

# Maplewood Business District:

## A Century Of Prosperity



### Citizens Bank

- 1915—Citizens National Bank opened its doors at 7305 Manchester
- 1928—Route 66, aka Manchester Road, was completed. Citizens celebrated 13 years at home in Maplewood.
- Photo in 1940's shows original bank building façade (left).
- Citizens Bank offered the first walk-up and drive-up window service this side of the Mississippi.
- A fixture in Maplewood for many decades, located at the corner of Manchester and Oakview Terrace, this beautiful old building has a new, contemporary face.
- There is an actual plaque located on the Southside of the 7300 block of Manchester paying tribute to the bank.



### Empire Supply Company

- In 1931, William Loomstein, the founder of Empire Supply Company, began living the American Dream with the opening of his family business at 7286 Manchester.
- Empire Supply Company opened its doors within a month of the Empire State Building in New York, which is where the business derived its name.
- Empire Supply Company is a commercial and residential retailer of windows, glass doors and window supplies.
- Gwynn Loomstein, successful business woman, has maintained an essential role in the family owned and operated business.
- Over time Empire Supply has changed its look and its stock to serve its customers from all over the St. Louis region.



### Scheidt True Value Hardware

- In 1905, Emil Scheidt and his bride Rosa (nee Wohlwend) opened Wohlwend Hardware at 7277 Manchester.
- True Value moved to its current location at 7320 Manchester (originally the Maplewood Theatre) in 1916.
- Today the store remains family-owned with the third generation of Scheidt running the store, now called Scheidt True Value Hardware.
- When browsing through the store, if you look closely, you can see the marks on the walls where the floor was leveled to convert the theatre into a hardware store.

