OKLAHOMA LANDMARKS INVENTORY NOMINATION

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

SOURCE OF NOMINATION: Contract Survey

PONTOTOC GYMNASIUM

LOCATION: Vicinity of Tishomingo, Oklahoma 040, Johnston County 069

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

OWNER: Pontotoc Community, Pontotoc Rural Route, Tishomingo, OK 73460

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Johnston County Courthouse, Tishomingo, OK 73460

DESCRIPTION: excellent condition; altered; original site

The Pontotoc Gymnasium is a single-story, rectangular (95' x 82') structure constructed of rusticated granite randomly laid. The roof is hipped, and window openings have pre-formed concrete sills and lintels. Entry to the gym is through a rectangular extension to the main structure. The extension has a flat roof with parapets, two singly placed sash windows on either side, decorative rock work and an entryway recessed behind a stone arch with a Keystone. Wood inserts in all windows in the gym proper do not impeach the architectural integrity of the structure.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1937-1939; builder/architect: unknown

Architecturally the Pontotoc Gymnasium is unique for its extended entryway. WPA-constructed gyms generally have no similar feature. Within the community the structure is notable for its construction materials, scale, type and workmanship. Masonry is particularly good. Significantly the gymnasium enabled the Pontotoc school system to participate in intervarsity sports, adding an important dimension to the curriculum as well as a source of community pride and spirit. Construction also permitted destitute workers in this rural region to find useful employment and a measure of economic security.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: Less than one acre

Quadrangle: Connerville NE, Okla.
1:24,000/7.5 min.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Lots 1-8, Block 24, Pontotoc original

PICTURE REFERENCE: 28-a; 28-b