1666.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND THE RADIO ELECTRIC COMPANY, OF WASHINGTON, C. H., OHIO, FOR ELECTRIC WIRING IN SCHOOL HOUSE WITH GYMNASIUM AND SWIMMING POOL AT OHIO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' ORPHANS' HOME, XENIA, OHIO, AT COST OF \$2,277.00.—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE AMERICAN GUARANTY COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 5, 1924.

Hon. L. A. Boulay, Director, Department of Highways and Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Highways and Public Works, and the Radio Electric Company, of Washington C. H., Ohio. This contract covers the electric wiring in school house with gymnasium and swimming pool at the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, Xenia, Ohio, and calls for an expenditure of \$2,277,00.

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. There has further been submitted a contract bond upon which the American Guaranty Company 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 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,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney General.

1667.

AUTHORITY OF CITY, VILLAGE OR COUNTY TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE PLAY GROUNDS.

SYLLABUS:

A city cannot pay part of the expense of a playground to a group of private citizens equipping such place, in the form of a donation. A city may not pay the salary of a supervisor unless the supervision, operation and maintenance of the playground is under the jurisdiction of the local authorities.

Columbus, Ohio, August 6, 1924.

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

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your communication as follows: