

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

LENAPAH GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: On Old State Highway 169, Lenapah, Oklahoma 040, Nowata County 105; SW 1/4, Sec. 6, T 27 N, R 16 E.

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

OWNER: Lenapah Board of Education, Box 157, Lenapah, OK 74042

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Nowata County Courthouse, Nowata, OK 74048

DESCRIPTION: good condition; altered; original site

The gym is a single-story, rectangular (105' x 74') structure of cut, coarsed, beaded, and rusticated native stone. The roof is arched in the center of the building and flat on the surrounding area. All sections of the roof contain parapets. The front and back of the building have a stepped gable and pilasters that give the gym an art deco emphasis. The windows have red brick lentils, and some windows are covered with boards, while others are filled in with concrete blocks. A concrete building has been added to the front of the gym. These alterations impeach the architectural integrity of the building.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1935; builder/architect: unknown

Few structures in Lenapah could be compared to the scale of this gym. It is unique in type, art deco style, and workmanship. This project also provided work for destitute laborers in the area during the depth of the depression, and provided a place for recreational activities for students at the Lenapah School and the community.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: undetermined

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: All that part of Union Traction Route of the SE of the SW 1/4 of Sec.6, T 27 N, R 16 E, specifically, from th 4-way stop on old state highway 169 in Lenapah, go south 1/2 mile then west 90 feet to a point of beginning, 105 feet west, 74 feet south, 105 feet east, and 74 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: none