

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

HENRYETTA FOOTBALL FIELDHOUSE/FENCE

LOCATION: Henryetta, Oklahoma 040, Okmulgee County 111

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

OWNER: Henryetta Board of Education, Box 130, Henryetta, OK 74437

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Okmulgee County Courthouse, Okmulgee, OK 74447

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The field house at Henryetta has two dressing rooms, each measuring 36' x 22' that are connected by an arched entrance with two ticket booths. The total structure, including the archway, is 82 feet across and is constructed of poured concrete. The roof is flat with parapets. All doors are framed with concrete. There are small, square windows near the eaves. The front has been painted gold, and football players are painted on each dressing room. The back and sides are painted white.

The rock fence is attached to each side of the fieldhouse. One side measures 225 feet and is eight feet tall. It is constructed of cut and rusticated native stone of buff color that is randomly laid. A new grandstand and a new dressing room have been added to this football field. These alterations do not impeach the integrity of the structures.

SIGNIFICANCE: Fieldhouse-1938, Stone Fence-1935; builder/architect: unknown

Construction of this recreational facility and stone fence provided badly-needed jobs for unskilled and unemployed laborers and miners who needed some economic security and infused wages of some 104,000 man-hours of labor into Henryetta's locals economy. It also enhanced recreational opportunities in the area. Architecturally, the fence and fieldhouse are unique in terms of type, scale, and workmanship. The fieldhouse is particularly unique because of the concrete materials. This was the only WPA project in Okmulgee County constructed of poured concrete.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Three acres

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

UTM: 15 329780 3925470

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The fieldhouse and fence are located 1560 feet east and 1248 feet south of the northeast corner of the SW 1/4, Sec. 7, T 11 N, R 13 E , and goes east 312 feet, south 416 feet, west 312 feet, and north 416 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 84-a; 84-b; 84-c