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for the organization and operation of such associations, must have a proper foundation in their history, the general theory of operation, and general information concerning same. This book has a carefully planned chapter devoted to this subject in which the matter is fully discussed. It also has a complete form for the organization of such association.

The book is divided in two parts. Part I, is devoted to text matter, in which is contained a general discussion and explanation of legal financial problems in connection with real estate. The book is written primarily from the stand point of real estate finance, however there are able and well written discussions on the interpretation and explanation of the clauses found in mortgages, leases, trust agreements, land contracts and other kindred documents.

Part II, of the book is devoted to forms. The forms included are those pertaining to building and loan associations containing a very valuable amortization table for use in calculating the monthly interest and principal of installment mortgages. Among the other forms are mortgages, bonds, leases, including long term leases, trust agreement, land contracts, deeds, and many other practical forms.

The book is very well arranged and has an ample and complete index.

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United States Aviation Reports. Edited by Arnold W. Knauth, Henry G. Hotchkiss and Emory H. Niles. Published by United States Aviation Reports Inc., Baltimore.

This well printed and well edited volume of 670 pages is confined, as its title indicates, to United States material, but covers such material fairly adequately. Its main portion, consisting of 330 pages, reprints the cases that have arisen in the United States relating to the law of Aviation and includes a number of decisions of the U. S. Comptroller General relating to air mail and the hitherto unpublished but highly interesting Minnesota district case of *Johnson v. Curtiss Northwest Airplane Co.* relating to rights in the airspace. All told 139 such cases are contained within these pages. On page 330 there is a supplementary list of cases connected with aviation but not deciding points directly upon the law of the air. This list contains 17 additional cases and involves points of army and navy pay, government contracts, insurance, liens, patents, taxation and workmens' compensation. Two opinions of the United States Attorney General dealing with the Bolling agreement and the Handley Page Patent (Vol. 33, p. 288, and Vol. 33, p. 211) are neither published nor mentioned though they certainly deserve a place in the book as much as does some of the other material. The authors are to be commended for publishing four airplane cases, one of them decided as late as October 6, 1928. That they have not found the case of *State v. Johnson* 220 N.W. 273 (Neb.) which also deals with airports and was decided in June 1928 can readily be understood and excused.

Under the head of federal Statutes and Regulations 102 pages are devoted to the Air Commerce Act of 1926, the Army Air Corps Act, and the Army and Navy Procurement Act of the same year, the Air Mail Acts and the Air Commerce Regulations and the Airport Rating Regulations.

The State and Territorial Statutes occupy 144 pages. Each state, so far as it has statutes, is separately treated. There is no useless repetition however. The Uniform State Law of Aeronautics, though enacted by about a dozen jurisdictions is printed but once under the heading Delaware. Other states which have

adopted this law are referred to this place. This of course leaves out of account the variations which exist in this law as between the various jurisdictions. This however is not as serious a fault as might be imagined as these variations are not very pronounced, and relate largely to the punishment inflicted for the infractions of the punitive sections.

A short chapter of 29 pages entitled "Commercial Forms" contains three forms of insurance contracts, four forms of passenger contracts, an express receipt and a student's release to flying school. While it goes way out of the proper technical scope of the book it is certainly of some use and its inclusion may be excused if not justified. The "index digest" covers 50 pages at the end of the book and appears to have all the virtues which can be expected from an index. The authors in the preface express the hope of creating in later years from it a well rounded and comprehensive classification of air law.

On the whole the authors have rendered a notable service to the law of the air. It is to be hoped that they will carry out their expressed intention of following the volume with later advance sheets and volumes as the work of courts and legislatures change or add to the present law.

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ADDITIONAL BOOKS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW

The Lawyers Directory, 1929, published by Sharp & Allen Co., Philadelphia, continuously for 47 years.

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