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A day in Flint History



1960 & 1962: John F. Kennedy visits Flint

By the 1960s, Flint had become a stopping place for touring candidates for national office.

John F. Kennedy, the Democratic nominee for president, came to Atwood Stadium during the 1960 campaign. In October 1962 he returned as president, campaigning on behalf of state Democratic candidates. During the 1962 visit, he addressed a crowd from the courtyard of the Flint Municipal Center.

At one point, he offered solace

to a police officer who fell from his motorcycle and was injured during the motorcade. The assassinations of President Kennedy, and later his brother, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, and civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., brought shock and anguish to Flint citizens. Schools were named for President Kennedy and for King.

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