

\$550,000 BOND ISSUE

for

PROPOSED NEW SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI

To be voted Friday, May 25, 1928

*** This plan, suggested by your Board of Education, will provide for the citizens of University City, when completed, one of the finest Senior High School equipments in the Middle West, at a remarkably low cost.

KEEP UNIVERSITY CITY SCHOOLS AT THE TOP

To the Citizens of UNIVERSITY CITY -

IN THE judgment of your Board of Education, the time has come when the citizens should provide through a bond issue for a well-planned modern Senior High School to meet the rapidly growing population demands of our City. This plan contemplates the erection of the first unit of a Senior High School building to be completed by September 1, 1929. The building now jointly used by the Junior and Senior High Schools will be absolutely necessary at that time for the accommodation of the Junior High School pupils alone.

☐ The members of your Board of Education present herewith the results of an exhaustive study made by them during the past three years and recommends that the citizens authorize them to proceed by voting the \$550,000 bond issue to be submitted to them for their approval at a special bond election to be held Friday, May 25, 1928.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI

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Growth in Population and Assessed Values

In 1920 the Government Census showed 6700 population in University City. In 1925 this had increased to 25,000 people. It is now estimated that our population is in excess of 35,000. Further increase in population will undoubtedly follow more adequate transportation facilities, plans for which are now being studied by the St. Louis Public Service Company. Our growth is likewise reflected in the rise in assessed values of all taxable property in our School District, which for 1920 was \$8,830,740, for 1924 was \$24,665,649.62, for 1926 was \$32,163,811, and it is estimated that 1927 will be in excess of \$35,000,000.

Growth in School Enumeration and Enrollment

The school enumeration taken in the spring of each year showed in 1923 a school population of 2081, whereas four years later this figure had practically doubled, showing 3968 children of school age living in the School District.

The same situation had taken place in the actual enrollment in our schools, being 1593 pupils in the school year 1922-23 and 3062 pupils in the present school year. The number of teachers and supervisors has doubled in the same period.

High Schools Now Overcrowded

In 1922-23 we had 286 children in our high school. With the development of the Junior High School plan we have now in the high school buildings 1100 pupils, approximately 450 belonging to the Senior High School. This has so crowded our high schools that we have been compelled to rent two additional classrooms in the former Lewis Publishing Company building. Next September our Senior High School population will jump to 560 pupils, or 110 more than at present, and we will have to secure at least two more classrooms outside our High School Building, making four in all. The Junior High School is also growing rapidly and will soon require for its own use all this space now serving both high schools. The need for a new Senior High School Building by September, 1929, is therefore most imperative.

This Situation Anticipated

Fortunately, five years ago the then members of your Board of Education purchased a very wonderful site at one of the highest points in University City, the intersection of Jackson Boulevard and Balson Avenue. This site, consisting of 28 acres, was purchased for the remarkably low price of \$59,800, which has been fully paid. It is worth three times that amount today. It is ideal for a modern high school building. It also provides a natural athletic field at its northwest corner, where provision can be made for baseball, football, and various track and field events at slight additional expense.

The map on page four shows how near the geographical center of our City this high school will be and a few short years, together with extended car and bus service, will make it the population center as well.

The Proposed Senior High School

The intersection of Jackson Boulevard and Balson Avenue commands one of the most magnificent views in St. Louis County and an admirable location for the main entrance of our new Senior High School.

This bond issue will provide for approximately one-half of the building shown on page one. This will be sufficient, in our judgment, to take care of our high school needs for several years. It is planned to finally take care of approximately 2000 pupils, and, in our judgment, every inch of the space will ultimately be required.

Plan Is Result of Exhaustive Study

The Board of Education, in conjunction with the Architects, Messrs. Ferrand & Fitch and Trueblood & Graf, have inspected other high school plants and made an exhaustive study of the requirements of modern senior high schools. We believe this building has been designed to provide the citizens with a very beautiful and practical high school embodying every essential detail and free from unnecessary items of expense. It will require one year after the letting of contracts to complete the building.

The Bond Issue

This bond issue will provide funds sufficient to complete approximately one-half of this building and for at least one additional grade school site. The Board can secure an excellent price for bonds bearing 4¼% coupons when same are offered at public auction after the bonds are voted. A portion of these bonds will mature each year, as do our other bonds, so that, while we increase our debt by this bond issue, we are each year also decreasing our debt through annual payments on all our issues.

Will Not Increase Taxes

Due to the continuing rapid increase in population and assessed values already referred to, the voting of these bonds will not increase your taxes for school purposes. The hundreds of new homes and buildings being added each year create additional sources of revenue that help us keep the tax rate down in spite of our necessarily heavy building program. The tax rate for 1928, if the bonds carry, will be \$1.40, the same rate as last year.

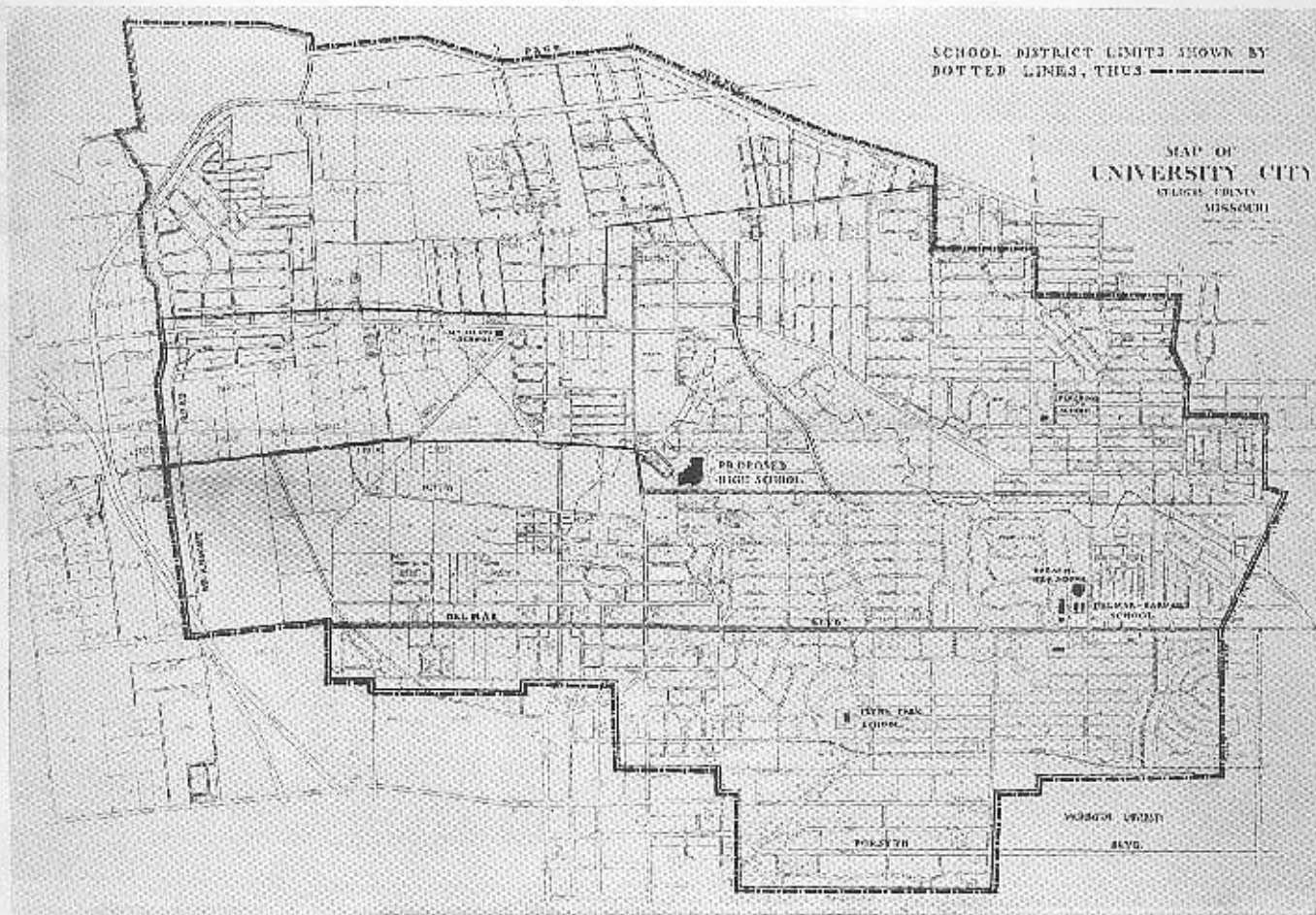
Who Can Vote

Any person over the age of 21 years is entitled to vote who has lived in the State one year, the County 60 days, and the University City School District 30 days, provided he is a citizen of the United States. You do not need to be registered. The polls will be open at 7 A. M. and remain open until 6 P. M., and will be located at the following polling places:

- FIRST WARD— CITY HALL, 6618 Delmar Boulevard.
FLYNN PARK SCHOOL, 7215 Waterman Avenue.
SECOND WARD—HARVARD SCHOOL, on Harvard Avenue, North of Delmar Boulevard.
THIRD WARD— PERSHING SCHOOL, Burtmer and Ferguson Avenues.
MOUNT OLIVE SCHOOL, 7966 Olive Street Road.

We solicit your vote in favor of this bond issue and your co-operation in securing the two-thirds majority necessary to carry the issue and thus keep University City Schools at the top.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF UNIVERSITY CITY



*This map of University City shows
the proposed Senior High School
and its relation to our other schools,
the boundaries of the city, etc.*