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NEW STATE SCHOOL

LOCATION: Vicinity of Hartshorne, Oklahoma 040, Pittsburg County 121; Sec. 15, T 3 N, R 16 E

CLASSIFICATION: building; private; public acquisition--N/A; unoccupied; unrestricted; present use--storage

OWNER: Mr. Mead Norton, P. O. Box 1734, Oklahoma City, OK 73101

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pittsburg County Courthouse, McAlester, OK 74501

DESCRIPTION: Fair condition; altered; original site

The classic one-room building, the New State school is a single story, rectangular (26' x 34') structure constructed of rusticated and coursed native sandstone. The roof is gabled and covered with sheet metal; the east front sash window on cut stone sills reach to the eaves; the front door is recessed behind an archway. On the east a sheet metal, lean-to garage has been added. Despite the addition, the integrity of the building has not been impaired.

SIGNIFICANCE: 1936; builder/architect: Okla. State Dept. of Education pattern book

The school building is significant because construction of it provided work opportunities for unskilled and unemployed laborers in a very remote area where the effects of drought and agricultural depression and put many on the state relief rolls. For the youngsters in the isolated area, the building meant a chance at a relatively modern education. Previously any formal learning was haphazard. Architecturally the building is unique in the community because of its type, style, scale, materials and workmanship. The fact that the New State school building is one of few WPA-constructed one-room school houses that survives also makes it significant.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Acreage: One acre

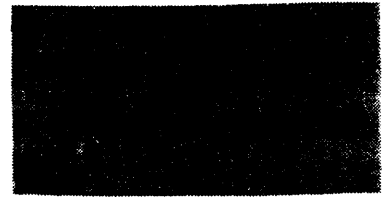
Quadrangle: Counts, Okla.
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UTM: 15 261800 3846040

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: From U.S. highway No. 270 in Hartshorne, follow the paved county road south by the city lake; two miles beyond the lake bear south at the Y toward Counts. Approximately six miles beyond the Y, or at the first right turn, turn west one-fourth of a mile, then back to the north one-half of a mile. The property begins at a point 209 feet south of the NE corner of the SW 1/4 of Sec. 15, T 3 N, R 16 E, and runs west 209 feet, south 209 feet, east 209 feet and north 209 feet.

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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

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:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)