

STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY  
OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Oregon State Parks, Salem, OR 97310



County Linn  
Ranking \_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
(Common) Lebanon 88¢ Store  
(Historic) Lebanon Creamery  
Address 853 Main Street  
Present Owner James R. Gray  
Address 543 West Hills Way, Salem  
Original Use Creamery  
Date of Construction 1928  
Map Reference Number 98

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Lebanon Creamery is a one-story Art Deco era commercial building. The front elevation is stuccoed and divided into three bays by piers. The two end bays each contain a window with two large lights divided by a thin strip of aluminum. The center bay contains a pair of aluminum frame glass doors with a transom and single-light windows on each side. Above the windows there are a full length, flat awning with metal trim, panels formed by the piers and horizontal moldings, and a full length painted sign for the "LEBANON 88¢ STORE." On each side of the low-pitched gable-shaped parapet there is an oval decoration which projects above the parapet coping and is formed of the same molding. Originally the creamery building extended to the north, taking up half of the adjacent building.

History

The Lebanon Creamery was run by Fredric August Bohle and his sons William Edward Bohle and Edwin Henry Bohle. F. A. Bohle was born May 9, 1959 in Missouri in a German immigrant family. In 1908 he moved to a farm on Lancaster Drive and in 1911 established a creamery where the Ralston Square Park is currently located. In 1928 the creamery was located in a new building on Main Street.

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Sources consulted: see attached.

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William Bohle was the family member who precipitated the move West when in 1905 he visited the Lewis and Clark Exposition in Portland. Impressed with Oregon's beauty he left the family farm in Nebraska, moving to Salem in 1908 and Lebanon in 1911 to help with the creamery. Butter was the main product with a statewide market. When the creamery moved to the new plant, milk and ice cream production was begun. The building contractor was E. H. Keebler.

Sources Consulted

1. "Creamery Will Build Plant on Main Street, Lebanon Express. April 25, 1928.
2. Interview with Don Cummins, March 20, 1984.

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LEBANON  
88¢  
STORE

LEBANON 88¢ STORE

- CLOTHING
- JEWELRY
- NOTIONS

Looney's  
STEAK HOUSE  
LEROY LOUNGE

Looney's

