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recorded in the Lease Records of Jefferson County in Vol. 13, page 458, and does not appear to be released. The notation of the abstracter is ambiguous in that it does not state definitely the term of the lease; and for lack of definite information, I am unable to say that this lease does not constitute an encumbrance on the property in question.

- 2. An oil and gas lease given by Elizabeth Kuester to J. J. Crawford under date of July 27, 1909. It is recorded in Vol. 14, page 4, of the Lease Records of Jefferson County, and is not released. The above observations respecting the Snyder lease apply in equal force with respect to the Crawford lease.
- 3. An oil and gas lease by Charles Kuester to The Fairfield Oil & Gas Company, under date of October 16, 1926, by the terms of which the lessee is given the right to drill a well within one year or pay royalty. The lease is recorded in Lease Records No. 21, page 27, and is not released.
- 4. A mortgage by Albert Kuester and Nettie A. Kuester to the Federal Land Bank of Louisville, under date of September 4, 1925, recorded in M. R. 104, page 397 Jefferson County, Ohio, to secure the payment of a note of the grantors for \$1,300.00, bearing interest at the rate of $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum, payments to be made under an amortization plan, as provided in and required by the Federal Farm Loan Act.
- 5. The abstracter states the sum of \$23.50 is due for taxes, payable in 1927. It is assumed that this is the June instalment of the 1926 tax; and, in addition, there would be the 1927 taxes to be paid, which are now a lien.
- 6. A road assessment in the sum of \$6.83, payable in thirteen instalments, the first payment to be made in 1927. Apparently the amount stated to be due is only the 1927 instalment. The entire assessment is probably much greater than the amount stated. The amount of the entire assessment should be ascertained.

The abstracter shows an examination of the judgment indexes in the Clerk's and Sheriff's offices for judgment liens only goes back as far as 1910, and indicates that no examination has been made in the United States Court.

The form of deed submitted has not been executed, witnessed or acknowledged. However, it is in proper form and when executed, witnessed and acknowledged will transfer a good title to the land in question.

The abstract and form of deed are herewith returned to you.

Respectfully,
EDWARD C. TURNER,
Attorney General.

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-APPROVAL, NOTE OF MONROE TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, COSHOCTON COUNTY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 8, 1927.