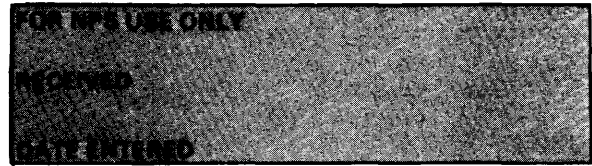


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Stock Exchange Bank

Location: Main Street, Fargo, Oklahoma. Ellis County.

Owner of Property: Bruce Benbrook, 901 Main, Box 1008, Woodward, OK, 73802.

Description: Condition-fair, original site.

This rectangular one-story building gives the impression of the Romanesque style. The building is 30' wide and 65' deep. The main entranceway is located on a recessed wall at the northeast corner of the building, with the roofline projecting forward to complete the rectangular shape of the building. The north east corner of the building is supported by a single Tuscan column and is drawn into the symmetry of the building by Roman arches on the immediate east and north elevations. The arches are composed of stone voussoirs with a central keystone. White quoins complete the vertical portion of the arch and extend to the ground on the sides of the arch opposite the column. Quoins are also placed at the NE and SE corners. The red brick building rests on a foundation of reinforced concrete. The roof is flat and covered with tar roofing. The building has a decorative cornice set with brick dentils. The main entranceway is a single wooden door with a 2/2 clear glass panel. A single pane transom covers the width of the door and a plain white lintel covers the top of the entranceway. There are only three elevations of the building exposed, the south elevation being attached to a continuous row of commercial buildings. The east elevation was accented by a large centered picture window that is now sealed with metal. Three rows of rowlock bricks form the large Roman arch outlining the window. The arch has a white keystone and decorative voussoirs at the vertical break of the arch. The large fixed window measures 8'x8' with a single, half-moon pane filling the arch space. A white lug sill completes the window composition. An identically arched and decorated window appears on the north elevation in an approximate location to its twin on the east elevation and gives the building an expression of continuity. Additionally, a side entranceway is located near the northwest corner of this elevation. The simple single wood door has a single glass pane 2'x4' and single, double-hung windows. Both windows and the door have plain lintels and the windows have lug sills. The west elevation has a wood door which acted as a fire escape, and is now sealed. The building is used for storage and the original pressed tin ceiling is still in place. The original vault is also present. The original fixtures were oak and marble made by H. Erlich and Sons of St. Joseph, MO. They were removed from the building and are now displayed in the Woodward County Museum, Woodward, Oklahoma.

Significance: 1908- ; Builder/Architect: Bernon Brown.

This building housed the banking service for the town of Fargo from 1908 until 1939. Originally chartered in May of 1903, the Stock Exchange Bank would merge with the Farmers State Bank that was started in 1908 by C.C. Manso and Chris Strongburg. Vernon Brown, owner of the Stock Exchange Bank, built the building in 1908 and reopened the

(See continuation sheet #2)

