

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit Commerce Other

Date Of Construction: 1936
Architect: Joseph Wohleb
Builder:
Engineer:

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: No
Property is located in a historic district (National and/or local): No
Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):

Statement of Significance This structure was built in 1936 for John Baretich in a design by Joseph Wohleb, noted Olympia architect. The original elaborate carrara glass facade has been uncovered and the is being restored. For many years the building was the location of Lowman and Hanford Stationers and later Bigelow Office Supplies. The storefront as well as the top of the facade have been altered.

Description of Physical Appearance The irregularly shaped, one-story, false-front vernacular building has a flat roof. The facade has a black cararra glass tile facade with horizontal insets of green glass. There are three multi-section clerestory windows across the facade. The building has two storefronts; one is deeply recessed and framed with glass tile on the front and kickplate. Plate glass display windows slant inward to metal framed double glass entry doors topped by a metal framed glass transom. A flat canopy suspended by chains spans the front facade. The fascia of the canopy has business signage. The east side storefront is flush with front of the building with one plate glass window and a single metal framed glass entry door. The kickplate and frame of the storefronts originally had black tile facing.

Major Bibliographic References Joseph Wohleb architectural records at Flotree-Sogge Architects.
Polk City Directories.
Pioneer Title Company Records

PHOTOS



View of South facade
taken 5/31/1989
Photography Neg. No. (Roll No./Frame No.):
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