1848.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF VILLAGE OF GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS, FRANK-LIN COUNTY—862,000.00.

Columbus, Ohio, May 10, 1930.

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

1849.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF PLYMOUTH VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, RICHLAND AND HURON COUNTIES—\$75,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 10, 1930.

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

1850.

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER—EMPLOYED BY PRIVATE PERSON WHO HAS CONTRACTED WITH BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS—NECESSITY FOR BOND AND CERTIFICATE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER—PREMIUM ON BOND PAYABLE BY CONTRACTOR.

SYLLABUS:

- 1. The driver of a school wagon or motor van used in the transportation of pupils must give a bond and procure a certificate of good moral character and qualifications for the position, in accordance with Section 7731-3, General Code, whether such driver is employed directly by the board of education or by a contractor with whom the board of education has contracted for the transportation of pupils in the district.
- 2. When the driver of a school wagon or motor van is employed for that purpose directly by the board of education, and in giving a bond in compliance with Section 7731-3 General Code, he gives a bond of a duly licensed surety company, the premium on such bond should be paid by the board of education, from school funds. When, however, such driver is employed by a contractor with whom the board of education has contracted for the transportation of pupils within the district, the board of education is not authorized to pay the premium on a surety bond given by such driver.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 12, 1930.

Bureau of Inspection and Supervision of Public Offices, Columbus, Ohio.

Gentlemen:—This will acknowledge receipt of your request for my opinion with respect to the bond and certificate of good moral character which is required of the drivers of school busses. The specific questions submitted are as follows: