

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

CADDO HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: McPherson and First Street, Caddo, Oklahoma 040, Bryan County 013

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

OWNER: Caddo Board of Education, Box 128, Caddo, OK 74729

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Bryan County Courthouse, Durant, OK 74701

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Caddo High School gym and auditorium is a single story, rectangular (111' x 62') structure constructed of untooled and uncoursed native stone. Mortar is beaded; exterior walls, with pilasters on the front, are capped with pre-formed concrete; the roof is arched with parapets; large openings with concrete sills and lintels have window placement by twos and threes. On the east front, entry doors set behind an arcade with a roof. Arches in the arcade have been enclosed with concrete blocks; nevertheless the architectural integrity of the building remains unimpeached.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1938-1940; builder/architect: unknown

The gym/auditorium is significant because its construction provided work opportunities and some economic security for unskilled and unemployed laborers, especially agricultural laborers, in the Caddo area during the depth of the depression. The building also provided a place for school-wide and community-wide activities, especially basketball competition. The latter fostered a sense of identity and pride not widely known in the region. Architecturally the gym/auditorium is unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Caddo South, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 17 and 18, Katy Heights Addition, Caddo original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 11-A, 11-B