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Note: Newspaper titles, including the ones listed here, undergo name changes throughout the years.

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Note: There are known gaps in some titles which ProQuest will make an effort to fill.

Indiana Motor Speedway (Aug 1909): The Indianapolis Motor Speedway was constructed in 1909 and is home to the Indianapolis 500 and the Verizon 200, and formerly home of the United States Grand Prix. It is the largest sports venue in the world.

Indianapolis streetcar strike (Nov 1913): On October 31st, 1913, the union employees of Indianapolis Tracton & Terminal Company went on strike. The company provided public transit in Indianapolis. A riot broke out on November 2nd and lasted for four days when strikebreakers tried to restart transit services.

Ida Husted Harper (Aug 1916): Ida Husted Harper grew up in Muncie, Indiana and was an American author, journalist, columnist, and suffragist. She wrote for numerous newspapers across the U.S. on women’s issues.

Governor Paul V. McNutt (Sep 1935): Paul V. McNutt was Governor of Indiana from 1933–1937. McNutt declared martial law in 11 coal-mining counties where unions were on strike on three different occasions.

Amelia Earhart (Nov 1935): Amelia Earhart joined the Purdue University faculty in 1935. In 1937, the Purdue Research Foundation provided funding for her round-the-world flight.

Middletown Studies (Apr 1937): In the 1920s, Robert and Helen Lynd did a study on Muncie, Indiana and was an American author, journalist, columnist, and suffragist. Their findings were published in their book Middletown: A Study in Contemporary American Culture (1929). The Lynd’s did a second round of research and published Middletown in Transition: A Study in Cultural Conflicts in 1937.
Ku Klux Klan (Nov 1946): In the first half of the 20th century, Muncie became a center of Ku Klux Klan activity. In the 1920s, Muncie’s Klan membership is estimated to have been 3,500 members.

Frog Baby Statue (Oct 1993): In addition to the Ball Corporation, the Ball brothers also bought the Indiana Normal Institute – now known as Ball State University – from foreclosure. The Frog Baby statue is a well-known art installation on campus that is a sign of good luck and a popular meeting place. There are legends and traditions associated with the statue—such as rubbing its nose for good luck. In 1993, the statue was sent to be restored because the nose had worn away. Students no longer rub its nose, but instead dress the statue in seasonally appropriate clothes and accessories.

The Ball Corporation (Jul 1975): The Ball Corporation arrived in Muncie in 1888 during the Indiana gas boom. The Ball Corporation is most well known for making glass jars for canning, but have also branched out into other areas such as aerospace technology. The Ball Corporation is a large employer for the area.

1968 Explosion (Apr 1968): On April 6th, 1968, there was a double explosion in Richmond, Indiana. The first explosion was caused from leaking natural gas from faulty transmission lines, and the second explosion was caused by gunpowder being set off from inside the building above the faulty transmission lines. 41 people were killed and more than 150 were injured.

World War II (Oct 1945): Purdue University contributed to war-related research. In addition to training and other research, physicists at Purdue discovered the properties of germanium that led to the construction of the first transistor.

Crispus Attucks Basketball Championship (Mar 1955): In 1955, the Crispus Attucks High School basketball team became the first team from an all-black high school in America to win an integrated state basketball championship. The team won the championship game again in 1956.