 2018	87	1931-03-16	Woman snatching purse is a first	Police are confronted with a new type of purse-snatcher: a female one.



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Monday, March 19, 2018	38	1980-03-19	Museum building green lighted	IU green lights the building of a museum to house the University collections. It is tentatively called the Hoosier Heritage Hall, but will eventually become the Mathers Museum of World Culture. It will be located on the old site of the Joseph Nurre house, which will be demolished. The Mathers Museum will be linked to the Glenn Black Lab and will also connect to the historical Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at 408 North Indiana Avenue, which will become administrative offices.
Tuesday, March 20, 2018	40	1978-03-20	Indiana 48 closes	Two miles stretch of Indiana 48, west of Highland Village, is closed indefinitely due to sinkholes.
Wednesday, March 21, 2018	94	1924-03-21	Policemen's Ball held	The Bloomington police force holds their second ever policemen's ball to pay for new police uniforms and equipment. The Monon Athletic Club advertises that it will provide decorations and a "seven-piece negro orchestra" as advertised to provide jazz music for dancing. At least 2550 couples are expected to attend.
Thursday, March 22, 2018	67	1951-03-22	Sheriff Dept. get first uniforms	Members of the Monroe County Sheriff's Department receive their first uniforms, which are brown and tan. They are modeled after the Indiana State Police.
Friday, March 23, 2018	62	1956-03-23	In-laws hold gun duel	Elmer Robertson, 76, and Bart Mitchner, 47, "duel" in what Robertson claims was self-defense. Mitchner is taken to Dunn Memorial Hospital with serious injury. According to Robertson, and other witnesses, Mitchner came to his house clearly intoxicated and shot at him. Robertson then fired back in self-defense. Robertson was not taken into custody.



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Monday, March 26, 2018	49	1969-03-26	Doc Mitchell dies	Dr. George Mitchell, one of the oldest practicing physicians in Indiana (and possible America), dies at the Bloomington Hospital. He was 84 years old. He practiced for 56 years. He is credited with delivering nearly all the senior population of the Smithville and Harrodsburg area.
Tuesday, March 27, 2018	84	1934-03-27	War declared on gambling machines	War is declared on gambling machines and devices by Mayor Joseph H. Campbell.
Wednesday, March 28, 2018	31	1987-03-28	Local sanctuary group created	The Bloomington Community for Refuge has declared itself a public sanctuary for Guatemalans and Salvadorans seeking asylum from political persecution.
Thursday, March 29, 2018	46	1972-03-29	Coed foster home announced	During a Kiwanis Club luncheon Reverend Paul Crafton, the director of the Monroe County United Ministries, makes the first public mention of the proposal to open a coed foster home as opposed to the previously proposed Foster Boys Home.
Friday, March 30, 2018	46	1972-03-30	Seward & Co. honored for 150 years	Seward and Company is honored for 150 years in business.



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Monday, April 02, 2018	84	1934-04-02	Bandits in Bloomington	Henry M. Beck is held up at his filling station by two young bandits.
Tuesday, April 03, 2018	36	1982-04-03	Robert Kennedy Jr. weds Ms. Black	In a service characterized as prayerful by one of the officiating clergy, Emily Black becomes the bride of Robert Kennedy Jr. In the small First Christian Church some 275 guests watch as Kennedy and the former Bloomington local promise to love and honor one another.
Wednesday, April 04, 2018	23	1995-04-04	SOAP benefits students and poor	The IU Bloomington student organization Students Organized Against Poverty (SOAP) provides furniture to Bloomington's poor on a no questions asked basis. Since it's conception in October it has delivered 180 pieces of furniture and helped 61 area families.
Thursday, April 05, 2018	94	1924-04-04	Ed Williams relocates store	Ed Williams, a west side jeweler, is moving his jewelry and music store to the former Hall Typewriter company on the east side and consolidating his Victor phonograph agency with Brunswick. The new store, after remodeling is complete, will have a large display window and more floor space than the previous location.
Friday, April 06, 2018	126	1892-04-06	Modesto Post Office Opens	McCamy McNeely is appointed first postmaster of the new post office actually located on the Williams Road near his home a few miles from Modesto which is at the intersection of the Bottom Road and Simpson Chapel Road in Washington Township.



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Monday, April 09, 2018	151	1867-04-09	IU pursues Land Grant agricultural school	Land grant act of July 2, 1862 makes it possible for States to sell donated land for the benefit of agriculture and mechanic arts. The IU board of trustees try to secure the school for Bloomington losing out at the last to John Purdue, the town of Chauncey,(later West Lafayette), and the county of Tippecanoe making Purdue a reality.
Tuesday, April 10, 2018	200	1818-04-10	First County Commissioners meeting	The first recorded meeting of the Monroe County Commissioners is held at the dwelling house of Abner Blair. The court ordered twelve townships and the town of Bloomington be laid out. The area of the public square is defined and Benjamin Parks, agent of the county, is ordered to place a stone at each corner of the square. The county agent is also directed to advertise lots for sale in the town of Bloomington.
Wednesday, April 11, 2018	119	1899-04-11	Showers adding sawmill to factory	Showers Brothers factory says it will soon acquire its own sawmill for cutting logs, allowing for several new hires.
Thursday, April 12, 2018	139	1879-04-12	Limestone shipped to NY for residence	First train carload of 26 of Indiana Limestone shipped to New York City over a year to build the Fifth Avenue residence of William K. Vanderbilt designed by Architect Richard M. Hunt.
Friday, April 13, 2018	200	1818-04-13	Bloomington Township Established	The Townships of Bloomington, Bean Blossom, Indiana Creek, and Clear Creek are Established. The next day they order whiskey



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Monday, April 16, 2018	119	1899-04-15	Regester promotes restaurant	Regester's Restaurant is promoted in the Ellettsville newspaper. The business promotes short order options and is located at 203 1/2 West Sixth Street in Bloomington, opposite of the Gentry Hotel. In a July 26, 1979 profile about James Regester in "The Herald-Telephone", it is reported that this is the first restaurant in Bloomington to serve hot food (other than the city's hotel).
Tuesday, April 17, 2018	153	1865-04-17	Bloomington mourns President Lincoln	After news of President Lincoln's death, Bloomington churches hold memorial services, and a large crowd assembles at the court house to honor his memory. Former Governor Dunning, I.U. President Nutt, and others, gave memorials.
Wednesday, April 18, 2018	45	1973-04-18	Hotel approved for Lake Monroe	It is announced that a new motel complex for the north end of Lake Monroe is approved. This complex will include a 120-unit motel and lodge, a shopping area, and a 200-unit condominium complex on the 84 acres owned by the A.H.M. Graves Corporation of Indianapolis.
Thursday, April 19, 2018	157	1861-04-20	First company of soldiers organized	During a large meeting at the Bloomington court house, the first county company of volunteer soldiers is organized and officers chosen. After drilling for three weeks, they move to Camp Vigo in Terre Haute.
Friday, April 20, 2018	130	1888-04-20	Perry & Williams prospect in Indiana	Major Perry and William Matthews prospect for a quarry location in Indiana.



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Tuesday, April 24, 2018	180	1838-04-24	Ellettsville Addition Platted & Mapped	An additional 16 lots are added to the town of Ellettsville in Richland Township.
Wednesday, April 25, 2018	94	1924-04-25	Biederbecke & The Wolverines perform	Bix Biederbecke, renowned jazz trumpeter, and his band The Wolverines Orchestra perform for the first time in Bloomington at a Booster Club dance. The Wolverines later come to play several shows around Bloomington that spring.
Thursday, April 26, 2018	161	1857-04-26	Old Settlers Society is created	The Old Settler's Society is organized for the "old gray-headed fathers and pioneers of Monroe County." The goal of this organization is to bring all the fathers and pioneers of Monroe County together and "enjoying a social repast with each other and in their own way entertain the meeting by narration of anecdotes." Some of the main stories to be anticipated are the "hardships and perilous scenes" during the early settling of the country. To be considered an "old settler," a man had to be 50 years old, and he had to reside in the county for at least 30 years. This organization will get together on a yearly basis to retell stories of our county's founding.
Friday, April 27, 2018	103	1915-04-27	Location selected for new colored school	New colored school location selected -- at corner of Elm and West 7th Street. Decision made by school trustees and a "number of leading colored residents". Property purchased cost about \$3200 dollars.



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Monday, April 30, 2018	148	1870-04-30	Strain Ridge School land purchased	David and Mary Strain sell land to Clear Creek trustees in Section 21 for school purposes.
Tuesday, May 01, 2018	45	1973-05-01	Oliver Winery sells first wines in May of 1973	Sometime in the month of May, 1973, Oliver Winery, 7 miles north of Bloomington, officially opens for business by selling its first wine, "Camelot Mead."
Wednesday, May 02, 2018	105	1913-05-02	Reduction in public intoxication	Chief Hensley announces a reduction in public intoxication given the recent "blind tiger" cases. He says that on the two circus days, only one man was arrested for public intoxication and that they were the quietest circus days he had ever witnessed.
Thursday, May 03, 2018	134	1884-05-03	Dynamite accident kills and injures	Many die when an accidental dynamite explosion occurs in Ellettsville Indiana. The county mourns the loss of several well respected citizens.
Friday, May 04, 2018	41	1977-05-04	Depot moved	The Clear Creek Monon railroad depot is moved to a new location on Scott Road. Owner Nick Funk plans to make it into an antique shop for Lake Monroe visitors.



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Monday, May 07, 2018	121	1897-05-07	Women call for ordinance against hitch rack	The Federation calls on the City Council to pass an ordinance against the hitch rack around the square.
Tuesday, May 08, 2018	57	1961-05-08	Mrs. Teter dies	Mrs. Nellie Showers Teter, who served on the IU Board of Trustees for 21 years and received the University's distinguished alumni award in 1957, dies in Bloomington Hospital at the age of 87. Mrs. Teter's father, W. N. Showers, was the president and founder of the Showers Furniture Factory of Bloomington.
Wednesday, May 09, 2018	130	1888-05-09	Mechanics' Band Concert for New Uniforms	The Bloomington Progress reports that the Mechanics' Band is in need of funds for new uniforms. The band holds a festival and the paper encourages "liberal patronage."
Thursday, May 10, 2018	49	1969-05-10	Newspaper board suspended	The editorial board of the New American Mercury, Bloomington High School's "underground newspaper," is suspended by Bloomington High School principal John T. Jones.
Friday, May 11, 2018	118	1900-05-11	Bloomington High School burns	The College Building, built in 1855 and home to Bloomington High School since 1897, catches fire, with damage mostly on the upper floors.



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Monday, May 14, 2018	87	1931-05-14	Custodian given police power	Bloomington Public Library makes public a ruling to give custodian Frank Rairdan police power to deal with disturbances and thievery at the Library. Mayor Joseph H. Campbell cooperates with the Library Board. Library staff report patrons loafing on the steps and general misconduct or disturbances, especially from running children unaccompanied by an adult and misuse of the telephone.
Tuesday, May 15, 2018	56	1962-05-15	Land buy takes out Fairfax	The town of Fairfax in Clear Creek Township is eliminated from the Monroe County books as the US government land buyers, further completing transactions for the Monroe Reservoir. Established in June 1836, Fairfax had become no more than a few homes and a covered bridge by the time plans for the Monroe Reservoir were completed.
Wednesday, May 16, 2018	80	1938-05-16	Air mail	The air mail flight is in it's final preparations for it's first flight which is to take place in Bloomington.
Thursday, May 17, 2018	75	1943-05-17	Last Civil War veteran dies	Monroe County's sole surviving Civil War veteran, William Meadows of the Mount Ebal neighborhood in Bloomington, dies at age 96. He served in the 16th Indian Infantry Volunteers, and was wounded at Richmond, Kentucky in 1862.
Friday, May 18, 2018	101	1917-05-18	Dixie Highway (HWY 37) completion expected	Dixie Highway supervising engineer Professor U. S. Hanna announces that Blair and Kerr will pack down the metal on the road and the road will be completed in a few weeks.



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Tuesday, May 22, 2018	55	1963-05-22	Lemon announces run for governor	Former Mayor Thomas Lemon confirms that he will begin campaigning actively for the Democratic nomination for governor soon after the municipal elections in November. He plans to quit his present job as a deputy regional postal director in Cincinnati and resume his official residence in Bloomington. Lemon has had the postal job since May 1, 1962, when he resigned in the third year of his third four year term as mayor of Bloomington.
Wednesday, May 23, 2018	67	1951-05-23	Petition against Banneker School	According to the "Daily Herald Telephone", Mrs. Leonard Rogers, Fairview School Parent-Teacher Association president, announces that fellow PTA members are circulating a petition around the city in order to stop the construction of a new Banneker African American School building at West Seventh Street. They claim that this petition against the new building "is not racial". They believe that if this new building is created, then Fairview school population will be decreased so much that the school may never receive the addition that has been long promised. According to Mrs. Rogers, the petition has approximately 500 signatures. School Superintendent H. E. Binford announces that they do not possess the budget to build this addition.
Thursday, May 24, 2018	62	1956-05-24	Water crisis over	With the two reservoirs, Griffy Creek Lake and Bean Blossom Lake, at full capacity with over 7 billion gallons of water, Water Superintendent Thornton states that there to be enough to avoid any more crises this upcoming summer.
Friday, May 25, 2018	156	1862-05-25	David Van Buskirk captured	David Van Buskirk of Bean Blossom Township, the tallest man in the Union army, joined Company F, 27th Indiana Volunteers. He is captured during the battle of Winchester. He is taken to Libby prison, where Confederate president Jefferson Davis came to see him.



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Tuesday, May 29, 2018	72	1946-05-29	Flag famine reported	Memorial Day ceremonies are held with few American flags due to an insufficient supply. The graves of deceased military service men will not be marked with flags per usual due to the shortage, according to John A. Harmon and U. G. Stewart, co-chairman of the Memorial Day program committee.
Wednesday, May 30, 2018	102	1916-05-29	Showers buys automobile	W. Edward Showers buys a new "Pathfinder" automobile, the first "12" in Bloomington. The twelve-cylinder engine is a Weidley, from the Indy company of which Edward is president.
Thursday, May 31, 2018	72	1946-05-31	Parking meters installed	City of Bloomington announces that 310 parking meters are in operation as of 8AM today and at the same time police will patrolling the units and issuing tickets to violators. The meters provide one hour's parking for 5 cents. The city hopes to bring in revenue of at least \$80 day. Fines for violators will be \$1.00.
Friday, June 01, 2018	148	1870-06-01	Susan B. Anthony visits Bloomington	Anthony lectures Friday night creating "something of a sensation by her forcible way of presenting her cause", according to IU Professor Theophilus Wylie.



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Monday, June 04, 2018	94	1924-06-04	Veterans of Foreign Wars post chartered	The Laurens B. Strain Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 604 in Bloomington receives its charter.
Tuesday, June 05, 2018	124	1894-06-05	First police officers	City council appoints William Griffey, Eugene Kerr and William Smallwood as police officers, taking the place of the Night Watchers.
Wednesday, June 06, 2018	96	1922-06-06	First women to achieve rank of professor	Lillian Gay Berry and Juliette Maxwell become the first women to achieve the rank of Professor. They are both appointed on the same day. (Indiana University Archives P0040667)
Thursday, June 07, 2018	104	1914-06-06	Church declares music corrupt	The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of the United States and Canada, meeting in Bloomington, claims pipe organs and pianos have no place in a church. The committee on psalmody reports that "the musical instrument that is of necessity typical and emotional must be done away with."
Friday, June 08, 2018	90	1928-06-08	Wicks Company built	A "Bloomington Weekly Star" advertisement for general contractor Charles A. Pike lists the brick building of the new limestone facade for the Wicks Company at 120 West Sixth Street. The architects for this building are listed as McGuire & Shook.



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Monday, June 11, 2018	48	1970-06-11	Work begins on new high school	Work begins on the new high school north of town.
Tuesday, June 12, 2018	102	1916-06-12	Carnegie offer accepted by Library Board	Carnegie's offer of funds to construct library accepted by Library Board, with city council pledging maintenance funds, so planning and construction begins.
Wednesday, June 13, 2018	86	1932-06-13	Memorial Union completed	The Indiana University Memorial Union is completed, and a formal dedication is held at commencement time. (Indiana University Archives Photo P0042338)
Thursday, June 14, 2018	119	1899-06-14	Fire destroys church	A fire breaks out in the Kerr Meat market and quickly spreads to the Walnut St. Presbyterian Church. Both locations are destroyed.
Friday, June 15, 2018	86	1932-06-15	Schick elected president.	William Schick is elected president of the Lions Club.



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Monday, June 18, 2018	51	1967-06-18	Bloomington plans dog match	It is announced that the Bloomington Kennel Club, which is working toward recognition from the American Kennel Club, will hold a dog match. There are entries from all over Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, and Kentucky.
Tuesday, June 19, 2018	86	1932-06-19	Bid for G. A. R. convention	The evening World announces that Bloomington will bid for the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) state convention.
Wednesday, June 20, 2018	50	1968-06-20	Drivers accept new contract	Truck drivers at the Ralph Rogers Company accept a new three-year contract after having been on strike since May 13th, picketing locations in Bloomington as well as Bedford. Teamsters Local 135, consisting of 85 members, decide in a 50-16 vote to accept a 90 cent wage increase.
Thursday, June 21, 2018	46	1972-06-20	Officer shoots monkey	Controversy ensues after a Humane Officer shoots an escaped pet monkey that would not come down from telephone wires.
Friday, June 22, 2018	96	1922-06-22	First police motorcycle	Department purchases its first motorcycle. The motorcycle is equipped with a sidecar. Raymond Hinkle is hired specifically to ride the motorcycle. Hinkle works his first shift on the motorcycle on July 2nd, 1922.



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Monday, June 25, 2018	64	1954-06-25	Highway 37 announced	State Highway Chief Engineer Carl E. Vogelgesang announces that construction of a State Highway 37 bypass will begin soon, although it is not expected to be completed until next year. The highway will bypass around the east side of Bloomington and turn east on Matlock Road and hook up to Highway 45. The consulting engineering firm for this project is Charles W. Cole & Sons, of South Bend.
Tuesday, June 26, 2018	45	1973-06-26	Lightning strikes elementary school	A lightning bolt sparks a fire at Elm Heights Elementary School causing extensive damage to the gymnasium.
Wednesday, June 27, 2018	66	1952-06-27	Mother charged with stealing two children	Virgie Webster Stigers is accused of "child stealing". She is charged with illegally taking the two children (11 and 9 years old) away from their guardian, their father. The mother is thought to be taking the children to Kentucky. Local authorities are trying to locate and return children to Bloomington.
Thursday, June 28, 2018	49	1969-06-28	Librarian admits to arson	A 28 year-old Indiana University librarian admits to setting two fires that together caused over \$1 million damages to the IU Graduate Library.
Friday, June 29, 2018	78	1940-06-29	Population bumps city to 3rd class	New census figures show Bloomington population to be 20,609, making it a third class city.



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Monday, July 02, 2018	50	1968-07-02	School corporation holds first meeting	Since its reorganization, the Monroe Community School system moves to equalize educational opportunities throughout the county in its first ever meeting.
Tuesday, July 03, 2018	85	1933-07-03	1st gross income taxes	The 1st payments of gross income taxes are paid in the office of O.T. Turflinger.
Wednesday, July 04, 2018	42	1976-07-04	Hall of Fame established	Monroe County inducts ten members into its newly formed Monroe County Hall of Fame. Inductees include William Lowe Bryan, Nat U. Hill Sr., Andrew Wylie, Austin Seward, Mary Waldron, Rachel Peden, Herman B. Wells, Branch McCracken, Ralph Rogers, and John R. Figg.
Thursday, July 05, 2018	81	1937-07-05	IN State Police school opens	Indiana State Police school opens at Indiana University.
Friday, July 06, 2018	26	1992-07-06	Holland, Butcher enter Hall of Fame	Beryl Showers Holland and Maj. Gen. Joe Butcher have been selected for this year's Monroe County Hall of fame. Holland was a founder of the Tri Kappa and Butcher was a Marine Corps general that served the community for decades. Both candidates were selected from two separate categories, being pre-1946 and post-1946 respectively.



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Monday, July 09, 2018	40	1978-07-09	Gentry and Rae enter Hall of Fame	Henry Gentry, who introduced the circus life to Bloomington and W. Douglas Rae, a well-known Baptist minister who dedicated his life for the underprivileged, have been selected as the 1978 inductees for the Monroe County Hall of Fame. Both nominees had been selected from two different lists, each containing five potential honorees that fit into either the Pre-1946 or Post-1946 categories. Gentry had been selected for Pre-1946 and W. Douglas Rae is selected for Post-1946.
Tuesday, July 10, 2018	55	1963-07-10	Surprise move in YSA case	In a surprise move rarely seen on the part of the defense attorney, James R. Cotner, counsel for three Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) officers charged with subversion, appears at his own request for 75 minutes of testimony before the recovered grand jury. Harold Wilkes, who earlier this year had rented a basement apartment to associates of YSA members, also appeared for 90 minutes of testimony before the grand jury adjourned.
Wednesday, July 11, 2018	105	1913-07-11	Factory burns down	The Home Glove and Mitten Factory burns down, located at 4th and Walnut.
Thursday, July 12, 2018	136	1882-07-12	W.F. Teister's salary posted	W.F. Teister, teacher, earned a salary of \$550 dollars per annum in 1882. (Inflation calculators only go back to 1913 with \$550 being worth \$13,713 in today's value if taken from 1913.)
Friday, July 13, 2018	90	1928-07-13	Alexander War Memorial finished	Contractor R. L. Fifer announces that the Alexander War Memorial at the court house is complete. The statue of a union soldier is placed on top of the shaft July 12, and Fifer plans to remove the wooden framework around the shaft today. He plans to have his equipment moved out by July 14.



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Monday, July 16, 2018	41	1977-07-14	Sarkes Tarzian sells WTTV	Sarkes Tarzian, who started WTTV in 1949 in Bloomington, Indiana, has sold the station to Detroit, Michigan firm Teleco for between \$26 and 28 million.
Tuesday, July 17, 2018	105	1913-07-15	Talking pictures come to Bloomington	The Princess Theatre is set to begin showing "talking pictures" in Bloomington. These performances last over an hour and include the portrayal of minstrel shows, suffragette meetings, and dramas. Bloomington is the first of many small cities to show these talking pictures.
Wednesday, July 18, 2018	98	1920-07-18	Father Bogemann resigns	Father Bogemann of St. Charles Catholic Church resigns as pastorate in Bloomington due to ill health.
Thursday, July 19, 2018	154	1864-07-19	Catholics celebrate first Mass in church	St. Patrick's Catholic Church sells two lots on west Fourth Street bought previously, to buy for \$600 the Baptist church on the S.E. corner of Fourth and Madison. Church is later called St. Charles.
Friday, July 20, 2018	39	1979-07-20	"Breaking Away" premieres in Bloomington	The Town Cinema, formerly the Harris Grand theater, hosts the premiere of "Breaking Away" filmed in and around Bloomington.



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Monday, July 23, 2018	120	1898-07-23	Standard Stone Company sold	Standard Stone Company sold to W.N. Matthews.
Tuesday, July 24, 2018	82	1936-07-24	First woman dentist dies	Flora Dillon Dyne, sister of Supreme Court Justice Charles Hall Dillon, dies in Harrison County. She graduated from IU in 1878 and practiced dentistry from her home in Bloomington at 114 7th Street.
Wednesday, July 25, 2018	45	1973-07-25	Artist enjoys national recognition	Bloomington native Edwin L. Fulwider is profiled in the "Indianapolis News" for his achievements as an accomplished artist. His work provided him with an honor of being listed in Time Magazine as one of America's outstanding young painters in 1938. He maintained a studio in Brown County from 1938 - 1940 and later served in the Army during WWII as an artist. Image courtesy of Smithsonian American Art Museum, Gift of the Ford Motor Company.
Thursday, July 26, 2018	99	1919-07-26	Chinese man operates laundry	It is reported that the Ira C. Batman room at 119 South College Avenue, so long used by the Vaudette theatre, is now occupied by Moy Sam, a Chinese laundryman who came here from Greencastle. Image courtesy of Indiana Historical Society.
Friday, July 27, 2018	61	1957-07-27	Local Bobby Helms now country star	It is reported that 23 year old Bobby Helms the Bloomington singer, who made 'Fraulein' an overnight hit, will perform tonight on "Grand Ole Opry" broadcast from Nashville, TN.



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Monday, July 30, 2018	63	1955-07-30	City pool called one of Indiana's worst	A State Board of Health official today said Bloomington's Third Street swimming pool is "one of the poorest in the State." Robert Yoho director of the division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation said he referred to the overcrowded conditions at the pool, the lack of recreation facilities, and the state of disrepair into which existing facilities have fallen.
Tuesday, July 31, 2018	66	1952-07-31	New shopping center is announced	Plans for a new shopping center on Tenth Street are announced. Park and Shop Bakery and Market will be divided, closed, and inventoried until Sept. 1, when there will also be around 15 units for new businesses surrounding it.
Wednesday, August 01, 2018	135	1883-08-01	Partnership ends	Sometime in the month of August, After the fire destroys the Kahn and Tannerbaum the business partnership dissolves. The partnership ends when Tannerbaum withdraws to move to Crawfordsville to operate a clothing store with his brother Max.
Thursday, August 02, 2018	61	1957-08-02	High winds knock off courthouse fish	A symbol of Bloomington history as old as the city itself is a victim of high winds and rains. The courthouse fish, which has been on top of the courthouse since 1819, is blown from its moorings and battered against the courthouse roof.
Friday, August 03, 2018	104	1914-08-03	Showers baseball team disbands	The Showers company baseball team disbands after Sunday games are abolished. Although the team is popular, with heavy coverage of games in local newspapers, the team determines that a sufficient crowd cannot be drawn on any day but Sunday.



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Monday, August 06, 2018	49	1969-08-06	Warrants for fire-bombers arrest	The Monroe County Circuit Court issues warrants for the arrest of two men charges with last year's fire-bombing of the Black Market.
Tuesday, August 07, 2018	157	1861-08-07	Sympathizers disturb peace	Sympathizers with the secession and the Confederate government use violent speech in several Monroe County locations, causing disturbances of the peace.
Wednesday, August 08, 2018	151	1867-08-08	Newspaper reports boredom	"The Bloomington Progress" reports, "The city of Bloomington is distressingly barred of sensations at present. No murders, frightful accidents, or hair-breath 'scapes to chronicle, and our imagination, usually such a fruitful source of supply, utterly refuses to turn off a single item." 8 Aug 1867
Thursday, August 09, 2018	90	1928-08-09	New dial telephones planned	Indiana Bell Telephone Company officials announce that the new dial telephone service will be underway next month. It will cost the company approximately \$40,000 to make the change from the present system, however this is only part of the \$320,000 development program inaugurated by the Bloomington telephone company this year.
Friday, August 10, 2018	69	1949-08-10	Worst loss of life in fire department history	Sixteen people burn to death after being trapped in Greyhound bus wreckage.



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Monday, August 13, 2018	41	1977-08-13	Group receives old library	The Old Library Inc. receives the old Carnegie library building in Bloomington through a deed.
Tuesday, August 14, 2018	87	1931-08-14	Talbot leads in golf tournament	Phil Talbot of Bloomington is leading in the semifinal match of the amateur golf tournament in French Lick.
Wednesday, August 15, 2018	138	1880-08-15	First Methodist church dedicated	The First Methodist Church builds and dedicates a new church on the Southwest corner of College Avenue and Third Street.
Thursday, August 16, 2018	102	1916-08-16	Carnegie turns down city	The Carnegie Foundation turns down Bloomington's offer of \$3100 maintenance for the library.
Friday, August 17, 2018	86	1932-08-17	Police seize stolen cigarettes	Police seize about \$1,400 worth of stolen cigarettes from a corn field near Harrodsburg. The cigarettes were stolen from a Monon freight train.



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Monday, August 20, 2018	166	1852-08-20	Kahns arrive in Smithville	The Kahn brothers Isaac, Samuel and Leon buy lot 29 in Smithville, Indiana. This business deal marks the first documented history of Jewish citizens in Monroe County.
Tuesday, August 21, 2018	62	1956-08-21	Boys Club founded	Boys Club of Bloomington is founded by Howard Young and the Bloomington Optimist Club. In 1992 the name was changed to Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington.
Wednesday, August 22, 2018	33	1985-08-22	Consent Decree receives final approval	Judge S. Hugh Dillin gives his approval for the Consent Decree. The Consent Decree allows Westinghouse to contain and incinerate PCB contaminated soil.
Thursday, August 23, 2018	134	1884-08-23	Showers Bros decide location	The Showers Brothers decide that John Graham's show grounds is an appropriate place for the construction of their new factory. John Graham owns 20 lots and is asking for \$200 per lot.
Friday, August 24, 2018	94	1924-08-24	Cascades park is dedicated	Cascades park is formally dedicated with 100 people in attendance.



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Monday, August 27, 2018	88	1930-08-27	County jail is empty	The Monroe County Jail is empty for the first time in a year.
Tuesday, August 28, 2018	50	1968-08-28	BHS football winning streak	BHS goes undefeated in their football season to start off what would become a 60 game win streak.
Wednesday, August 29, 2018	151	1867-08-29	Newspaper reports boring times	The "Bloomington Progress" reports boredom by staff. With a headline of "Dull", editors write: "Will scarce express the condition of Bloomington just now. No suicides, murders, marriages or accidents to tell of. So dull, in fact, that it is impossible to collect the few dollars due us -- at least we've presented bills to a number of promising individuals, without profiting us a cent. Da - bless such businessmen."
Thursday, August 30, 2018	90	1928-08-30	Third St. park band shell	In one of the biggest outdoor public gatherings in recent years, over 3,000 people attend the formal dedication of the new band shell in the Third Street park. The band shell is formally accepted at a meeting by Dr. Fred Prow, chairman of the city park board, and the band shell is formally dedicated by a concert of the Community Band, led by Captain Harry Crigler.
Friday, August 31, 2018	86	1932-08-31	Limestone company gets contracts	The Indiana Limestone Company announces that they have been awarded contracts for furnishing 924 carloads of stone.



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Monday, September 03, 2018	47	1971-09-03	Council approves parking lot sale	The City Council approves the sale of a downtown church's parking lot for the site of a high-rise apartment and parking facility.
Tuesday, September 04, 2018	110	1908-09-04	Italian workers noted	According to "The Smithville News", around 300 Italians working in the quarries live in this region. It is estimated that no more than one of every ten Italian workers speak English.
Wednesday, September 05, 2018	83	1935-09-05	Dill purchases circus	Mrs. Nettie Dill purchases the formerly titled Gentry Brothers Dog and Pony Show from the Bays & Rice Brothers Circus Corporation. Dill paid \$5,470 for the circus.
Thursday, September 06, 2018	100	1918-09-06	Driving to church allowed	According to an interpretation placed on the request of the National Fuel Administration (NFA) to conserve gasoline, NFA Director Horace Herr rules that driving to church on Sunday does not fall under pleasure riding on Sunday ban and is therefore exempt from charges.
Friday, September 07, 2018	117	1901-09-07	First automobile owner	Vernon Marsters, IU Geology professor, is identified as the first owner of commercially built automobile is. He is seen driving his car on campus.



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Monday, September 10, 2018	55	1963-09-10	Ghost Government' of city charged	Democrats are charged with permitting a "ghost government" to run City Hall as a group of former Republican holders of city and county offices gathered for an informal campaign kickoff dinner in the Van Orman Hotel. The group, named "Club 21" several years ago by former Mayor Lemon, also pledges itself to get Chester Dunlap "out of the kitchen". Monroe Circuit Judge Nat U Hill, principal speaker at the dinner says, "we've got to get away from a ghost government and get a mayor in person -- someone to do more than promise economy."
Tuesday, September 11, 2018	96	1922-09-11	Catholic school opens	St. Charles Catholic School opens on the 2nd floor of the new church on the corner of Dunn and 3rd Street. The enrollment of the new school is 75 pupils.
Wednesday, September 12, 2018	89	1929-09-12	Bookmobile established	Announced by Bertha Ashby, Monroe County Library librarian, a truck service designed to expand the reach of the library throughout the county was put into operation earlier this week. The truck is purchased by the county, improved to accommodate approximately 330 books.
Thursday, September 13, 2018	50	1968-09-13	Annexation failure increases taxes	Mayor John H. Hooker says taxes are increasing due to an annexation failure. He claims citizens of Bloomington are paying county taxes that do not benefit the city, and that annex fights keep assessed valuation outside the city.
Friday, September 14, 2018	147	1871-09-14	First National Bank opens	The First National Bank opens with \$100,000 in assets.



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Monday, September 17, 2018	97	1921-09-17	Showers hires men only	Showers Brothers announces that it will employ men only, except in administrative positions.
Tuesday, September 18, 2018	108	1910-09-18	First Methodists dedicate new church	The First Methodist Church at 219 East Fourth Street is formally dedicated by Bishop William H. Anderson of Chattanooga, Tennessee. The total cost of the building is \$101,000. The money for the new church has already been provided. The estimated audience size is 2,300 people. This is the largest audience ever assembled in a Bloomington church. The new building reportedly cost \$101,046.93.
Wednesday, September 19, 2018	81	1937-09-19	Panthers win 7-0	During a football game, Russell Hardisty intercepts a pass behind his own goal line in the last 26 seconds of play and ran 101 yards for a touchdown to give the Panthers a 7-0 victory over Bloomfield.
Thursday, September 20, 2018	163	1855-09-20	Female College and Academy meets	The Bloomington Female College and Academy first meets in the Methodist Church.
Friday, September 21, 2018	73	1945-09-21	Importance of RCA Radio Proximity Fuze is revealed	The VT Fuze is manufactured by RCA Victor workers at the Bloomington and Camden RCA factories. The project's total cost is \$800,000,000. This technology is described as second only to the A-bomb. In the making of the fuze, 85% of the workers in the production were woman.



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Monday, September 24, 2018	40	1978-09-24	Frank Zappa performs	Rock legend Frank Zappa performs at Indiana University's Assembly Hall.
Tuesday, September 25, 2018	144	1874-09-25	WCTU formed	The Bloomington Women's Christian Temperance Union is organized on September 25, 1874 with Annie Wittenmyer as president. Their sole purpose is to prohibit the use alcoholic beverages and spread Christian values.
Wednesday, September 26, 2018	202	1816-09-26	First land sales in Bloomington	George Ritchey, George Hedrick, David Rogers, and Joseph Taylor purchase the first tracts of land in what will become the city of Bloomington.
Thursday, September 27, 2018	66	1952-09-27	PTA protests conditions at Poplar Grove	It is reported that the Parent-Teacher Association has demanded the improvement of Poplar Grove Elementary School. They protest the overcrowding of the school and bus, as well as the condition of the building. Bloomington township trustees have given the association supplies to repaint the school and promise to work on the overcrowding issue.
Friday, September 28, 2018	57	1961-09-28	Professional assessors to be hired	Bloomington Township Assessor Thestal Baugh and Perry Township Assessor Russell Duncan announce that assessment of business commercial and industrial properties in Monroe County's two largest townships may be done by a professional appraising firm. The two township assessors met with a representative of an industrial consultant firm and the county attorney to make final plans for a contract on the assessment.



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Monday, October 01, 2018	49	1969-10-01	Local Group Will Travel To D.C. To Push For Tower	Sometime in the month of October, 1969, two members of the Monroe County Airport Commission will go to Washington D.C. to lobby for a new control tower for Monroe County Airport. The group will meet with Representative John Myers of the FAA to discuss the condition of the traffic at the airport.
Tuesday, October 02, 2018	78	1940-10-02	RCA plant releases	The Evening World announces that the Bloomington RCA plant on south Rogers Street has manufactured over 100,000 radios and is currently employing 546 people.
Wednesday, October 03, 2018	56	1962-10-03	Judge kills one unit school plan	In an unprecedented Indiana court decision on the school reorganization, Special Judge Edwin B. Long issues a permanent injunction against the Monroe County School Reorganization Committee, prohibiting the committee from 'any further action to implement their final comprehensive plan' for a one unit school system.
Thursday, October 04, 2018	52	1966-10-04	I.U. purchases campus bus line	Today Indiana University announces the purchase of facilities serving the Bloomington campus area to guarantee continued operation of the bus service. The Bloomington Transit Company retains its franchise for service to the remainder of the city.
Friday, October 05, 2018	82	1936-10-05	Thieves steal IU policeman's car	Thieves steal an automobile that belonged to the head of Indiana University Police, Walter Peterson.



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Monday, October 08, 2018	105	1913-10-08	James Whitcomb Riley visits	As a special guest of Indiana University, author and poet James Whitcomb Riley visits Bloomington for a convocation, faculty luncheon, and a parade of school children. Riley received an honorary degree. Also in attendance was Meredith Nicholson and H.H. Howland, literary editor of the Bobbs-Merrill Company.
Tuesday, October 09, 2018	189	1829-10-09	Wylie arrives in Bloomington	On this afternoon, Andrew Wylie and his family arrive in Bloomington by barouche so that he can take over as president of the Indiana College. Trustees, county officials, professional men, ordinary citizens, students, and military men come to escort the president into town. They have a grand feast to greet the president, followed by an official illumination of candles.
Wednesday, October 10, 2018	163	1855-10-10	First Monroe County Fair	The Monroe County Agricultural Society holds its first annual fair.
Thursday, October 11, 2018	88	1930-10-11	Boy Scout breaks world record	Bloomington Boy Scout Oliver Brown breaks world record for fire kindling. Brown kindled fire in two and two-fifths seconds. The official world record is four seconds.
Friday, October 12, 2018	83	1935-10-12	Cub Scouts organized	Louis Becovitz announces that a Cub Scouts group, a subset of Boy Scouts, will be organized.



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Monday, October 15, 2018	55	1963-10-15	City accepts aid	The City Council approves to accept a \$131,500 federal grant to help finance the construction of a \$281,000 Bloomington trash incinerator.
Tuesday, October 16, 2018	23	1995-10-16	HoosierNet goes online	HoosierNet goes online to serve the Bloomington and Monroe County community with at cost internet. It will operate from the third floor of the Monroe County Public Library (MCPL).
Wednesday, October 17, 2018	78	1940-10-17	FDR Jr. speaks	10,000 people attend the Democratic rally in the Bloomington High School gym to hear Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. 5,313 men register for selective service at the rally.
Thursday, October 18, 2018	56	1962-10-18	IU grad wins Nobel Prize	James Dewey Watson an Indiana University graduate today received the Nobel Prize in Medicine and Physiology for his research into DNA.
Friday, October 19, 2018	33	1985-10-19	Ray Charles' plane crashes in Bloomington	A private plane carrying Ray Charles runs off a Monroe County Airport runway during heavy rain, landing Charles and the 28 members of his entourage about 300 feet north of the runway in a cornfield. Charles is unharmed and only one person, the pilot, is admitted to Bloomington hospital. Charles was scheduled to perform at the IU auditorium with B.J. Thomas, but because the instruments and equipment were not allowed off the plane pending Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board investigations, Thomas did the show alone.



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Monday, October 22, 2018	88	1930-10-20	Count on Me Reserves initiates	A candle-lighting ceremony is held to initiate members of the newly formed Count on Me Reserves. This organization serves as an African American branch of the Blue Triangle club for girls at Bloomington High School.
Tuesday, October 23, 2018	78	1940-10-23	Gas burned out	18 "bleeding" gas lines are set on fire to burn out the artificial gas from city gas mains before the natural gas is sent in.
Wednesday, October 24, 2018	59	1959-10-24	Billy Graham visits Bloomington	Evangelist Reverend Dr. Billy Graham travels to Bloomington as part of his "Indianapolis Crusade." He speaks to the public at the Indiana University Auditorium.
Thursday, October 25, 2018	47	1971-10-25	New Jewish Center opens	The new Jewish Center on Third Street opens to the public today. The University Jewish Community has been working since 1966 to establish their own community center.
Friday, October 26, 2018	81	1937-10-26	Bombs mark community chest drive	During the first three hours of Bloomington's community chest drive nearly \$3,000 is pledged. An explosion of bombs on the court house lawn marks the start of the campaign and each time a thousand dollars is reached in pledges.



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Monday, October 29, 2018	81	1937-10-29	All-city Halloween party	Men, women, and children attend the three hour, Bloomington all-city Halloween party for 1937, staged down town under the auspices of the WPA Recreation Center.
Tuesday, October 30, 2018	41	1977-10-30	Grateful Dead performs	The Grateful Dead plays for four and a half hours at Indiana University's Assembly Hall.
Wednesday, October 31, 2018	91	1927-10-31	Carmichael records "Stardust"	Bloomington songwriter Hoagy Carmichael records his famous tune "Stardust", then called "Star Dust," at the legendary Gennett Records in Richmond, Indiana.
Thursday, November 01, 2018	66	1952-11-01	RCA To Expand Its Plant Here	The Bloomington RCA Victor plant announces they will begin expansion construction of 175,000 added square feet. This will help to fill the need for more television assembly and storage. It will be complete summer of 1953 and will require 1,000 or more new workers.
Friday, November 02, 2018	188	1830-11-02	Monroe County slave emancipated in 1830	Richard B. McCorkle, living in Monroe County, emancipates a slave named Michael, whom had been willed to McCorkle by his father, living in Tennessee at the time. Michael is 22 years old, and accompanies McCorkle to Illinois in 1831.



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Monday, November 05, 2018	45	1973-11-05	First official 911 call to police	Mayor Frank McCloskey makes the first emergency call to the police switchboard using the new "911" number.
Tuesday, November 06, 2018	101	1917-11-06	Female workers get lockers	Showers Brothers employee newsletter "Shop Notes" includes information that the women at the factory are occupying a fine new locker room large enough to accommodate 60 girls.
Wednesday, November 07, 2018	167	1851-11-07	Smithville Established	Smithville, located in Section 3 of Clear Creek Township and along the route of the new railroad, is laid out and mapped. Mansfield Bennett and George Smith organized the platting of Smithville.
Thursday, November 08, 2018	83	1935-11-08	High school forfeits victories	The Bloomington High School football team forfeits three victories because an ineligible player was used.
Friday, November 09, 2018	50	1968-11-09	BHS Football is perfect	Bloomington High School closes out their football season with a perfect 10-0 record.



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Monday, November 12, 2018	99	1919-11-12	Cullen arrested again	Police arrest Fay Cullen at Dunn and Ninth Streets for running a "blind tiger on wheels". They confiscate 18 quarts of whiskey that he had traveled with to deliver to an unknown customer. Cullen is a former Indiana University student who was arrested last June for running a "blind tiger" in his room, for which he was charged with a \$250 fine and three months at the penal farm. In June Police raid former Indiana University student Fay Cullen's rooming place and confiscate over 500 quarts of whisky. Cullen is charged with running a "blind tiger". He employs W. M. Louden and R. G. Miller as his attorneys.
Tuesday, November 13, 2018	85	1933-11-13	Arson suspected in fires	Arson is suspected in the Metzger-Black Lumber Company fire, as well as, the other recent fires because there have been 6 fires in 5 days. State safety Director Al G. Feeney has sent Joseph Scherer to investigate the fires.
Wednesday, November 14, 2018	55	1963-11-14	Excise police order removal of machines	State Excise Police, operating out of Terre Haute, order five Bloomington organizations to remove 'electronic machines' from the premises. Lt. Clarence McCullough, in charge of excise department operations in the Terre Haute District (including Monroe County) says the order resulted from routine periodic inspections. He states that these machines, which are generally considered gaming devices (specifically pinball machines), were found at the American Legion Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Eagles, Moose and Elk Lodges.
Thursday, November 15, 2018	105	1913-11-15	McCalla sends suicide note to newspaper	Samuel McCalla, 72, a veteran of the Civil War, sends a suicide note to "The Bloomington Telephone", stating that his health is poor and life is burdensome. "I am only a speck in the ocean of humanity where all have gone and all must go to be the nothing that I was ere born to live and living woe. Farewell." The next day, Sunday, McCalla shoots himself in the front yard of the McCalla home, east of town. The GAR organization begins making funeral arrangements.
Friday, November 16, 2018	57	1961-11-16	Sheriff stops taking cash	Sheriff Clifford Kinser announces that cash bonds will no longer be accepted at the jail, in compliance with an order made by a grand jury. Kinser states that people arrested will have to post bond with the court in which they are charged.



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Monday, November 19, 2018	81	1937-11-19	Biggest radio broadcast in Bloomington	Indiana University presents the biggest radio broadcast ever held from Bloomington. It is played from coast to coast and three Bloomington locals, Dick Hasket, Dan Sherwood, and Vera Mae Massey, participate.
Tuesday, November 20, 2018	47	1971-11-20	Chicago performs	Rock group Chicago performs for 17,500 fans at IU's Assembly Hall on Saturday, November 20th, 1971. The band is promoting a new four-record live album, recorded at Carnegie Hall in April of 1970.
Wednesday, November 21, 2018	62	1956-11-21	GAR room re-purposed	It is announced that all organizations using the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Hall in the courthouse are required to yield that space within 60 days due to the Department of Public Welfare, who is taking over that space.
Thursday, November 22, 2018	81	1937-11-22	Don Lash defeats American track record	Don Lash, Indiana University distance runner, defeats the American record for four miles on the Michigan State college track.
Friday, November 23, 2018	88	1930-11-23	Authorities seize still	In a raid by city and county authorities, Frank Adkins is arrested and the largest still ever found in Monroe County is seized. The still was about six miles southeast of Bloomington, in a ravine close to the Snoddy school house.



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Monday, November 26, 2018	128	1890-11-26	Quarry to be opened	A stone quarry is opened on the site of the Dolan factory, on the railroad west of Showers' factory. W.W. Wicks, John Waldron, Showers Bros. and John C. Dolan are partners.
Tuesday, November 27, 2018	50	1968-11-27	RCA helps hospital fund	RCA pledges \$175,000 to the Bloomington Hospital Building Fund, pushing the fund to \$1.8 million.
Wednesday, November 28, 2018	88	1930-11-28	Cascade amusement park burns	The Cascade Amusement Park burns down, leaving only charred ruins.
Thursday, November 29, 2018	113	1905-11-29	Bloomington Hospital Opens	The Local Council of Women declare the new hospital, located at First and Rogers Streets, ready for occupancy. A large brick building, along with 4 1/2 acres of land, was purchased from Isaac Hopewell and remodeled for hospital use.
Friday, November 30, 2018	108	1910-11-30	Phi Lambda Theta organized	Pi Lambda Theta, a national and professional association designed to recognize women of superior scholastic achievement, is founded.



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Monday, December 03, 2018	61	1957-12-03	Lutz charges payoffs went to water men	Mayor Thomas L. Lemon announces that a special meeting of the Board of Public Works today will address charges of pay offs to Bloomington Water Department employees for free hook-ons in Sunny Slopes Addition. "We have a sworn statement from an ex-superintendent of the Sunny Slopes Development completely repudiating charges made against Water Department employees yesterday," the mayor added.
Tuesday, December 04, 2018	104	1914-12-04	Bloomington High School Dedicated	A new brick structure with a capacity of 600 students is dedicated as the new Bloomington High School. The school is located at 2nd and Walnut Streets.
Wednesday, December 05, 2018	116	1902-12-05	Poor farm superintendent adopts son	Superintendent Rice adopts and brings home the three-year-old son of one of the farm's former inmates.
Thursday, December 06, 2018	50	1968-12-06	Dr. Baker opens dental practice	Donald W. Baker, DDS, announces he is opening a children's dentistry.
Friday, December 07, 2018	103	1915-12-07	Benjamin Banneker School opens	New segregated elementary school for African-American students opens with 93 students and 3 teachers.



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Monday, December 10, 2018	56	1962-12-10	Mrs. Hill named to GOP post	Mrs. Margaret C. Hill, wife of Circuit Judge Nat U. Hill is unanimously elected vice chairman of the Monroe County Republican Party at a re-organizational meeting. Mrs. Hill succeeds Mrs. Ruth Quarles, who announced her resignation Saturday.
Tuesday, December 11, 2018	63	1955-12-11	Trio of spleunkers rescued	The cave-in occurred at 3pm involving Air Force personnel and IU students Robert Jordan, Larry Cooke, and Barbara Reahard. Bill Sparks and Jim Glatz, members of the advance rescue team, saved the trapped students.
Wednesday, December 12, 2018	82	1936-12-12	IU installs telephone system	Indiana University installs a new telephone system on campus.
Thursday, December 13, 2018	170	1848-12-13	Hill appointed Librarian	At a library board meeting William F. Browning resigns as librarian and Addison Hill is appointed to replace him, as long as he can also use the library room as a Dentist's Shop.
Friday, December 14, 2018	100	1918-12-14	Appeal to help sick	County Clerk Joseph M. Campbell appeals to the public to look upon their neighbors and provide aid to those who suffer from the influenza (flu), esp. as few nurses are available. Campbell reports "I know of one case where nine were down at once; another where both parents and two children were down and third and last child dead." Volunteers, including those who can spend the night with those who are sick, are asked to contact Mrs. Mary Waldron at the Red Cross.



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Monday, December 17, 2018	87	1931-12-17	Waldron receives award	Mary Waldron, social worker and humanitarian, is dubbed "The First Citizen of Bloomington" by the Kiwanis Club for outstanding welfare work.
Tuesday, December 18, 2018	81	1937-12-18	Historical society organized	The Monroe County Historical Society is formally organized and Robert G. Miller, local attorney, is named the head of the society.
Wednesday, December 19, 2018	55	1963-12-19	Mall construction scheduled	Development company Bloomington Sears-Town announce plans to start construction within the next 60 days of a new enclosed, heated and air conditioned mall shopping center, which will be located on the east side of Bloomington on State Road 46 and the By-Pass. The new mall shopping center will be known as College Mall and consist of approximately 225,000 square feet of Sears, Roebuck and Company and the H.P. Wasson Company. Bloomington Sears-Town has retained Melvin Simon and Associates of Indianapolis, who managed the original Eastland Plaza Shopping Center, will be in charge of leasing.
Thursday, December 20, 2018	90	1928-12-20	Dedication of National Guard Armory	Officers of Battery D announce that the dedication of Bloomington's new National Guard Armory is tentatively set for January 11th. More than a half million dollars' worth of government equipment is stored there.
Friday, December 21, 2018	46	1972-12-21	County Farm Park gets grant	The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, of the Department of Interior, gives County Farm Park a federal grant of \$42,280.



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Monday, December 24, 2018	82	1936-12-24	1000 children participate	One thousand children take part in a Christmas program on the Monroe County Court house lawn.
Tuesday, December 25, 2018	129	1889-12-25	Mechanics' Band Christmas performance	Bloomington's Mechanics' Band performs in the court house yard and offers the public a Christmas Day program.
Wednesday, December 26, 2018	50	1968-12-26	Black Market store firebombed	Black Market, store catered to the needs of African Americans in Bloomington and located on the corner of Dunn and Kirkwood, is firebombed on the night of December 26th by a man in a grey trench coat and his getaway driver. The mostly wooden structure quickly burns down.
Thursday, December 27, 2018	117	1901-12-27	Carnegie promises \$15,000 for library	After inquiries by Mrs. Charles L. Simmons and Mrs. Mary Brodix, Carnegie promises \$15,000 for library if city will support it with \$1,500 a year. This offer was not accepted.
Friday, December 28, 2018	57	1961-12-28	Petition aims to halt urban renewal	George Rose files a petition with Monroe Circuit Court for an injunction to halt further progress on urban renewal in the city's northwest section. The petition for a temporary injunction, which could be followed by a permanent injunction, was filed on behalf of Letha J. Salyers. Mrs. Salyers is a property owner in the Project One urban redevelopment area and her name appears on a list of people who indicated they did not want to sell their homes, according to Charles Goddard, former member of the Committee to Protect Property Rights.



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Monday, December 31, 2018	197	1821-12-31	Monroe County boundary change	Land purchased under the Indian Treaty of St. Mary's in 1818 opens a portion of the county north and east of the "Ten o'clock Line" which had been the original boundary. The added land is opened for settlement.
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