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APPROVAL, NOTES OF SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL.
DISTRICT, ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO—\$2,142.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 1, 1933.

Retirement Board, State Teachers Retirement System, Columbus, Ohio.

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SECRET SERVICE OFFICER—APPOINTED UNDER SECTION 2915-1,
GENERAL CODE, HAS NO POLICE POWERS—MAY NOT CARRY
OUT DUTIES OF DEPUTY SHERIFF.

SYLLABUS:

A secret service officer appointed by virtue of section 2915-1, General Code, does not have police powers nor may he carry out the duties of a deputy sheriff.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 3, 1933.

HON. JOHN W. BOLIN, *Prosecuting Attorney, Athens, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This will acknowledge receipt of your request for my opinion, which reads as follows:

“Section 2915-1 of the General Code of Ohio provides:

‘That the Prosecuting Attorney may appoint a Secret Service Officer, whose duty it shall be to aid him in the collection and discovery of evidence to be used in the trial of criminal cases and matters of a criminal nature, etc.’

I would like your opinion as to whether or not when such Secret Service Officer is appointed and the appointment approved by the Common Pleas Court said Secret Service Officer has police powers, that is, does he have the right to make arrests and serve warrants and to carry out the duties of a county police officer when working out of the Prosecuting Attorney’s office.

I would appreciate very much your opinion as to this matter as it becomes a very grave question when the Secret Service Officer is assisting and carrying out the instructions of the Prosecuting Attorney.”

Section 2915-1, General Code, referred to in your letter, reads as follows:

“The prosecuting attorney may appoint a secret service officer whose duty it shall be to aid him in the collection and discovery of evidence to be used in the trial of criminal cases and matters of a criminal nature. Such appointment shall be made for such term as the prosecuting attorney may deem advisable, and subject to termination at any time by such prosecuting attorney. The compensation of said officer shall be fixed