

in mind that such statutes require a liberal interpretation to the end that the needy may be assisted. In the case you mention, if a technical conclusion is adopted, then it would appear that the county in which the father resides could not furnish relief for the reason that the child has not been supported in said county as contemplated by Section 3477, which conclusion might result in there being no provision for relief to a worthy person.

It is my opinion that the term "legal settlement" is not synonymous with "domicile," but rather contemplates that a person is included who has actually been in a county for a period of twelve months without relief. This would seem to be the logical conclusion from a practical standpoint, for it certainly would be more satisfactory if the authorities who are closely in contact with the children would be required to furnish relief.

By way of specific answer to your inquiry, it is my opinion that children, whose mother is dead, and who have lived with their grandparents in a given county for a period of twelve months without relief, have a legal settlement in such a county, notwithstanding their father resides in another county.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

2723.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF McCUTCHEVILLE RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,
WYANDOT COUNTY, OHIO—\$35,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 27, 1930.

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

2724.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND THE HENDERSON-BENNER ELECTRIC CORPORATION OF COLUMBUS, OHIO, FOR LIGHTING FIXTURES FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$11,471.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE UNION INDEMNITY COMPANY OF NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 27, 1930.

HON. ALBERT T. CONNAR, *Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Public Works, for the Board of Trustees of the Ohio State University of Columbus, Ohio, and the Henderson-Benner Electric Corporation of Columbus, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of contract for lighting fixtures for Physical Education Building, as set forth in the specifications for equipment for Physical Education Building on the campus of