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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

Historic name Wenatchee Fire Station #1

Other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 136 S. Chelan Avenue _____ not for publication

city or town Wenatchee _____ vicinity

State Washington code WA county Chelan code 007 zip code 98801

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] _____ Date 7/21/04

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
____ See continuation sheet
- determined eligible for the National Register.
____ See continuation sheet
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other (explain:)

[Signature] _____ Signature of the Keeper Date of Action 9/10/04

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- 1 building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not incl. previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Non-Contributing	
1		buildings
		sites
	1	structures
		objects
1	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

n/a

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

None

6. Functions or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

GOVERNMENT : Fire Station

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

GOVERNMENT : Fire Station

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH & 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS:

Beaux Arts

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Brick

roof Asphalt

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE
 POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

Period of Significance

1929

Significant Dates:

1929

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Solberg, Ludwig O. (Architect)
 Colonial Construction Co. (Builder)

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property.)

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

Primary location of additional data:

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record# _____

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

City of Wenatchee Historic Preservation Office

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property Less than one acre.

UTM References

(Place additional UTM References on a continuation sheet.)

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2								4					
	Zone	Easting			Northing				Zone	Easting			Northing

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property)

The nominated site is located in Section 10, of Township 22, Range 20, in Chelan County, Washington, and is legally described as Lots 1- 4 and 31 - 34 in Block 24 & the south half of Lot 5 in Block 24, in Great Northern Amended Addition. It is otherwise identified as Parcel # 222010590188, in the said location.

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The nominated property encompasses the entire urban tax lot that is occupied by the Wenatchee Fire Station No 1.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization City of Wenatchee date February 18, 2004
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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets**Maps**

- A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner (Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name City of Wenatchee, Mayor's Office (Dennis Johnson)
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

The Wenatchee Fire Station No1 is located in the heart of downtown Wenatchee, Washington on the northwest corner of Yakima Street and Chelan Avenue. The station is across from the federal courthouse and police station and plays a key role defining a core group of civic buildings in the community. The building was designed by Ludwig Solberg a prominent local architect in the Beaux Arts style.

Site:

The Fire Station sits on a rectangular corner lot facing Chelan Avenue to the northeast. The lot slopes slightly from front to rear. Landscaping is limited to the south side of the building where a lawn and two yew trees bracket the corners of the building on the side elevation. The station sits approximately 10 feet from the east property line and 8 feet back from the Yakima Street roadway. On the west, and north sides, concrete abuts directly to the building. To the rear of the station, on the southwest corner is a non-contributing concrete block storage shed with a flat roof.

Exterior:

The Beaux Arts style Wenatchee Fire Station #1 is a two story rectangular structure with a partial basement. It is constructed of a light beige-colored brick, commonly called a blond brick and has elements of cast concrete. The building's symmetry and classical detailing play heavily upon the Beaux Art styling, while the hose tower/practice tower owes its design influence to a Gothic church steeple.

The main façade facing Chelan Avenue, is where most of the architectural ornamentation is found. Here, centered between the fire truck roll-up doors is a pedestrian entry door. Replaced with a contemporary door, the entry is highlighted by an ornate pressed metal canopy. The flat metal canopy is capped with simple bent metal cresting and is attached to the building via steel rods. Modern flood lights and a wooden address plate hide some of the architectural detailing. Above the entry is a small rectangular three-light window which leads the eye up towards a decorative cast concrete panel of an urn. Resting on a cast concrete cornice with a band of seven floral rosettes, the panel serves as the spandrel panel for a second story window.

The four original fire truck garage doors have been replaced with two metal roll-up doors, punctured by six small oval windows. Per historic images, the openings consisted of four panel bi-fold doors with wood bases with multi-paned windows in the top two-thirds of each door panel. When the replacement doors were installed (date unknown) the lower portion of the brick pilasters between the original doors was removed. To accommodate the larger openings, a large concrete post and lintel system was built. The original lintels, each embellished with small cartouches, remains above the new lintel. The original light

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fixtures, shaped like torches complete with gold glass globe, were moved up the pilasters above the new garage door openings.

All of the main windows on the building are grouped in pairs and sets of three. The first floor windows are large 15 light metal sash windows with a center operable six-pane awning section. The second story windows are the same configuration, but have a single row of lights above the operable awning sash instead of two like the first floor windows. Each window has a cast concrete sill. A section of windows on the south facade at the second floor in the kitchen area have been replaced with a two two-panel slider type. The north side of the building has a contemporary exterior steel stairwell which rises to the second floor above the fire truck bay. At the southwest corner of the building is another garage door which originally served to access the rear shop. While the garage door itself is new, the opening remains original.

Above the second floor windows on the main façade is a large decorative entablature which includes a concrete frieze with signage carved into the concrete stating "**WENATCHEE FIRE DEPARTMENT**". Above this frieze is a row of dentils and a cornice. Above the entablature, centered on the main façade is a large cartouche. Further accenting the main façade above the cartouche is a cast concrete balustrade highlighted by two finials on each end.

At the northwest corner of the building is a 6-story fire/ training tower, which has a buttressed Gothic form. The simple masonry parapet is embellished with three diamond shaped tiles on each elevation. Each four-section square of diamond tiles is a different color – ranging from creams to a blue tone. On the outside, north wall of the tower is a steel stairway which serves as an access to each floor as well as the top of the tower. Inside is an interior concrete stairwell which wraps around the outside walls. The west and north elevations have paired 8 pane casements metal windows at each floor level.

Interior:

While the interior of the building has been altered, the floor plan and special layout as well as some interior design details remains intact. Original moldings and doors remain throughout the building as well as the original brass fire poles. Other details include hot water heaters, hexagon tile in the bathrooms and the original green porcelain "Garland" gas range with six burners and a grill area in the kitchen.

Many of the spaces have dropped acoustical tile ceilings, and some spaces have been sub-divided. These include the shop area at the rear of the first floor, which has been divided into a laundry/cleanup area and storage. The second floor former gymnasium area now contains the chief's office, and office for the administrative assistant, and copier room.

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NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Wenatchee Fire Station No. 1 is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places at the local level of significance under criterion “A” as a property that represents the development and growth of the City of Wenatchee’s Fire Department. The mid-1920s and early 1930’s was a period of rapid growth in the City of Wenatchee, especially in the downtown business core. Key individuals, investment groups and a booming agricultural industry, fueled the construction of many significant structures in the downtown core during this era. The construction of the fire station, built on Chelan Avenue, two streets above downtown’s main street of Wenatchee Avenue, was a critical service for the business center, serving fire emergency needs in the downtown and the growing residential areas to the north, south and west of the city.

The Fire Station is also historically significant under Criterion “C” as a representative work of local architect Ludwig O. Solberg, who designed hundreds of structures in a variety of architectural styles in Wenatchee and the surrounding communities from the 1920s to the mid 1950s. The Fire Station is representative of Solberg’s commercial work during the 1920s.

Ludwig O. Solberg

Ludwig O. Solberg was born on November 2, 1886 in Minneapolis, Minnesota and at an early age moved to Spokane. He attended Spokane schools then Washington State College in Pullman in 1907-08. According to university officials however, Solberg did not receive a diploma from the institution and his education and training at this time remains unclear. Documents do record that Solberg he received his architectural license from the State of Washington by reciprocity on December 27, 1922. His obituary reports that he served in France as a first lieutenant in the quartermaster corps in World War I and was an active member of the American Legion. Upon his arrival in Wenatchee, Solberg took a job with the architectural firm of Morrison & Stimson and is listed along with them for the construction of the Chelan County Courthouse, completed in 1924. Solberg acted as manager of the project.

The list of known, documented buildings credited to Solberg reads like a “who’s who” of commercial structures in Wenatchee (see attached list of selected works) and span a thirty-year period. His commercial designs reflect a variety of styles including Beaux Arts, Tudor, Spanish, Art Deco, and even Gothic designs. Wenatchee’s Fire Station #1 is highly ornamental with Beaux Arts detailing. Other highly elaborate buildings by Solberg include a variety of schools the Elks Lodge building, the stately Church of the Brethren and the Wenatchee Federal Savings and Loan Building which features an elaborate terra cotta panel above the first floor in a Gothic motif and ornamental, color terra cotta tiles at the parapet. More simply styled buildings focus on parapet details and cornices to very plain buildings seen in the warehouses, fruit storage buildings and county buildings he designed.

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Solberg's residential designs range across a broad spectrum of styles, which are typical of their period of construction. Many of the designs maintain a deep expression of the English Arts and Crafts movement, particularly through interior features and spaces. Family members reported that he and his wife greatly admired this type of architecture. Solberg's skill of paying attention to small details can be found on curved entry porches, roof vents, curved glass windows, and high relief plaster work as well as a high use of moldings, trims, pediments, and exposed construction elements such as the trusses and beam supports

In the "English Tudor style" is the home of **D. L. Woodruff**, located at 124 S. Franklin. This large home was originally built in a vernacular, plain style. Early photos show the house unadorned with any details. At the request of his client, Solberg added elements of English Tudor to the home by incorporating wood half timbers at the second story level, new fascia boards with cutwork at the roofline and a small barrel vault roof above the entry door. Many of Solberg's homes in the Wenatchee area feature a curved topped wall as an extension of the main façade creating a garden entrance such as seen in the 1928 **McBride Home** at 918 Idaho. The original home of **D.A. Shiner** at 927 Idaho could be a transplant from the south in its brick construction and highly detailed pediment above the front door. Spanish influence is evident on the apartment complex located at the corner of Idaho and Yakima, known as the **Solberg Apartments**, (now called the Yakima Apartments). Each of the four buildings of this complex feature a strong entrance, one with a barrel vault and heavy plasterwork ornamentation, while the other buildings echo the barrel vault with round top entrance doors. Another Spanish style home is the 1929 Neubauer House at 104 S. Delaware Avenue at the corner of Washington and Delaware. The home features a stucco exterior and red tile roofing.

The original family homes of Claude and Marvin Stewart at the corner of Chelan and Ninth now serves at **Betts Funeral Home** and again features English styling. Solberg also designed the **Wilder Jones Home** and the **T.L. Ross** House on what used to be called "Sunset Point" now known as Chatham Hill. These properties, built in 1931, command a million-dollar view of the Wenatchee River as it winds up to the Monitor Valley. Solberg partnered with his brother I. B. Solberg to design the original landscaping that blend the two homes. Featured in the February, 1931 issue of the *Washington State Architect*¹⁰, the article shows the original drawings for both the homes and extols the virtues of the landscaping and extraordinary view.

The Solberg's lived across the street and south from their apartments complex on Idaho and Yakima. Louis Solberg was described as a "bulldog" of a man, short in stature and having a "brisk" demeanor by his friends and family. He passed away on November 26, 1967. His wife of over 60 years, Anne, continued to live in the family home until her death in 1998. Upon the death of Mrs. Solberg's the estate was settle by a relative who donated Ludwig Solberg's collection of plans and drawings, photographs and site

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specifications, as well as his original drafting table and working tools of his trade to the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center.

Wenatchee Fire Station No 1

The Wenatchee Fire Station No 1 is also historically significant for its direct association to the establishment and growth of the City of Wenatchee's Fire Department. The nominated structure was the first building that was designed and built solely for the purposes of the fire department. The history of the fire department is plagued with poor equipment and a shortage of manpower that proved futile in many of the early fires that seemed to sweep through the town. As the town of Wenatchee grew, the need for fire control became a larger responsibility of the city fathers, all of whom who seemed to have an opinion on how the department was to be controlled. Fire chiefs came and went; salaries were low with more and more job responsibilities being added; and tempers flared. Either the chiefs and firemen would quit, or the city council or commissioners would fire them and replace the department with their own men.

The Wenatchee Fire Department was first organized in September 2, 1895 with 17 volunteers. The first officers were L.O. Hall, Chief, George H. Evans, first assistant chief; Charles Kinney, second assistant; Dr. C. Gilchrist, drillmaster; William M. Cummins, secretary and Percy Scheble, treasurer. The city's population at the time was 500 people. Later official fire department personnel were appointed. They were: J. Edward Ferguson, Charles E. Harlin, Ray Woodruff, W. H. Little, and Frank Baker.

During the early years, fires were fought with water from barrels that were placed in various areas around town. When water under pressure became available in 1901, the town bought a manually-drawn hose cart and a few hundred feet of hose. In 1908, the fire department purchased a horse drawn hose and chemical apparatus. The department employed Sam Wilson to be the driver of the new wagon. In 1909, Charles Throw was appointed chief and the department bought a horse drawn ladder rig at the cost of \$3,000. The horses that were purchased to draw the wagon cost \$700. The ladder rig remained in service until it was replaced in 1938 with a Seagraves 65 foot aerial ladder truck.

One of the worst recorded fires that swept through the town of Wenatchee, was the fire of July 5, 1909. At the time Wenatchee's buildings were of frame construction and with the dry weather, they were vulnerable to fire. The blaze began in a stable at the rear of the Central Market on Mission Street and spread north to Orondo Street. Quickly the fire spread through to Orondo Avenue, Mission Street, Palouse Street and Wenatchee Avenue. Several blocks of buildings were destroyed including the first home of the fire department which was beside the city jail on Columbia Street. At some point during that fire, the fire departments bell tower burned, sending the bell crashing to the ground. Later, Fire Chief Throw reported that the bell would have a different tone after its accident, but it was not damaged.

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Immediately after the fire in 1910, the Chamber of Commerce constructed a new brick building at 18 S. Mission Street and the City took a lease on the rear two-thirds of the building for storing the fire equipment. Sleeping quarters were also arranged for at this location for some of the paid department personnel.

By 1912, A. J. Van Landingham was appointed Fire Chief and served in the position for two years. During his time, the department purchased a Boyd combination hose and chemical piece of equipment. Concerned citizen, Mike Horan donated a car to the department which was converted into a hose wagon that would also pull the ladder truck. In 1915 Van Landingham was removed from office by the Mayor Gray and the City Council after he mishandled a fire at the First Congregational Church at Palouse and Adams. Harry D. Foster was then appointed chief. By 1924 when John W. Greene was appointed chief, the department had a new \$14,300 fire truck. The Wenatchee Daily World featured a photograph of the new engine and reported that the firefighters were enthusiastic about the machine, stating, “*Now we’ve got something real to work with!*”¹ During the same year, the department purchased a 600 gallon Arhns Fox steam pumper which was coal fed and horse-drawn. The eight-man fire department crew also used a 1914 Boyd truck, the department’s first gasoline-driven truck, to pull the pumper around. Chief Dalles Jenkins, Captain Mid Adams and firemen Fred Schille and George Hunt served at that time as well as several volunteers. In 1926 the department also purchased a Chevrolet hose wagon which gave Wenatchee's Fire Department four pieces of equipment.

By the late 1920s the city was quickly growing and was about to experience its largest growth period to date. The rented fire station space at 18 N. Mission was fast becoming too small for the equipment and men were needed to serve the department. Low pay, increased responsibilities, policy conflicts, controlling personalities, and turnover in fire chiefs were all elements of the constant fray the council and fire department heads were involved in as recorded in historical recounts.

In 1929, when E. J. Widby was appointed as mayor (1928-31), the City began the long over-due process to build a dedicated fire station. The January 28, 1929 Wenatchee Daily World, reported that:

*“City commissioners will most likely start on the plans for the new city fire station house and equipment tonight. The bond issued for this equipment and station house was accepted by a good majority at the general election on November 6, 1928. At that time it was understood several different locations for the station were being considered. To have the station house complete by early summer, the plans must be started quickly.”*²

In the June 4, 1929 Wenatchee Daily World, reported that “*Wenatchee’s new fire station will cost \$39,000*” and that “*the contract calling for its completion by October 1 goes to Colonial Construction Company of*

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Spokane, low bidders on the general contract.” Other contractors awarded the job were for Howard S. Wright & Company for the wiring and Wells and Wade for the plumbing. The article continues to describe the size of the building having the “*outside dimensions of 56 feet, 6 inches by 58 feet, 6 inches.*” The reported gymnasium would be “*26 by 43 feet in dimension, a dining room and dormitory, a library, a battery room and three offices.*” All the bidders for the project were also listed at the end of the article.⁴ It is interesting to note that the architect was not mentioned in this or subsequent articles written by the newspaper. By July 6, 1929, the newspaper reported “*Fire Department Building Construction Under Way*” and reported on the many amenities of the building on each floor. The article further states that “*The contract calls for the completion of the building by October 1 of this year. The approximate cost of the new department will be \$38,000.*” Fire Chief Bryson is quoted as saying, “*We are proud and feel that the public of Wenatchee will also, to be able to have such a fine building with all the modern equipment.*”⁵

In the December 13, 1929 Wenatchee Daily World newspaper, page headlines read “New Fire Station Open for Inspection.” The text of the article, accompanying a photo of the building and Chief Bryson is as follows:

*“Wenatchee’s new \$40,000 fire station at the northwest corner of Chelan Avenue and Yakima Streets which is opened for formal inspection this afternoon and tonight. This reinforced concrete structure, of light colored brick veneer is thoroughly modern and equipped with the latest fixtures and equipment. A five story practice tower is a part of the building where firemen will go through regular drills simulating actual fire fighting. On the lower floor at the rear is a large room set apart for mechanical repair work while directly above this room is a large gymnasium. A fine well lighted and ventilated dormitory is equipped with the latest type firemen’s beds which are high off the floor. A recreation room is also well lighted, airy and cheerful where men of the department can spend part of their time in study, recreation and entertainment. Both these rooms are equipped with poles leading to the apparatus on the floor below. Other rooms on the second floor include a kitchen, dining room, reception room and offices for chief and assistant chief, a visiting fire chief’s bedroom, a locker room, lavatory, fire alarm and battery rooms. The building will be open for inspection beginning at 2 o’clock today continuing throughout the evening. John Slack’s Community orchestra will play from 7:30 till 10. Refreshments will be served.”*⁶

Upon completion of the building, the department purchased a Mack 1,000 gallon fire engine which gave the department two engines, two hose trucks and a ladder truck. In 1930, there were six additional men added to the department, which made a total of 13 paid men. In 1942, the department purchased a 1941

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Chevrolet truck and E.T. Pybus installed a 500 gallon pump, a combination 500 gallon water tank and a 1000 foot hose compartment on it.

Today the City of Wenatchee Fire Department still operates from Fire Station No. 1 and maintains a secondary station at 5th and Western. While the Station continues to serve the basic needs of the crews, it has become much too small for the larger scale fire engines in use today. And plans are underway to build a new engine house next to the 1929 station.

Wenatchee's Fire Station No. 1 is a direct representation of the development and growth of the city's Fire Department and the building serves as a reflection of governmental services in a time of economy prosperity. The Station is also significant as a representative work of local master architect Ludwig O. Solberg, who's design reflects high artistic values of the Beaux Arts style.

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Selected Known Works by LUDWIG O. SOLBERG

Building	Location	Built Date
Wenatchee Police Station	135 S. Chelan, Wenatchee	1931
Elks Temple	Wenatchee	1922
Warren Motor Building	208-210 S. Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee	1921
First Federal Savings and Loan Building	1-3 S. Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee	1926
Chelan County Shop/Annex	Corner of Washington and King Streets, Wenatchee	
Davis (now Hamilton) Warehouse	138 S. Columbia Street, Wenatchee	1920 & 1927
Wenatchee High School	Wenatchee	
H. B. Ellison Jr. High School	Wenatchee	
Columbia Elementary	Wenatchee	
Stevens School	Wenatchee	
Lincoln Elementary School	Wenatchee	
District 88 Building	Wenatchee	
Lewis and Clark Elementary	Wenatchee	
The Church of the Brethren	535 Okanogan Street	1928
Wells and Wade Building (remodel)	231 N. Wenatchee Avenue	
Wenatchee Produce Co. Building	239 N. Wenatchee Avenue	1918
Salvation Army Building	121 N. Mission	1928
J.C. Penney's Store	30 N. Mission	1926
Wenatchee's Memorial Hall	215 Okanogan	
Dryden Elementary	Dryden	
Chelan High School	Chelan	
Chelan Masonic Temple	Chelan	
Douglas County Courthouse	Waterville	
Bridgeport Elementary	Bridgeport	
Chelan Ford Motor Co. Building	Chelan	
Cashmere City Hall	Cashmere	
Ludington Building		
Cascadian Fruit Storage Building	1 Thurston, Wenatchee	
Numerous Apple Packing Warehouses	Cashmere, Chelan, Dryden, and Wenatchee	
Woodruff, D.L., House (remodel)	124 S. Franklin, Wenatchee	
McBride, Vinton & Ada, House	918 Idaho Street, Wenatchee	1928
Shiner, Delos & Gretta, House	927 Idaho Street, Wenatchee	c. 1925
Solberg Apartments	Idaho & Yakima, Wenatchee	
Steward, Claude House	Chelan & Ninth, Wenatchee	
Stewart, Marvin, House	Chelan & Ninth, Wenatchee	
Jones, Wilder, House	Wenatchee	1931
Ross, T.L. House	Wenatchee	1931
Miller, Harry & Marjorie, House	917 Idaho Street, Wenatchee	c. 1925
Williams, Burt and Irene, House	115 S Franklin Ave, Wenatchee	1929
Neubauer, Nathan and Sadie, House	104 S Delaware Ave, Wenatchee	1921

WENATCHEE FIRE DEPARTMENT - FIRE CHIEFS

Volunteer Fire Brigade – 1895 – 1909

J. Edward Ferguson, Chas. E. Harlin, Ray Woodruff, W. H. Little, Frank Baker

Paid Fire Chiefs:

1909 - 1912 Charles Throw

1912 - 1913 F. A. Baker; Thomas Gagnon

1913 - 1914 A. J. Van Landingham

1914 - 1919 Harry Foster

1919 – 1924 William Bissell

1924 – 1925 John W. Green

1925 – 1929 Dallas Jenkins

1929 – 1949 H. W. Bryson (Mayor E. J. Widby named himself Fire Chief until officially appointing Bryson)

1949 – 1952 Fred Paul

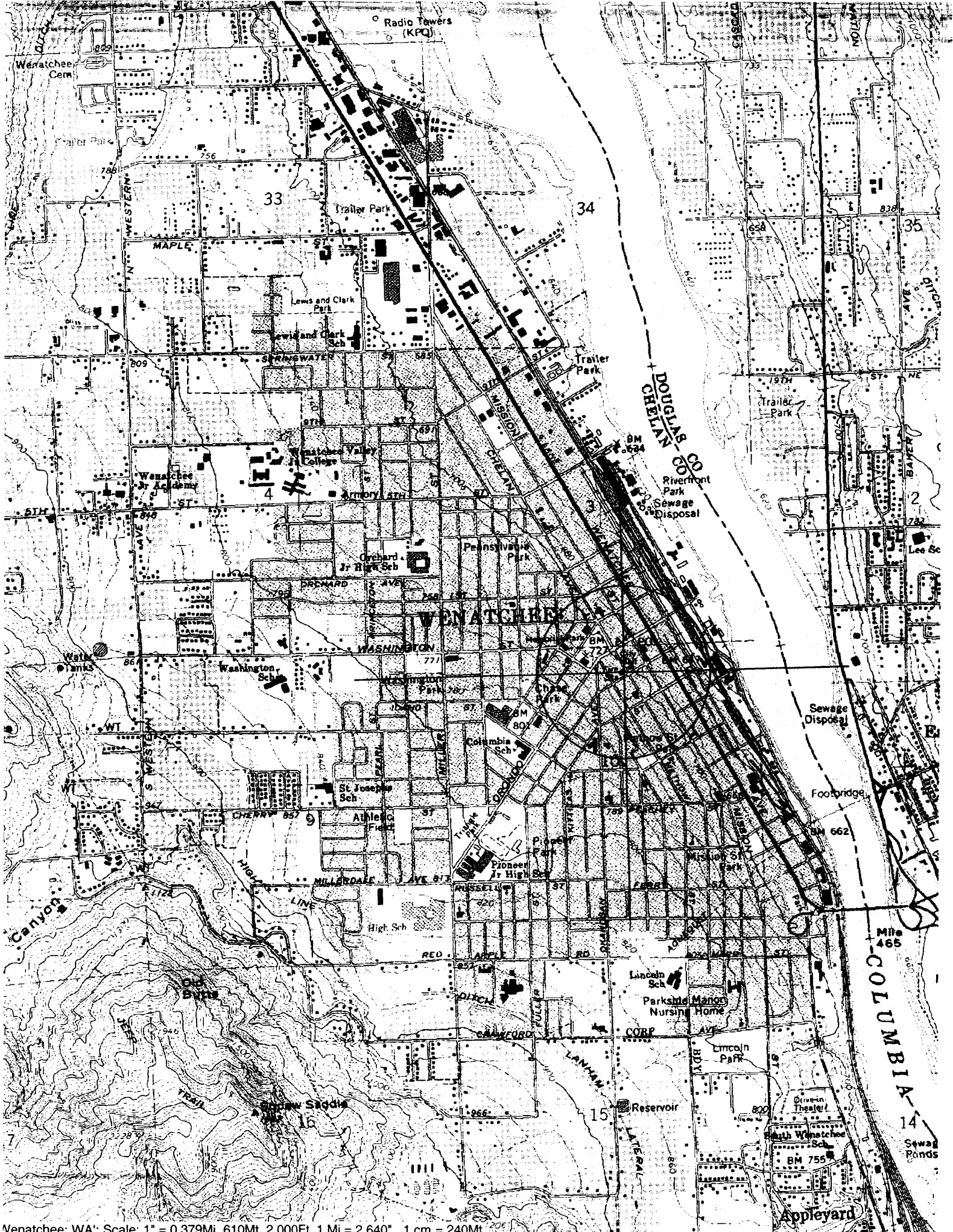
1952 – 1968 T. A. Weaver

1968 – 1977 Glen Harris

1977 – 1985 Mike Brown

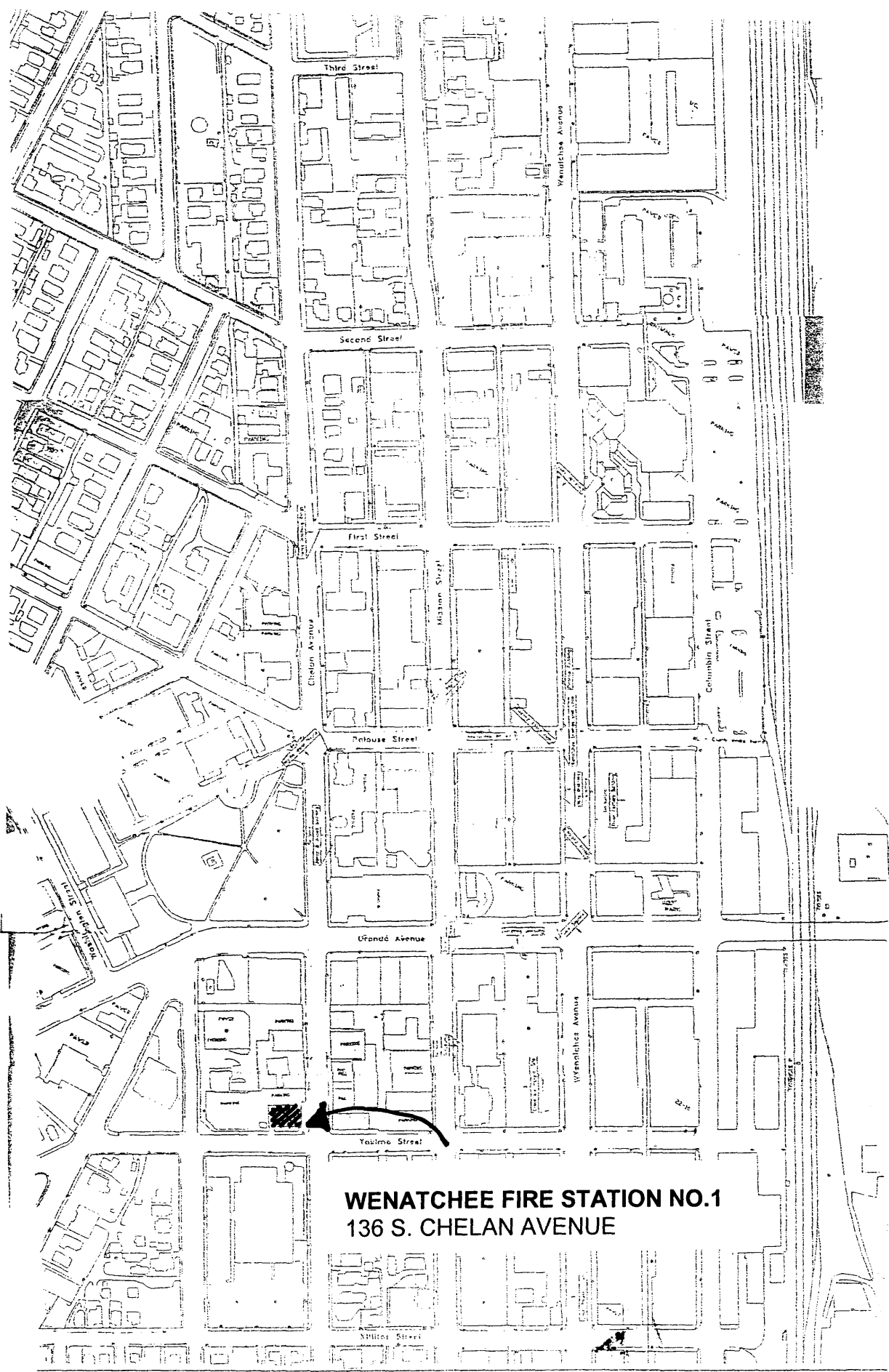
1985 – 1999 William S. Edwardson

1999 – present (2003) Glen Tibbs



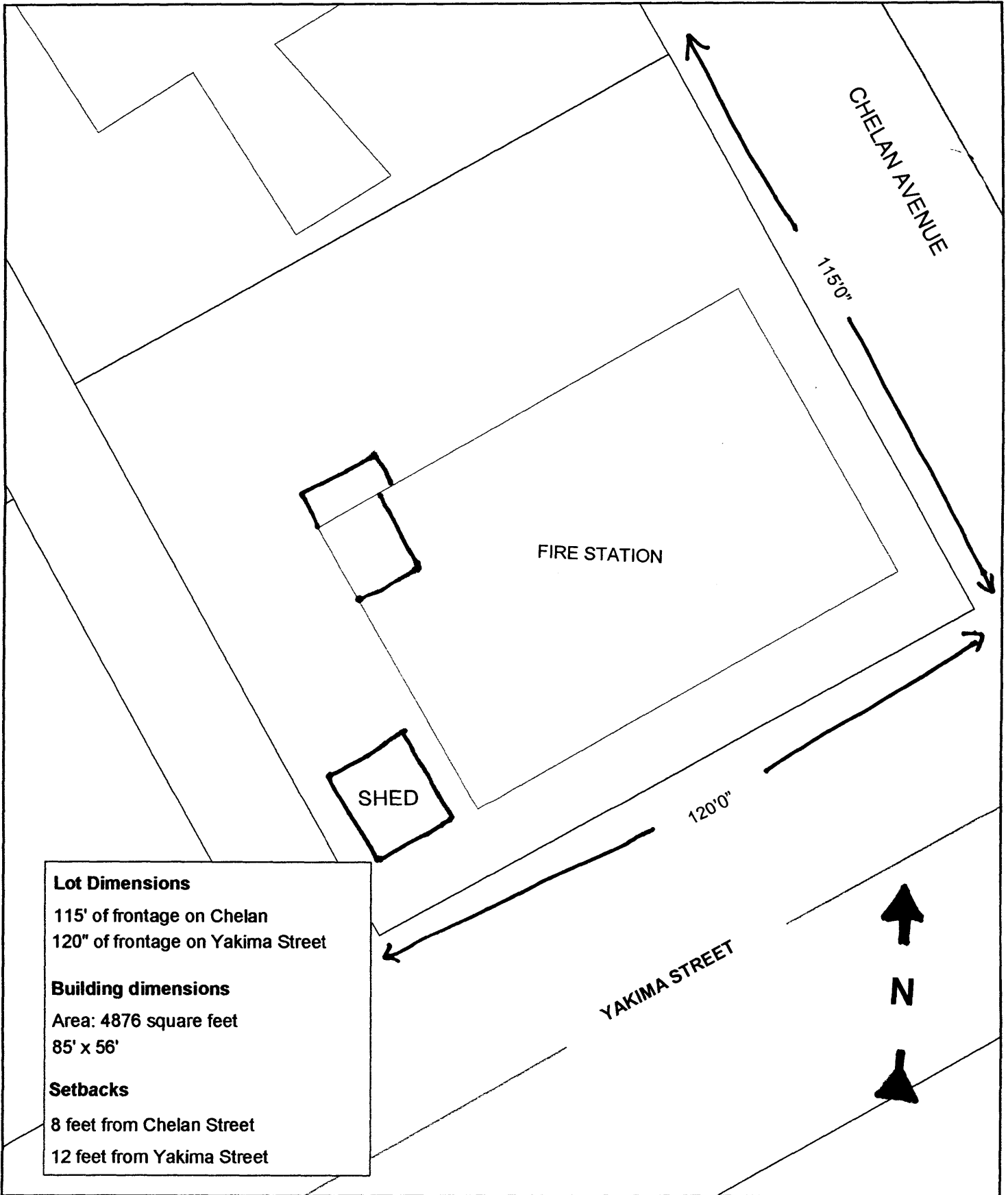
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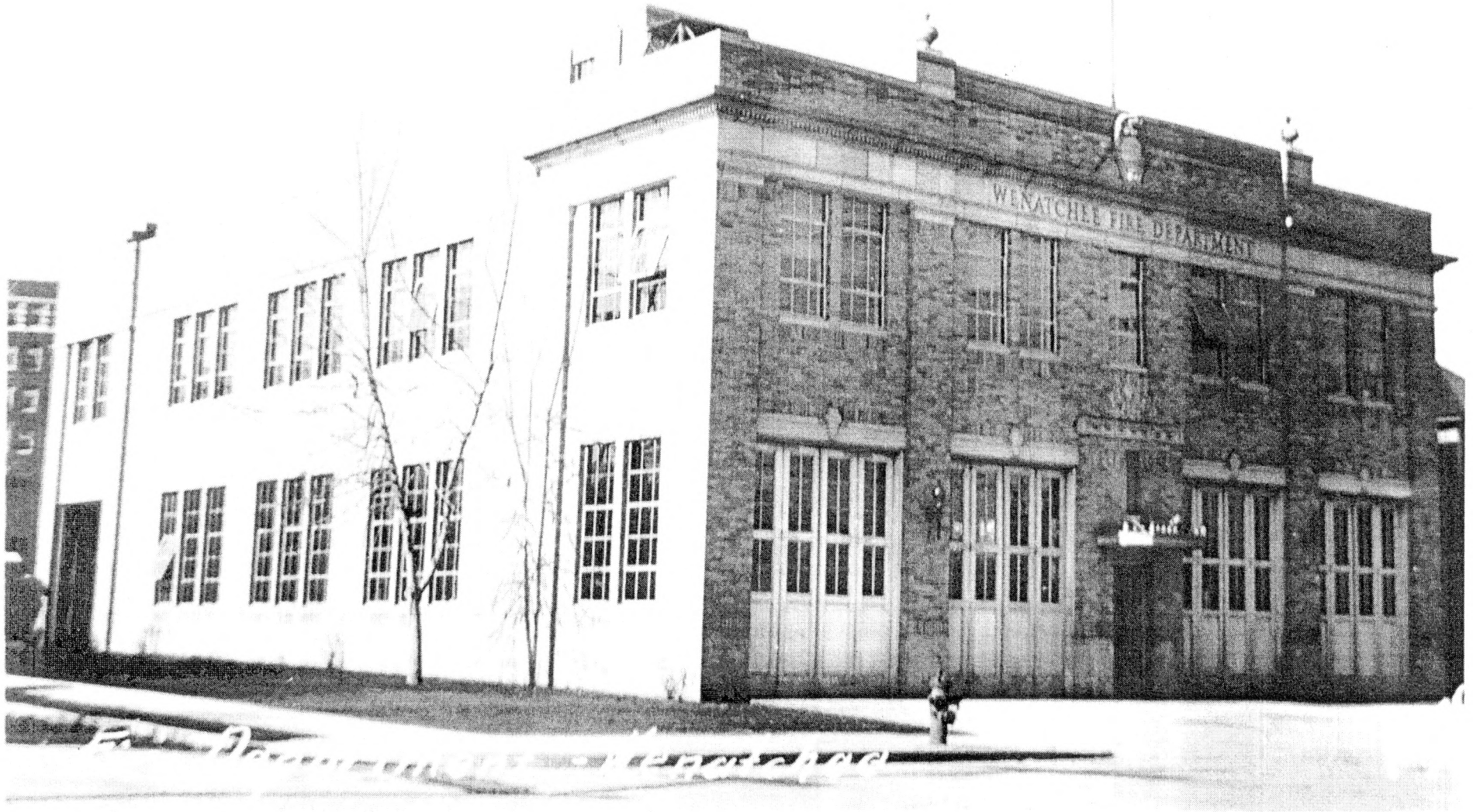
Wenatchee Fire Station



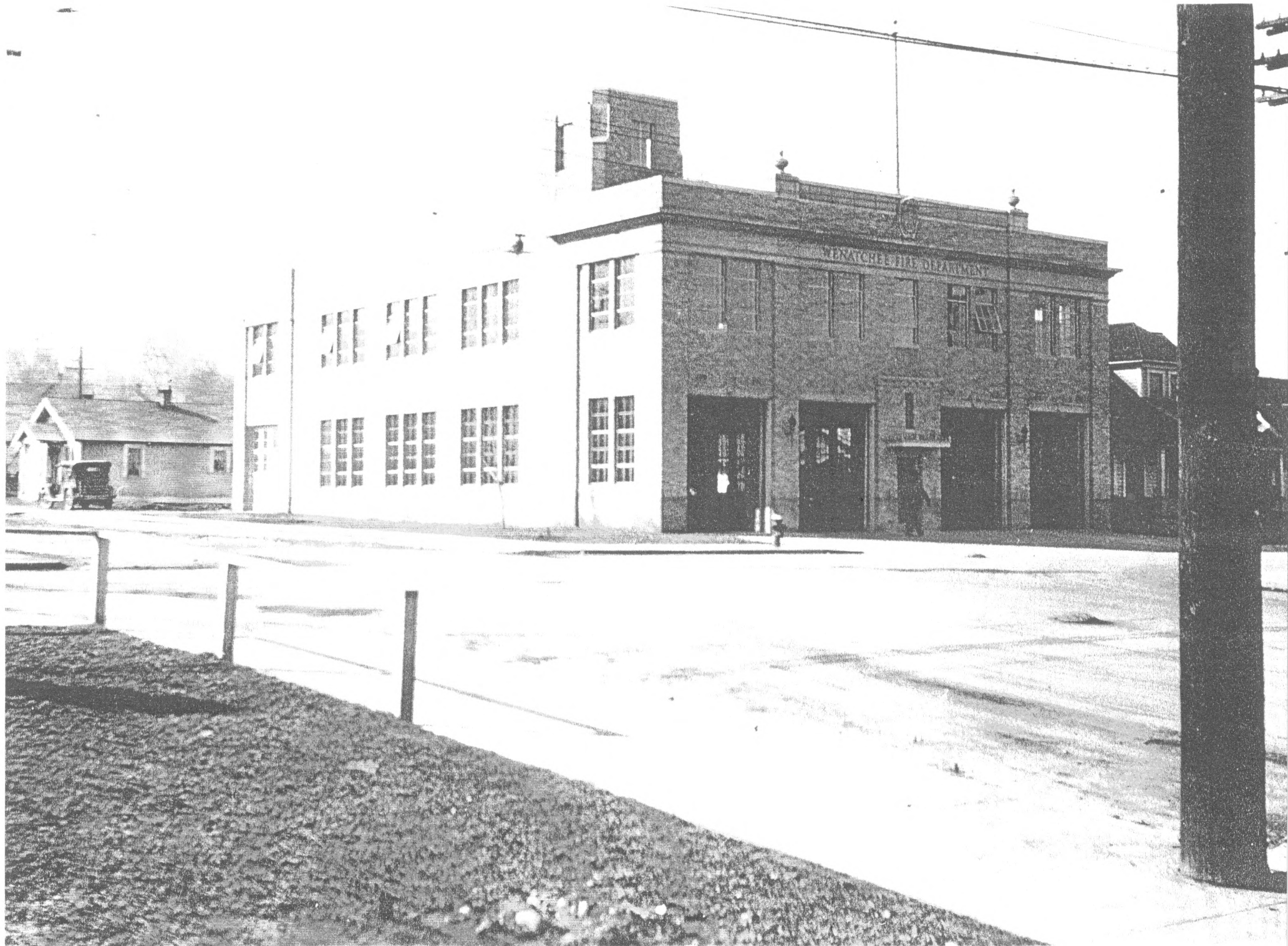
WENATCHEE FIRE STATION NO.1
136 S. CHELAN AVENUE

City of Wenatchee
Fire Station
136 S. CHELAN AVENUE





Wenatchee Fire Station #1, Wenatchee, Washington
Photo shows original front garage doors closed. Photo ca. 1929

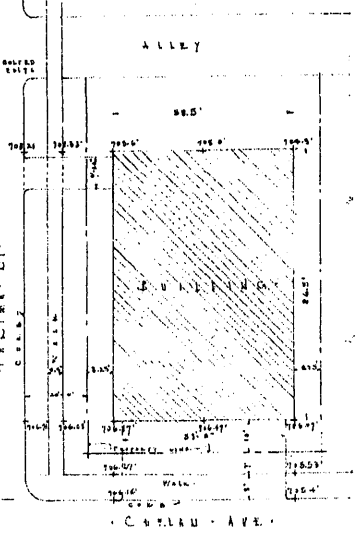
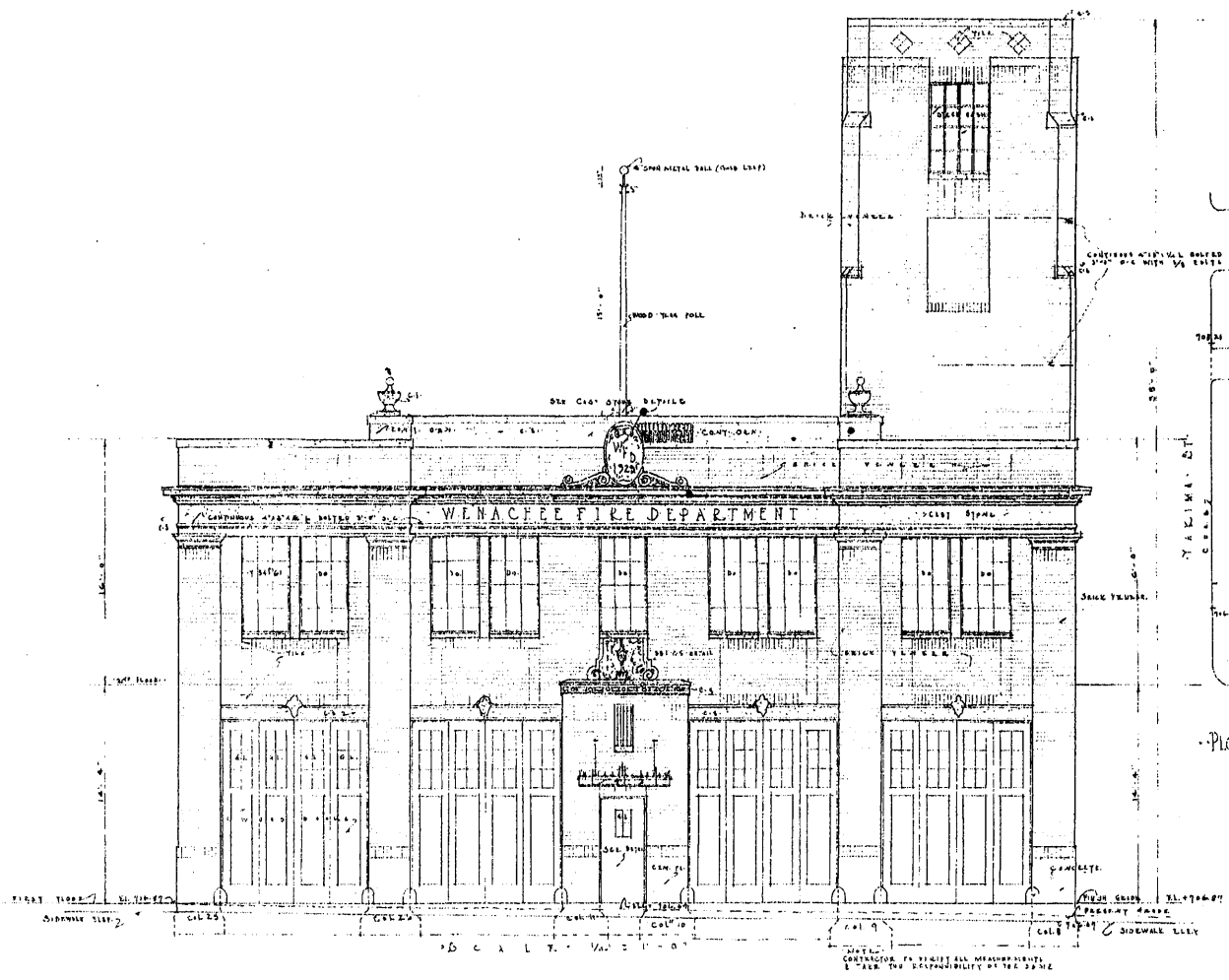


Wenatchee Fire Station #1, Chelan Avenue & Yakima St. Photo: ca 1929

Wenatchee Fire Station #1 with fire engines, ca. 1929



Wenatchee, Wash.

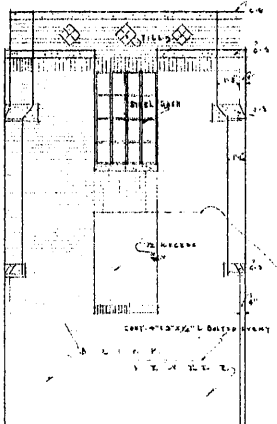


• PLOT PLAN • SHOWING EXISTING ELEVATIONS •

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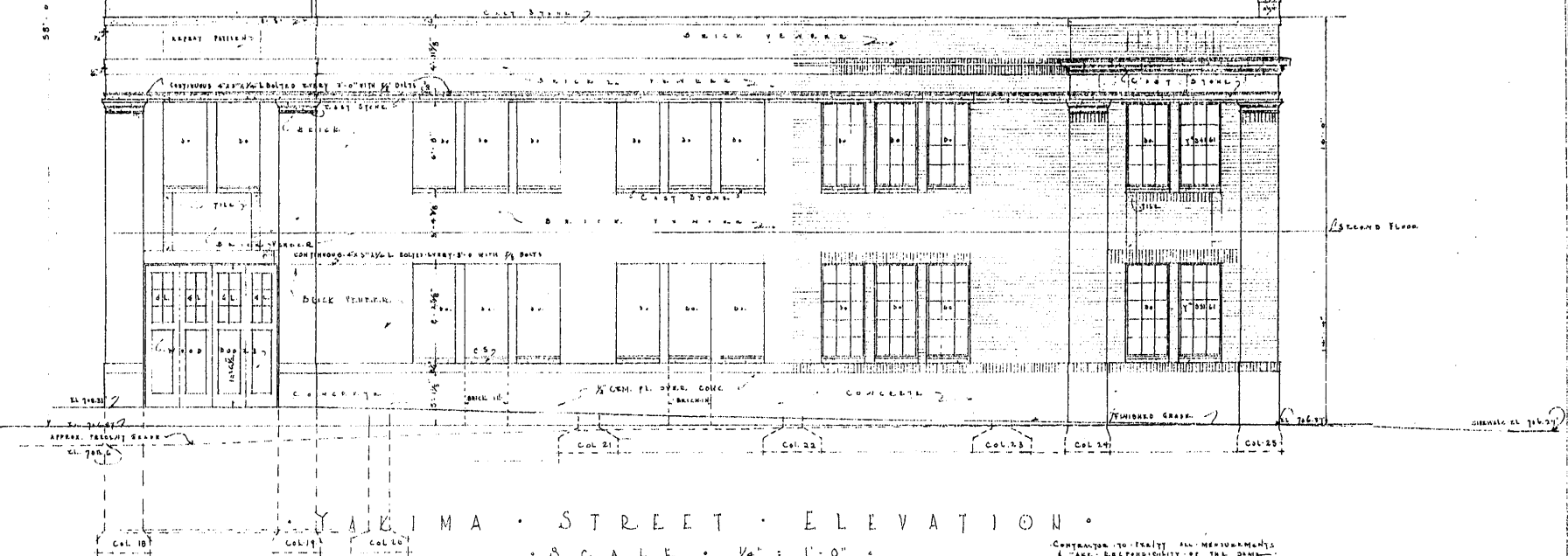
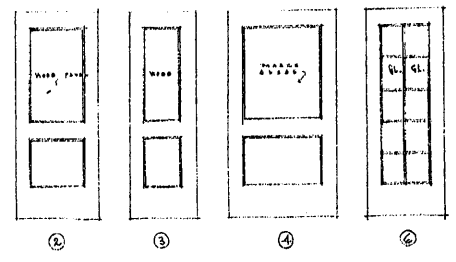
• FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING •
 • WENACHEE WASHINGTON •

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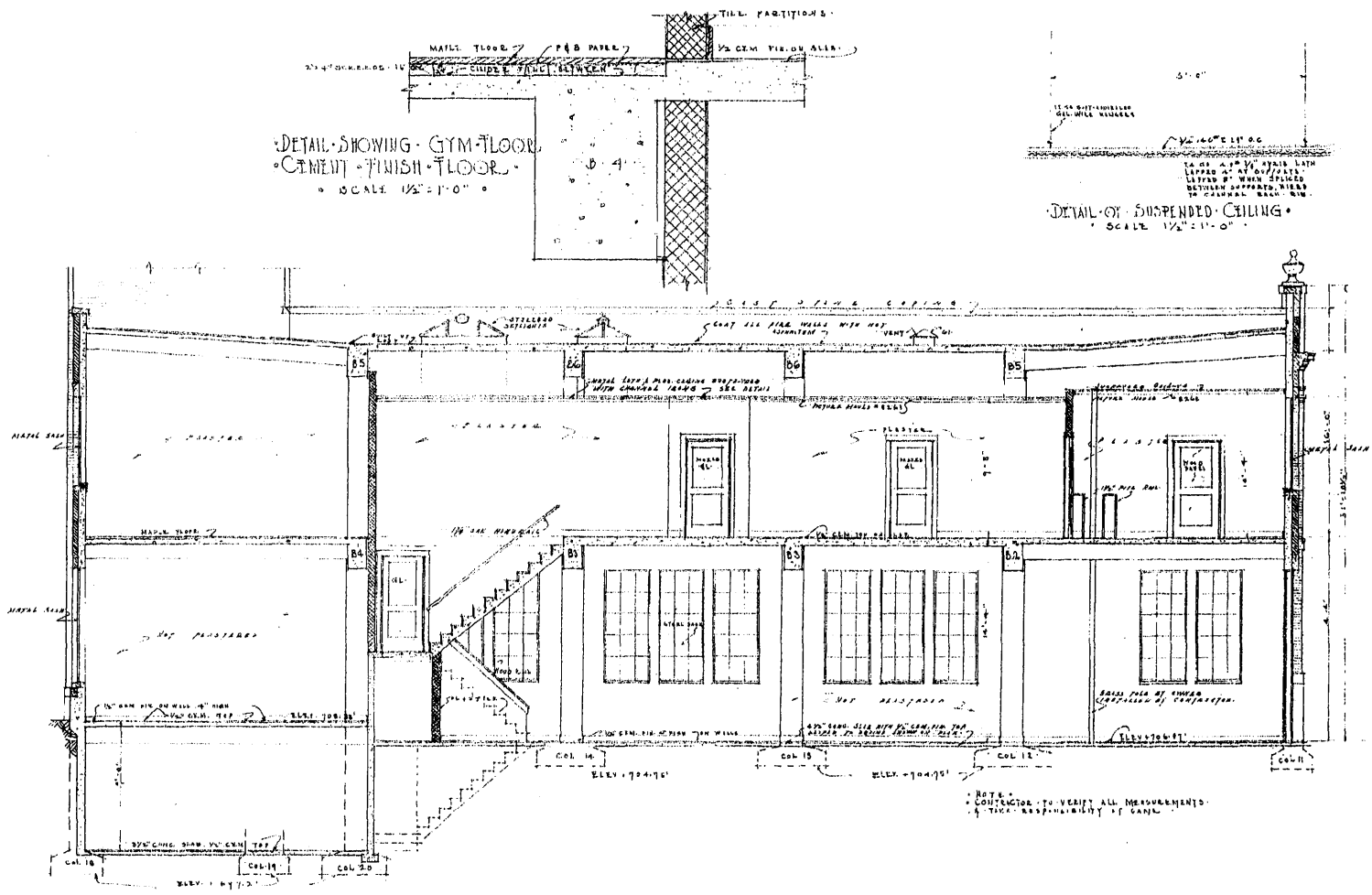
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3	2'-2" X 6'-8" X 1 3/4"	SEE DETAIL
4	3'-4" X 6'-8" X 1 3/4"	SEE DETAIL
5	3'-0" X 6'-8" X 1 3/4"	SEE SHEET NO. 5 FOR T.I.V.
6	2'-6" X 6'-8" X 1 3/4"	SEE DETAIL
7	2'-5" X 11"-11" X 1 3/4"	SEE SHEET NO. 3 FOR DETAIL
8	3'-0" X 6'-8" X 1 3/4"	UPPER PANEL 0.5 GLASS
9	2'-5 1/2" X 5 1/2" X 2 1/4"	SEE SHEET NO. 2 FOR T.I.V.
10	3'-8" X 7'-0"	UNDERWRITER'S FIRE DOOR
11	3'-4" X 7'-0"	" " " "
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DETAIL SHOWING GYM FLOOR
 CEMENT FINISH FLOOR
 SCALE 1/2" = 1'-0"

DETAIL OF SUSPENDED CEILING
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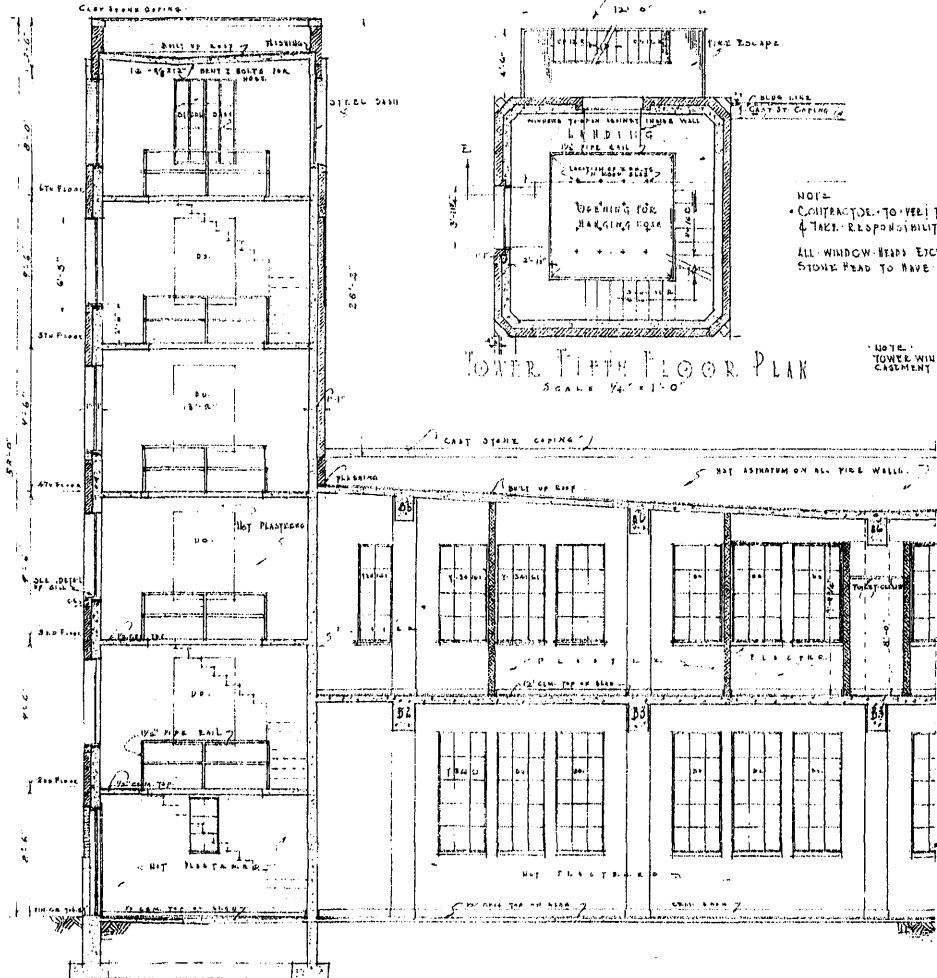


LONGITUDINAL SECTION D-D
 SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"

NOTES:
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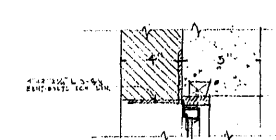


TOWER FIFTH FLOOR PLAN
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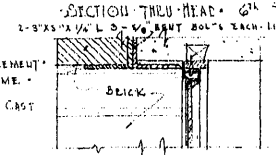
SECTION ON I-I
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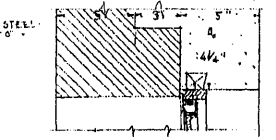
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TYPICAL SECTION OF HEAD 2ND FLOOR



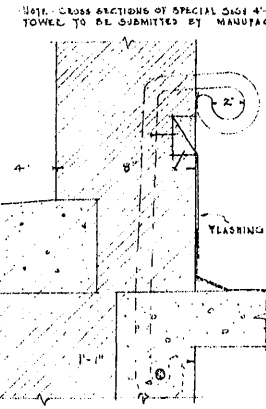
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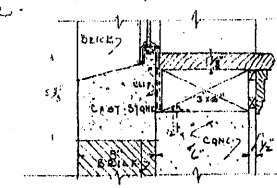
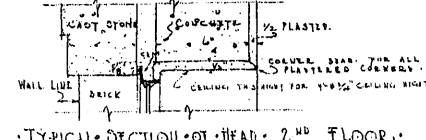
TYPICAL JAMB SECTION



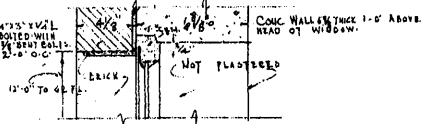
SECTIONS FOR TOWER WINDOWS
SCALE 3" = 1'-0"



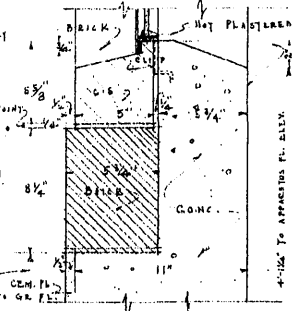
TYPICAL SECTION OF SILL FIRST FLOOR
DETAILS AT 3" = 1'-0" SCALE



TYPICAL SECTION OF SILL 2ND FLOOR



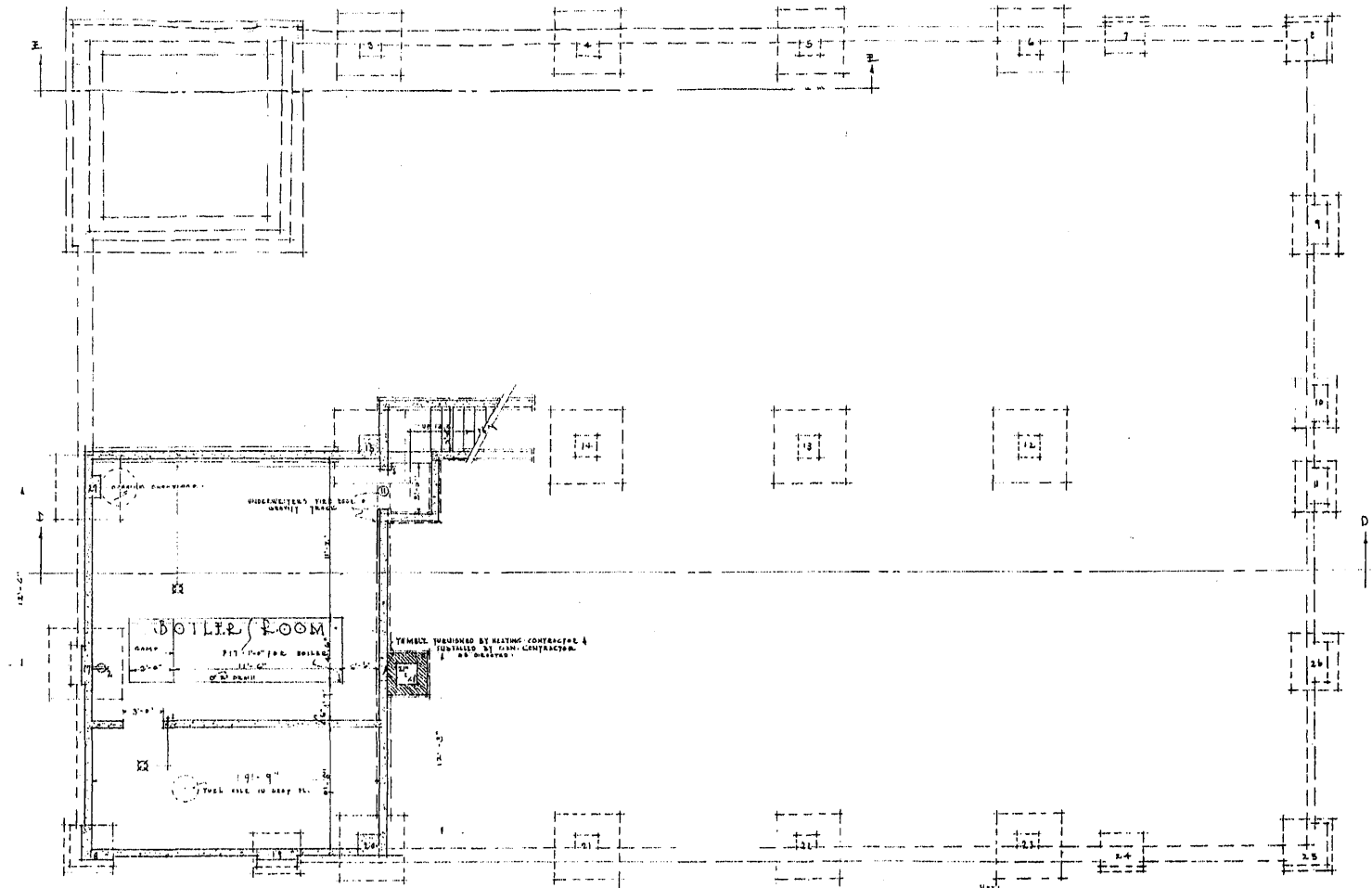
TYPICAL SECTION OF HEAD FIRST FLOOR



TYPICAL SECTION OF SILL FIRST FLOOR
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ONE INCH I BOLTS IN TOWER
ROOF FOR ROFF. PRACTICE
TOWER 4 THUS
SCALE 3" = 1'-0"

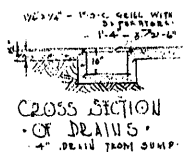
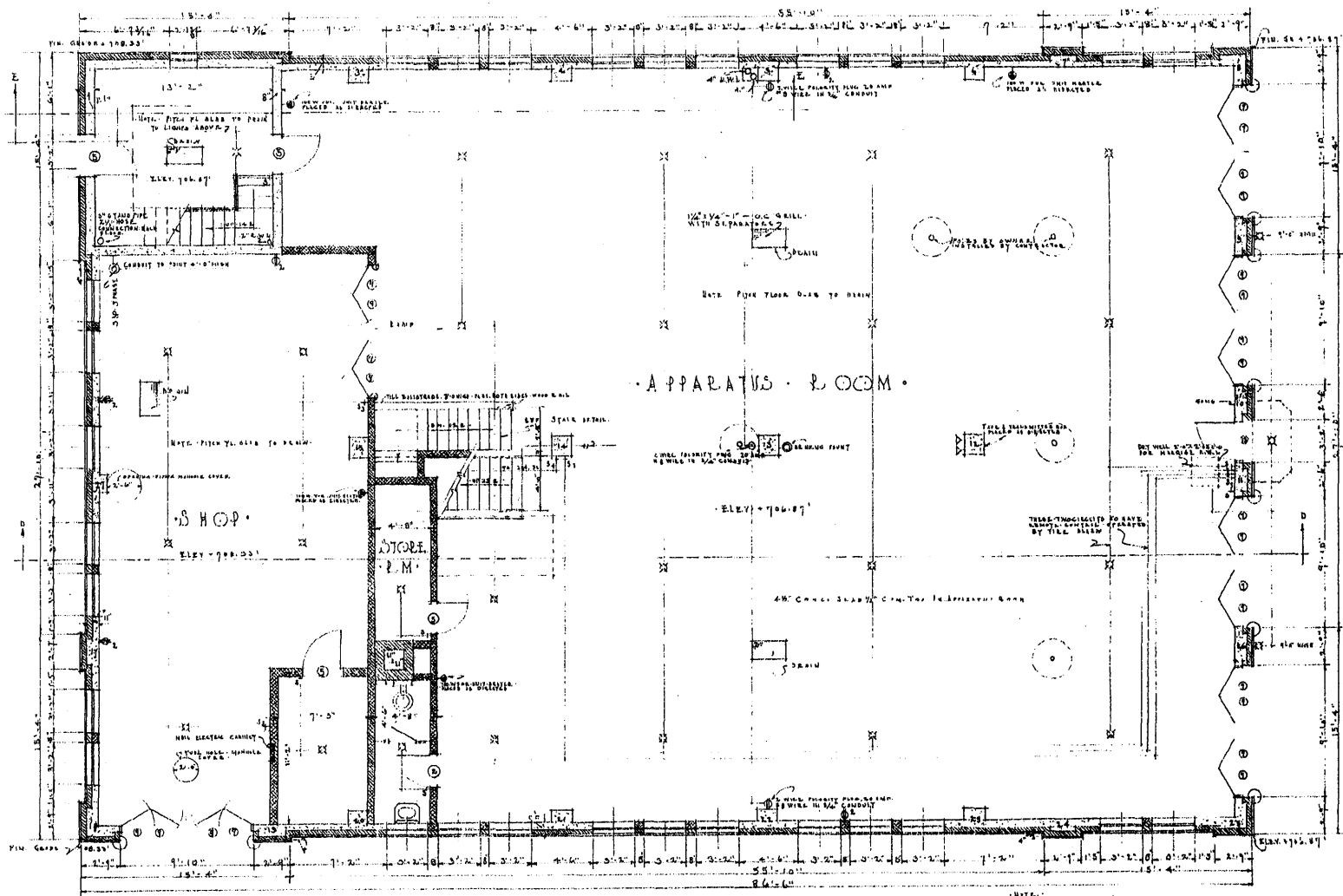
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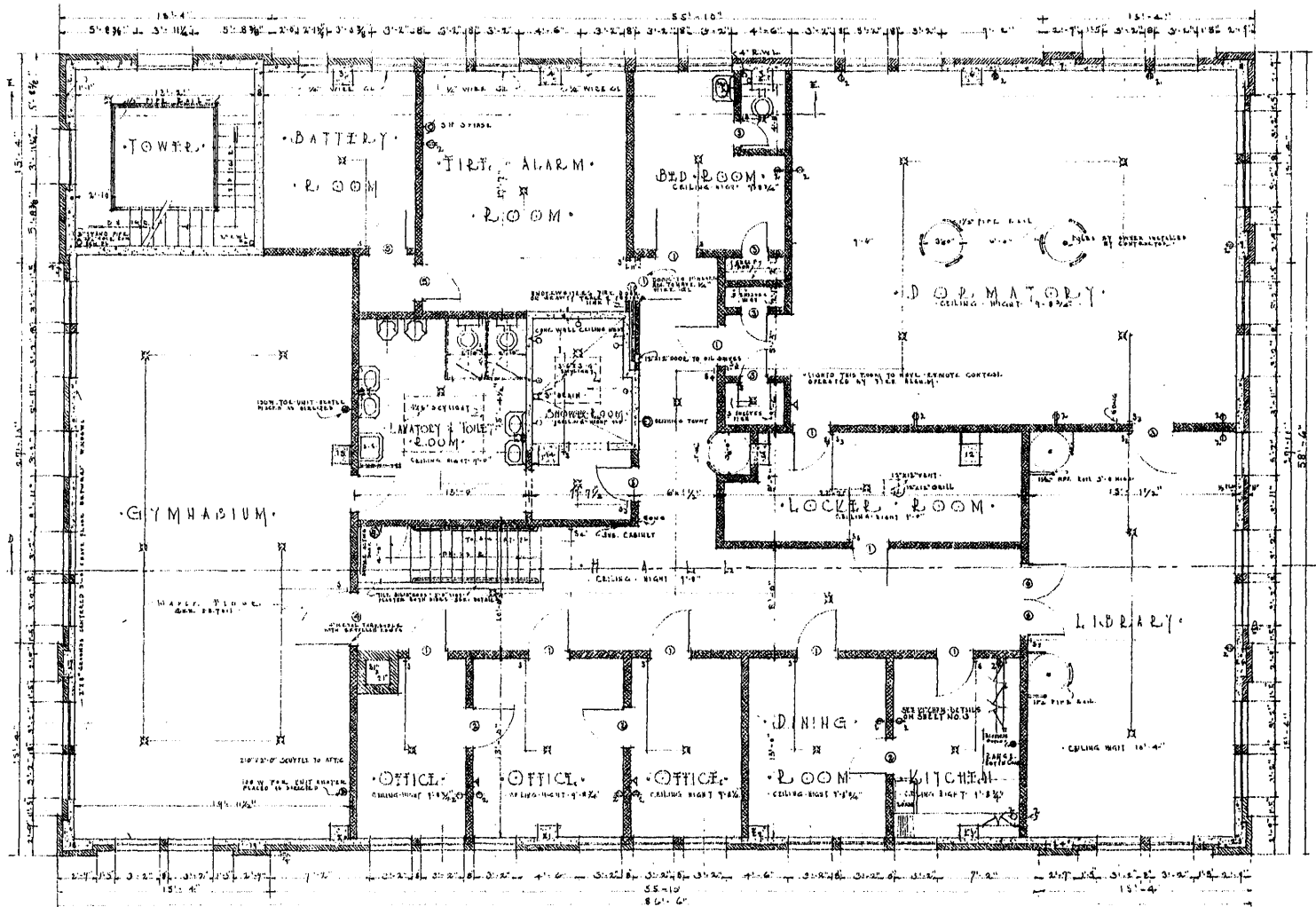
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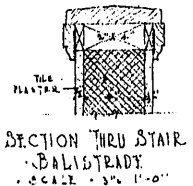
FIRST FLOOR PLAN
 J.S. C.A.L.E. 1/4" = 1'-0"

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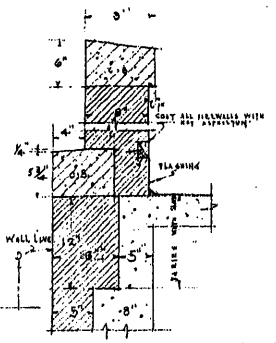
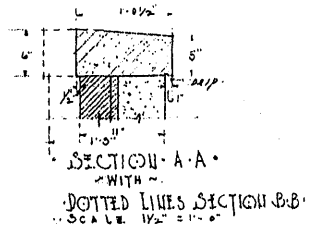
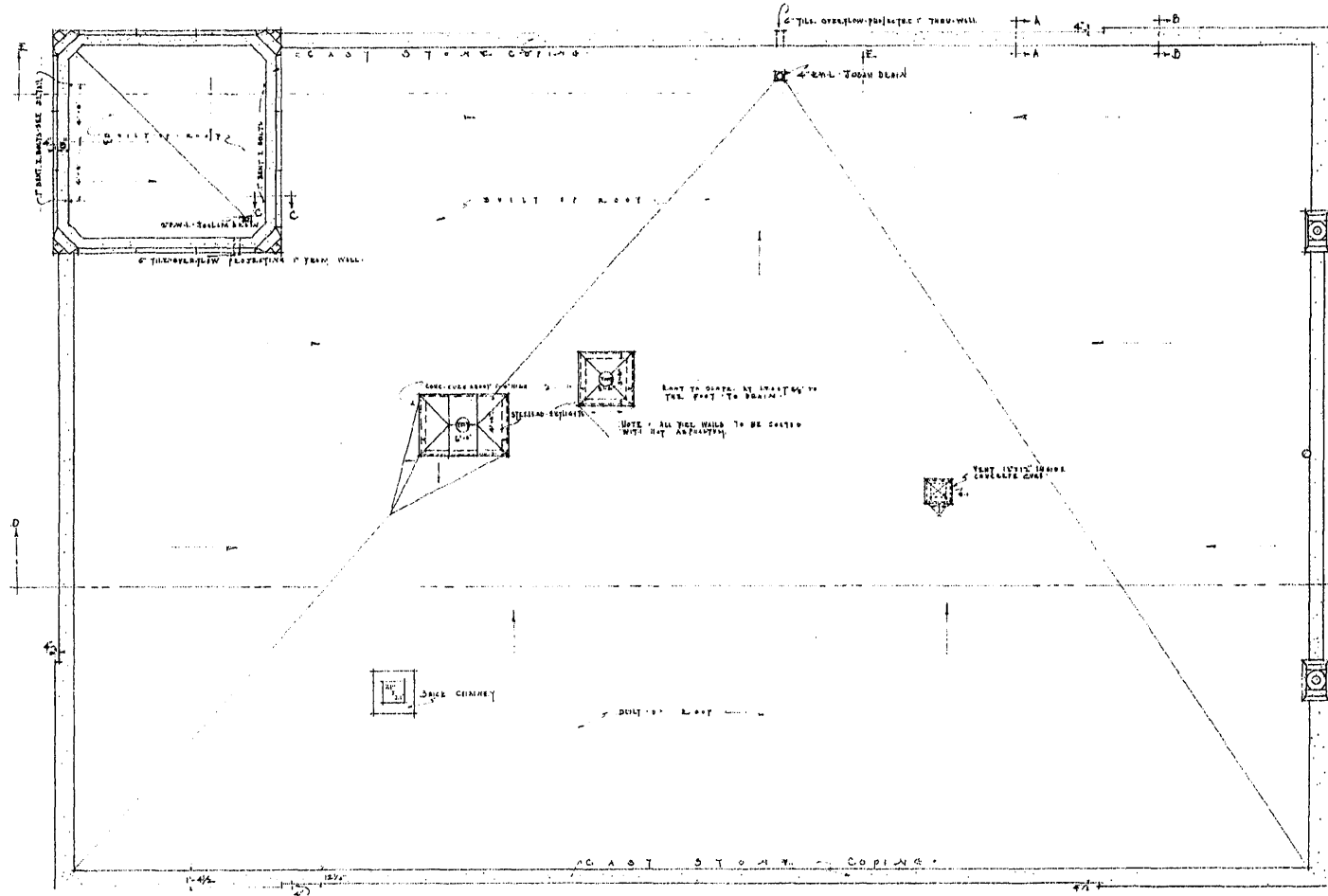
- SYMBOLS •
- X • CEILING LIGHT •
 - ⊞ • DECK LIGHT •
 - ⊕ • OUTLET DOUBLE •
 - ⊞ • TELEPHONE •
 - ⊞ • SWITCH •



• SECOND FLOOR PLAN •

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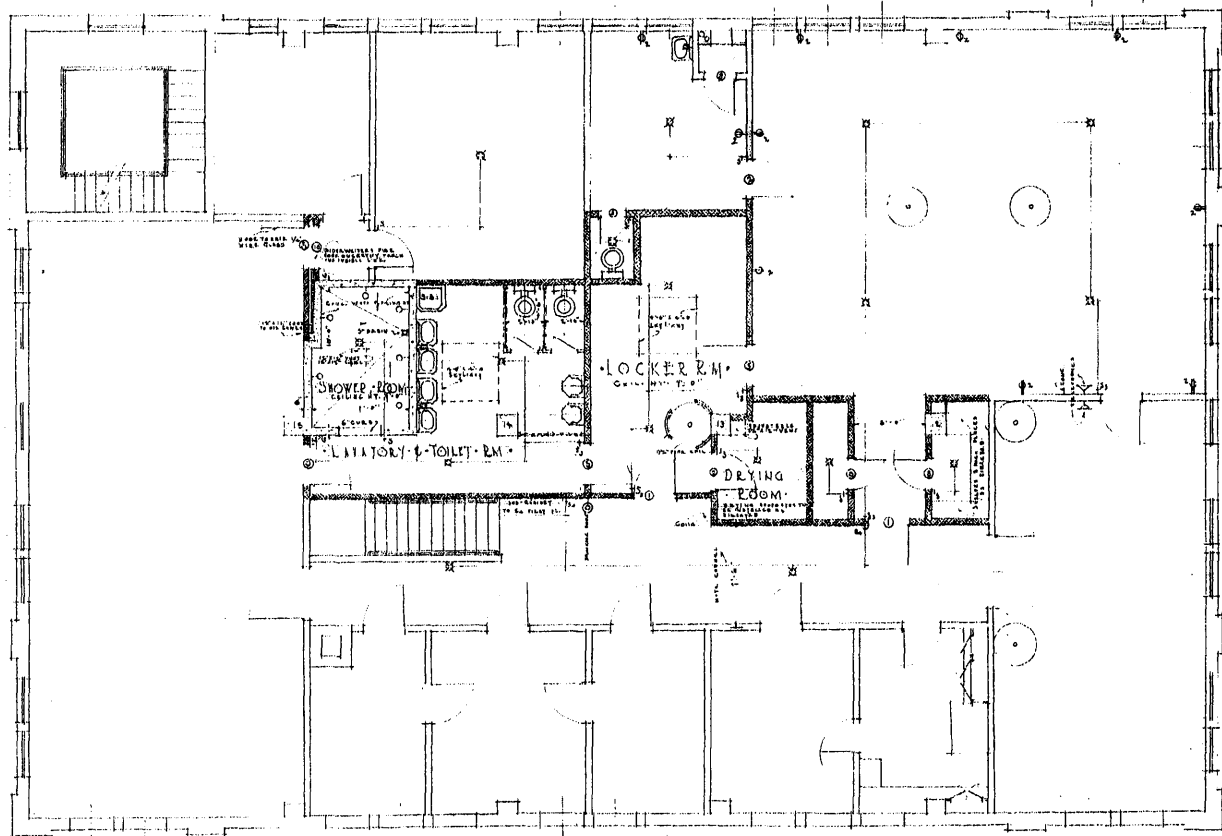
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• ROOF PLAN •
• SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0" •

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REVISED SECOND FLOOR PLAN
 WENATCHEE TIRY DEPARTMENT BLDG.

NOTES -
 CIRCLED WALLS SHOW DIVISIONS FROM SCHEDULE # 5
 OF CONTRACT PARS 2110 5/10/29
 SWITCHES LIGHTS & OUTLETS INDICATED ONLY FOR CONCRETE

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