of State Armories, and The Middle States Construction Company, a corporation, Columbus, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of the Ohio State Armory to be erected at Piqua, Ohio, and calls for an expenditure of sixty-three thousand three hundred and eighty-one dollars (\$63,381.00).

You have submitted the certificate of the Director of Finance to the effect that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated in a sum sufficient to cover the obligations of the contract. You have also furnished evidence to the effect that the consent of the Controlling Board to the expenditure has been obtained, as required by Section 11 of House Bill No. 510 of the 88th General Assembly. In addition you have submitted a contract bond, upon which the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York appears as surety, sufficient to cover the amount of the contract.

You have further submitted evidence indicating that plans were properly prepared and approved, notice to bidders was properly given, bids tabulated as required by law and the contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the laws relating to the status of surety companies and the workmen's compensation act have been complied with.

Finding said contract and bond in proper legal form, I have this day noted my approval thereon and return the same herewith to you, together with all other data submitted in this connection.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

2060.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF VILLAGE OF FREDERICKTOWN, KNOX COUNTY, OHIO—\$6,840.66.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 7, 1930.

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

2061.

FLOOD METHOD—FOR RECOVERY OF OIL—ILLEGAL—METHODS FOR PREVENTION OF PRACTICE AND HOW CRIMINAL PROSECUTION INSTITUTED.

## SYLLABUS:

- 1. By virtue of the provisions of Section 973 of the General Code, the use of the flood method for producing oil in the coal bearing or coal producing townships is prohibited, and by virtue of the provisions of Sections 6311 and 6312, General Code, the flood method used for the production of oil is prohibited as to oil wells outside of the coal bearing or coal producing townships.
- 2. By virtue of the provisions of Section 914 of the General Code, the chief oil inspector may issue any instructions and regulations to deputy oil inspectors to prevent and stop the use of the flood method for the recovery of oil from oil wells in coal