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APPROVAL, BONDS OF VILLAGE OF TROTWOOD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, \$6,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, November 20, 1925.

*Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.*

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BOARD OF EDUCATION—NO AUTHORITY TO EXPEND SCHOOL FUNDS TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN MOTION PICTURE EQUIPMENT FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE REGULAR COURSES OF STUDY.

SYLLABUS:

*A board of education is without authority to expend school funds to install and maintain motion picture equipment or enter into contracts for films for entertainment purposes, or for any purpose other than in connection with the regular courses of study.*

COLUMBUS, OHIO, November 21, 1925.

HON. C. LUTHER SWAIN, *Prosecuting Attorney, Wilmington, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This will acknowledge receipt of your recent communication in which you submit the following inquiry:

“The board of education of Blanchester, Clinton county, Ohio, through me, has requested an opinion from your office as to their right to give motion picture entertainments in the high school auditorium, to which an admission is charged, the proceeds to be used for the benefit of the schools.

“I may state that the village of Blanchester has a population of about 1800; the school district is slightly larger, as it takes in some of the surrounding township. Blanchester has only one exhibitor of motion pictures, who has his shows on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights of each week.

“The Blanchester board gave a program of pictures last winter, and have now showed their last picture under their old contract. And they desire your prompt opinion before making a contract for pictures for this winter.”

Examination of the several sections of the General Code granting boards of education power and authority, reveals no direct authority for a board of education to install and maintain motion picture equipment nor enter into contracts for the