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STATE FAIR OF TEXAS OFFICES

The modest building you see before you may have a low profile today, housing the administrative offices of the staff of the State Fair of Texas. But it does have an important history.

Built in 1936 for the Texas Centennial Exposition, it is one of the 30 historic structures at Fair Park remaining from that fair. During the exposition, this structure housed the fire brigade, police force and medical personnel frequently called out to tend to injured visitors or to keep the fairgrounds safe.

Why the tower? The building also housed the studios of WRR-Radio at that time. It made sense for the two to be side by side since in the 1930s, police and fire squads used relied on radio frequencies to communicate with one another.

WRR still broadcasts from Fair Park. You'll now find its studios adjacent to the Museum of Nature and Science's Planetarium, on the opposite side of the Texas Star Ferris Wheel.

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