

OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

MEAD SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Mead, Oklahoma 040, Bryan County 013; Sec. 30, T 6 S, R 8 E

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

OWNER: Mr. Warner Shay, Mead, OK 73449

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

DESCRIPTION: fair condition; altered; original site

The Mead gym and auditorium is a single story, high ceiling, rectangular (115' x 68') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof is arched with parapets; windows, with continuous sills and lintels on the front, are metal encased. An extension from the front facade enclosed the main entryway. Some window openings have been closed with plywood sheets, but the architectural integrity of the building remains intact.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1939; builder/architect: unknown

Architecturally the gym/auditorium is unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. It is also significant because construction of it permitted unskilled and unemployed agricultural laborers in the Meade area to have work where none had previously existed and because it provided a place for school and community-wide activities, especially basketball competition. The latter fostered a sense of identity and pride not widely known in the region earlier.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

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

UTM: 14 730165 3764600

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From where Church Street intersects U.S. highway No. 70 (the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 30, T 6 S, R 8 E), go east 208.71 feet to a point of beginning, then go north 298.71 feet, then east 135.71 feet, then south 298.71, and then west 135.71 feet.

PICTURE REFERENCE: 21-A, 21-B