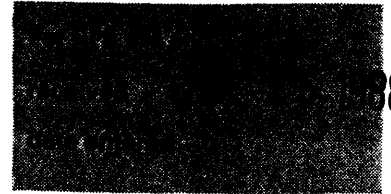


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**COALGATE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM/AUDITORIUM**

**LOCATION:** Fox and Frey Streets, Coalgate, Oklahoma 040, Coal County 029

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

**OWNER:** Coalgate Board of Education, W. Cedar Street, Coalgate, OK 74538

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Coal County Courthouse, Coalgate, OK 74538

**DESCRIPTION:** excellent condition; altered; original site

The Coalgate gym and auditorium is a single story, rectangular (91' x 59') structure constructed of rusticated and roughly coursed native sandstone. The masonry is rather crude. The roof, covered now with composition shingles, is gabled; the entryways are recessed behind facades with arches and parapets. Pilasters on front and rear walls give visual relief. Window openings have been reduced in size with wood inserts and energy efficient metal windows installed. On the northwest corner a lean-to metal structure has been attached, but it in no way destroys the architectural integrity of the building.

**SIGNIFICANCE:** 1936; architect/builder: unknown

The gym/auditorium is significant because its construction gave work to unemployed coal miners on relief in the Coalgate area. Then as now, it provided space for school and community activities, especially basketball competition, which fostered a sense of identity and pride not widely known in the region beforehand. Architecturally the gym/auditorium is unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. Moreover, it is one of three extant WPA structures in the entire county.

**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:**

**Acreage:** Less than one acre

**Quadrangle:** Coalgate, Okla.  
1:24,000/7.5 min.

**UTM:** 14 755120 3824640

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:** Lot 10, Block 133, Coalgate original

**PICTURE REFERENCE:** 36-A, 36-B

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: Various Date Listed: 9/8/88

Various Various Oklahoma  
Property Name County State

WPA Public Buildings, Recreational Facilities and Cemetery  
Improvements in Southeastern Oklahoma, 1935-1943 TR

Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*Carol D. Shuel*

Signature of the Keeper

*9-8-88*

Date of Action

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**Amended Items in Nomination:**

The actual resource count for the entire multiple property nomination should be 50 contributing buildings and 9 contributing structures (no non-contributing resources). Each of the individual properties should be counted as one building with the following exceptions: Roberta School Campus--2 buildings; Spencerville School Campus--2 buildings; Stroup Park Swimming Pool and Bathhouse--1 building, 1 structure; Wetumka Cemetery Pavilion and Fence--2 structures; Twyman Park--2 buildings, 4 structures; Jeff Lee Park Bathhouse and Pool--1 building, 1 structure; and Colony Park Pavilion--1 structure. (Stroup Park Swimming Pool and Bathhouse is being returned to the OK SHPO because of substantive problems which must be clarified.)

Scipio School--Ownership should be private, not public.

Roberta School Campus--Acreage should be two, not less than two.

The level of significance for all properties is local.

The above information was confirmed during a 9/8/88 telephone conversation with Oklahoma Deputy SHPO Melvena Heisch.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

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Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)