

Oregon Historic Site Record

LOCATION AND PROPERTY NAME			
address:	32405 E Historic Columbia River Hwy Corbett vcty, Multnomah County	historic name:	Springdale School
assoc addresses:		current/other names:	
location descr:		block/lot/tax lot:	
		twshp/rng/sect/qtr sect:	1N 4E 33
PROPERTY CHARACTERISTICS			
resource type:	Building	height (stories):	1.0
elig evaluation:	eligible/significant	total elig resources:	3
prim constr date:	1931	NR Status:	Individually Listed
	second date:	date indiv listed:	10/25/2011
primary orig use:	School	orig use comments:	
second orig use:		prim style comments:	
primary style:	Art Deco	sec style comments:	
secondary style:		siding comments:	
primary siding:	Poured Concrete	architect:	Claud Freeman
secondary siding:		builder:	Claude Woodle
plan type:			
comments/notes:			
GROUPINGS / ASSOCIATIONS			
Not associated with any surveys or groupings.			
SHPO INFORMATION FOR THIS PROPERTY			
NR date listed:	10/25/2011	106 Project(s):	None
ILS survey date:		Special Assess	None
RLS survey date:		Project(s):	
		Federal Tax	None
		Project(s):	
ARCHITECTURAL / PROPERTY DESCRIPTION			
<i>(Includes expanded description of the building/property, setting, significant landscape features, outbuildings and alterations)</i>			
<p>Constructed in 1931, the Springdale School is located at 32405 East Historic Columbia River Highway in Springdale, a community in unincorporated Multnomah County, approximately two miles west of Corbett, Oregon. The single-story Art Deco style building was designed by Portland architect Claud Freeman and constructed by Corbett builder Claude Woodle. The formally designed symmetrical facade represents the building's educational function as a rural school that expanded as the surrounding community grew. Located on the Historic Columbia River Highway, the school's presence is a visual and social landmark in the center of the Springdale community. The school is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its role as a significant educational facility in the Springdale community. The Corbett School district currently owns the property and is working with Springdale School Community Association to rehabilitate the building.</p>			
HISTORY			
<i>(Chronological, descriptive history of the property from its construction through at least the historic period - preferably to the present)</i>			
<p>Summary Statement of Significance. The Springdale School is significant under Criterion A for its association with the educational system and social history in the rural community of Springdale, Oregon. Built in 1931, the school is the only educational facility remaining in the community that represents Springdale District #25. From 1931 to 1960, the building served grades one through eight, and then was converted into an elementary school after Multnomah County voted to consolidate school districts. Portland architect Claud Freeman designed the Art Deco-style building with the forethought of expansion to accommodate future growth in enrollment and services. In 1948, Freeman's foresight became a reality when a classroom was added to the northwest corner, and again in 1960, when an east wing was added during its conversion to an elementary school. The building served as a school from 1931 until 1996. This resource represents the long-term educational growth and development in Springdale, Oregon, as well as the larger role as a community center and gathering place in the small rural community. The period of significance spans the period from 1931-1960; the beginning date represents the construction date, and the end date marks the change in use to an elementary school and the consolidation of school districts. The Springdale School maintains excellent integrity of location, setting, association, feeling, and workmanship, and good integrity of materials and design. Narrative Statement of Significance. The Springdale School is significant under Criterion A for its association with the educational and social history of Springdale. Designed by Portland architect Claud Freeman in the Art Deco style and built in 1931, the construction of the new school in Springdale and subsequent additions in later years points to the growing population in the area during the mid-twentieth century. The Springdale School retains the integrity necessary to represent its importance to the community of Springdale and its historic function as a school and community gathering place.</p>			
RESEARCH INFORMATION			
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Local Library:		University Library:	
Historical Society:	Oregon Historical Society	Other Respository:	
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