

of the institutions under the control of the Department of Public Welfare, it was therein held, on page 940, that:

"It will be observed that under this section there are no such detailed requirements as obtained under the other sections referred to. In purchasing supplies needed for the proper support and maintenance of the institutions under the control of the department of public welfare, the department of finance may establish its own rules; it need comply only with the following requirements:

(1) Competitive bidding.

(2) Public opening of bids on the day and hour and at the place specified in the advertisement.

(3) Award of the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, preference being given to bidders in localities wherein such institution for which the purchase is made is located, if the price is fair and reasonable and not greater than the usual price.

(4) Compliance of the bids with the specifications.

Special attention is called to the requirement that bids must be opened at the time and place specified in the advertisement. * * *"

I am, therefore, of the opinion that when the Division of Purchases and Printing specifies in a notice mailed pursuant to Section 196-7, General Code, that bids will be received at the office of the Superintendent of Purchases and Printing on a certain date at a certain hour, proposals received subsequent to such fixed time cannot be considered in awarding a contract, notwithstanding the fact that such proposals may have been mailed on the day preceding such time for the opening of bids.

Respectfully,

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APPROVAL, BONDS OF GORHAM-FAYETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT, FULTON COUNTY, OHIO—\$98,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 26, 1929.

Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

128.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY—\$5,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 26, 1929.

Industrial Commission of Ohio., Columbus, Ohio.