

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

Oklahoma Historic Preservation Survey, Oklahoma State University, 502 Math-Science Bldg., Stillwater, OK 74078

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CATOOSA GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: East Oak and South Bluff Streets in Catoosa, Oklahoma 040, Rogers County 131

CLASSIFICATION: building; public; public acquisition--N/A; occupied; unrestricted; present use--recreational

OWNER: Catoosa Board of Education, Drawer A, Catoosa, OK 74015

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Rogers County Courthouse, Claremore, OK 74017

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

This gymnasium/auditorium is a single-story, rectangular (135' x 88') structure constructed of brick. Its masonry is running bond. The roof is flat with parapets. The entrance is of an art deco flavor with pilasters. The building has since been painted red. The windows have partial wood inserts and more energy-efficient windows have been inserted as well. The alterations do not impeach the integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1938; builder/architect: unknown

As a WPA project, the construction of this gymnasium provided work for destitute laborers. In March of 1938, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners stated that construction of the gym "benefitted merchants and enhanced property values" in the area. It enabled the WPA to infuse wages of some 99,100 man-hours of labor into Catoosa's economy. The gymnasium/auditorium is unique in terms of type, style, and scale. The structure also enhanced recreational opportunities in the area.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Catoosa, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lot 1 in Block 32, Catoosa original.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 126-a; 126-b