



Volga Auditorium

212 Kasan Avenue
Volga, SD
Brookings County

Construction on the Volga Auditorium commenced in late 1938 under the auspices of the Works Progress Administration (WPA). At a cost of approximately \$37,000 the building was completed by September 1939. Prior to the initiation of federal relief programs, large-scale community improvements were considerably less frequent. Federal funds, however, allowed small towns to construct facilities that did not previously exist. As was common in this type of property, the auditorium served multiple purposes, as a gymnasium, theater, meeting hall, and offices. The reinforced concrete building is both utilitarian and well-designed. The auditorium embodies distinctive features associated with the Art Deco style and it is representative of the type of construction frequently utilized by the WPA.