

It is assumed that in a manufacturing company such as you mention above, a part of the employes, at least, would be minors. And it is also assumed that there is some purpose in withholding the first week's wages, akin to the purposes mentioned in the above mentioned section. In fact, Item No. 2 provides that in case any girl quits before the full twelve weeks, for any cause whatsoever, she will be paid only what she has earned "piece work" during the time she worked. It is believed this form of contract is not permissible under the laws of Ohio.

Upon very careful consideration of your inquiries, it is my opinion that they should both be answered in the affirmative.

Respectfully,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND R. BURTON CHILD, FINDLAY, OHIO, FOR ALTERATION OF PRESENT CATTLE BUILDING FOR SWINE BUILDING AT OHIO STATE FAIR GROUNDS, 'AT COST OF \$72,490.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY R. W. MOORE, A. E. DORSEY, D. EARL CHILD AND J. LEO CHILD.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 21, 1924.

HON. L. A. BOULAY, *Director, Department of Highways and Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Highways and Public Works and R. Burton Child, of Findlay, Ohio. This contract covers the alteration of present Cattle Building for Swine Building at the Ohio State Fair Grounds and calls for an expenditure of \$72,490.00.

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 R. W. Moore, A. E. Dorsey, D. Earl Child, and J. Leo Child appear as sureties, sufficient to cover the amount of the contract.

You have further submitted evidence indicating that plans were properly prepared and approved, informal bids were taken and tabulated as required by law and the contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the law relating to the workmen's compensation has 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.