

OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTY
ELLIS LAWRENCE BUILDING INVENTORY
COUNTY: Grant

HISTORIC NAME: PRAIRIE CITY SCHOOL, alterations

COMMON NAME: Prairie City High School
OTHER NAMES: PWA Docket 1263

RESOURCE TYPE: Building
STATUS: total alteration
LAWRENCE

(JOB#) YEAR: (2102) 1938

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CITY: Prairie City Oregon
STREET: Overholt Ave, between 9 & 10 Sts
OWNER: School District #4
740 Overholt, Prairie City, Or. 97869

FIRST DATE: July 1938

DESIGN BEG: July 1938

DESIGN END: Sept. 1938

CONSTR BEG: Dec. 1938

CONSTR END: Febr. 1939

TOWNSHIP: 13S RANGE: 33E SECTION: 11

MAP#: 13-33-11BD TAX LOT: 13-33-11-00-1100

ADDITION: Prairie City Land Co. 1st Add ORIGINAL USE: school/high & elementary

BLOCK: 043 LOT: QUAD: PRESENT USE: school/high school

ASSESSOR #:

SITE: 8.0 acres, approx.

THEMES: 20C Architecture, Education

DATA BELOW IS ON LAWRENCE FIRM'S DESIGN AS-BUILT:

ARCHITECT: Lawrence, Holford & Allyn
ENGINEERS & CONSULTANTS:

CHIEF DESIGNER: Fred Allyn

CONTRACTORS:

Conrad Frank, Walla Walla (general contract)

ARTISTS & CRAFTSMEN:

STYLE: none

PLAN TYPE/SHAPE: rectangular (front long) +side wing

FOUNDATION MATERIAL:

STORIES: 1

BASEMENT: yes

ROOF/MATERIAL: /

WALL CONSTR:

STRUC. FRAME:

PRIME WINDOW TYPE: wood fixed sash

EXTERIOR SURFACE MATERIAL: ,

DECORATIVE FEATURES/MATERIALS:

OTHER:

Public Works Administration Docket # Oregon 1263-F

CONDITION:

MOVED:

ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS (dated):

The interior alterations designed by Lawrence's firm have been totally altered.
North wing by Smith, Key, & Blakley, Architects added in 1963.

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

central front entry sidewalk and steps. lawn and shrubs.

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ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES:

Gymnasium addition on south by EF Lawrence (1931)

SETTING:

school is in a residential area south of the downtown commercial core of Prairie City. Site slopes somewhat with a street in front.

SIGNIFICANCE OF LAWRENCE FIRM'S DESIGN:

EXTER.DETAILS/CRAFTSMANSHIP: no longer survives

INTER.DETAILS/CRAFTSMANSHIP: no longer survives

EXTERIOR INTEGRITY: Major changes; original character lost.

INTERIOR INTEGRITY: Major changes; original character lost.

SITE INTEGRITY:

SETTING INTEGR:

SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT:

The original school was built in 1917. Lawrence, Holford and Allyn's 1938 interior alterations included new linoleum floors nearly everywhere, some new cabinetwork, and plaster and woodwork refinishing. Several minor wall relocations occurred and a new folding wood partition replaced a wall between two classrooms. A large room was remodeled into a library. The upper transoms of the existing exterior windows were replaced with fixed glass. Total cost of this work was \$8,325 (including a new maple gym floor), included a PWA loan of \$3,746. All of this work was replaced in subsequent re-alterations and no longer exists.

SOURCES/DOCUMENTS: Description (Location)

2 blueprints of construction drawings drawn by Allyn dated Aug 1938, revised Sept. 15 1938 (several sets at school)

THE JOURNAL, Thursday December 1, 1938, "Work this week on WPA remodeling job".

1 blueprint of preliminary "proposed improvements" by Lawrence, Holford and Allyn July 5, 1938. (at school)

Bowler, Jim, interview by M. Shellenbarger, July 11, 1988.

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PUBLICATIONS:

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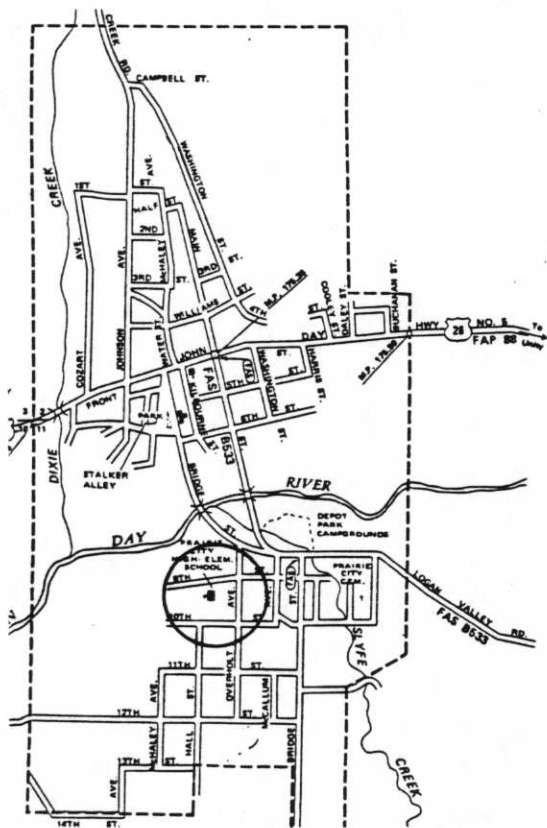
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ELLIS LAWRENCE BUILDING SURVEY
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RECENT PHOTO
NEGATIVE #s:

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EVALUATION

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INTEGRITY OF:

	NUMERICAL
1. EXTERIOR: Major changes; original character lost.	0
2. INTERIOR: Major changes; original character lost.	0
3. SITE:	
4. SETTING:	

INTEGRITY TOTAL 0

DISTINCTION OF:

1. EXTERIOR DETAILS & CRAFTSMANSHIP: no longer survives	0
2. INTERIOR DETAILS & CRAFTSMANSHIP: no longer survives	0
3. STYLE: (none) not applicable Compared to Lawrence's other surviving Oregon buildings, this style is not applicable	0
4. ORIGINAL USE: (school/high & elementary) Compared to Lawrence's other surviving Oregon buildings, this use is unique in its city/town or rural area; one of few in Oregon	7
5. ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN: Compared to Lawrence's other surviving Oregon buildings, this design is below average quality and significance. Is it part of an ensemble of surviving buildings by Lawrence?	0
Are structural or technical aspects of the design significant? Of little significance.	0
6. LAWRENCE'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE DESIGN PROCESS: Another designer is known to have been chief designer.	0

DISTINCTION TOTAL 7

EDUCATIVE OR ASSOCIATIVE VALUE:

1. HISTORIC EVENTS OR ACTIVITIES: Some association with historic events or activities.	2
2. HISTORIC PERSONS: No known association with a significant historic person.	0
3. SYMBOLIC ASSOCIATION WITH AN IDEAL, INSTITUTION, OR POLITICAL ENTITY: No known significant symbolic association.	0

EDUCATIVE OR ASSOCIATIVE TOTAL 2

GRAND TOTAL 9

RANK: NON-COMPATIBLE

NOTE: Only the built, surviving buildings in Oregon were evaluated.