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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, Јонм W. Bricker, Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, BONDS OF BAY VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO—\$2,100.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 3, 1934.

The Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

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APPROVAL, BONDS OF SHELBY COUNTY, OHIO-\$17,000.00. Columbus, Ohio, July 3, 1934.

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

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APPROVAL—FOUR CERTAIN DEEDS EXECUTED BY PROPERTY OWN-ERS CONVEYING PARCELS OF LAND TO THE STATE TO BE USED AS SITES FOR FIRE PREVENTION PURPOSES.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 3, 1934.

HON. JOSEPH T. TRACY, Auditor of State, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—With respect to your duty under the statute, to provide for the permanent filing of deeds and other similar instruments conveying property to the state of Ohio, you have submitted for my examination and approval, four certain deeds executed by as many different property owners, conveying small parcels of land to the state to be used as sites for fire prevention purposes. These deeds designated with respect to the names of the grantors, the location of the property and the acreage therein contained, are:

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Name	Township	County	Acreage
W. T. Lambert	Benton	Pike	.20
Charles Reed	Washington	Jackson	.38
Daniel N. Storts	Harrison	Ross	.40
W. H. Simmering	Bloom	Scioto	.15

Upon examination of these deeds, I find that each and all of the same have been executed and acknowledged by the respective grantors in the manner provided by law. I further find that the form of these deeds is such that the same are legally sufficient to convey the parcels of land therein respectively described to the state of Ohio by fee simple title, free and clear of all encumbrances except subsequently accruing taxes. Inasmuch as taxes do not accrue against the state, this exception to the warranties in deed should not give us any concern.

It is noted in this connection that each of these deeds in and by the terms and provisions thereof, is subject to a conditional limitation as well as a condition subsequent with respect to the purpose for which the parcel of land therein conveyed is to be used and the condition just referred to is made effective by a further provision that if the property conveyed should cease to be used for fire tower purposes the same should revert to the grantor or to his assigns.

Inasmuch as these conveyances are in fact gifts to the state of the properties conveyed, there is no fundamental legal objection to the state accepting title to these properties subject to the aforesaid condition with respect to the use of the same.

Under the provisions of Section 1171, the Board of Control of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station is authorized to receive in the name of the state of Ohio for the use and benefit of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station and its various activities, grants of land and other property to be applied to the general or special use of the station as directed by the donor. And by Section 18, General Code, it is provided generally that gifts or devises of real estate to the state may be in fee simple or of any lesser estate and may be subject to any reasonable reservation and condition imposed by the donor.

The deeds above referred to are accordingly approved by me as to the execution and form thereof and the same are herewith returned with the request that the same be permanently filed in your office as required by law.

Respectfully, John W. Bricker,

Attorney General.

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APPROVAL—ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE GREAT LAKES MUTUAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 5, 1934.

HON. GEORGE S. MYERS, Secretary of State, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:--I have examined the proposed articles of incorporation of the Great Lakes Mutual Insurance Association and finding that it is not inconsistent