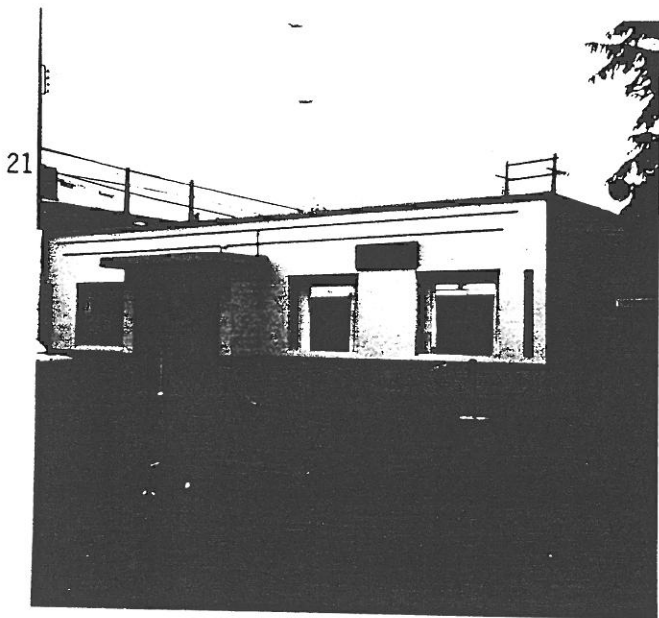


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County Linn
Ranking _____
Name
(Common) Northwest Telephone Building
(Historic) Linn County Telephone Building
Address 60 West Grant Street
Present Owner Northwest Telephone Systems, Inc.
Address 60 West Grant Street
telephone company offices
Original Use and switchboard
Date of Construction 1946
Map Reference Number 123

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Linn County Telephone Building is typical of the Moderne style with its rounded stucco walls and glass block windows. The entry is offset to the east side of the north elevation and features piers on each side, and a rounded awning with metal trim. The original entry which had glass block side lights and transom has been replaced with double aluminum frame glass doors. There are two large single-light windows to the west of the entry, another one to the east and at each corner a tall, thin window of glass block. There are insized lines at the parapet and another below the windows defining the base.

In 1954, 1960 and 1970 additions were constructed at the rear of the building to house dialing and service equipment.

History

The Linn County Telephone Company was owned by George S. and Ethel Bauman and provided services in Lebanon, Sweet Home, Brownsville and Cascadia. They transferred their switchboards, offices and service department to this new building with switchover ceremonies held at midnight, August 9, 1946. Mayor Peter T. Tweed severed connections with the earlier office on Sherman Street and set the new switchboard in operation.

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Initials _____ Date _____

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