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CIVIL AVIATION LAW. By George W. Lupton. Chicago: Callaghan and Company, 1935. Pp. xxviii, 348.

"The purpose of this modest volume is to assist the practicing attorney to put his finger on the best thought in the field of aviation law, whether decisional or theoretical, and to assist in blocking out an approach to specific problems." Thus the author explains in the preface the scope and object of this book.

It consists mainly of chapters dealing with airspace sovereignty; airspace rights; federal and state jurisdiction and regulation; common carriers; airports, seadromes and mooring masts; tort liabilities; various types of insurance coverage; bailments; flight contracts, sales, chattel mortgages and other liens; workmen's compensation; taxes and customs duties; patents, criminal law; and air mail and other recent legislation. An appendix contains citations to state and territorial enactments listed with brief references to subject-matters.

The book would probably be classed as a digest were it not arranged and written in the form of a text. The author has necessarily touched very briefly on all points considered, making copious references to aeronautical laws, decisions, opinions, rulings, texts and law review articles (mostly of the United States). Other questions with which a lawyer may be confronted in dealing with aeronautical matters are not considered to any appreciable extent.

The book is well written and should prove to be useful to one wishing to become acquainted with aeronautical law or desiring quick reference to some particular subject that has been discussed therein.

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1935 UNITED STATES AVIATION REPORTS. Edited by Arnold W. Knauth, Henry G. Hotchkiss, and Emory H. Niles. Baltimore: U. S. Av. Reports, Inc., 1935. Pp. lxii, 502.

This is the eighth volume of a very useful set of books.

It contains forty-two decisions, opinions and rulings covering common carriers, negligence, flying schools, airports, low-flying near an airport, regulations, taxation, insurance coverage, bailments, workmen's compensation, insecticide spraying from an airplane, salvage, mechanic's liens, and other miscellaneous matters. Seven are in summary form.

The volume also sets forth the Report of the American Bar Association Committee on Aeronautical Law for 1935; international conventions having to do with aeronautical sanitation and radio; the recent Air Mail Act amend-

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ment; new federal laws pertaining to neutrality and military and naval aviation; interstate airline regulations; the Senate Resolution for investigation of accidents; and new laws of twenty-eight states.

It is unfortunate that the Interstate Commerce Commission report in the Air Mail Pay case (206 I. C. C. 675) is not included in the book, particularly in view of the historical and economic discussion by the Commission which involves much more than strictly air mail considerations.

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