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***Beyond the Fourth Generation* by Lamar Johnson**

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growth of aviation respectability is one of a number of interesting historical side trails which lead from this book into research fields. The book's chapters are arranged to cover episodes and events rather than proceeding strictly chronologically. The reader had better be prepared to skip around a bit. This lack of continuity makes the initial reading a little disconcerting, until the reader finally decides just to relax and enjoy. Sample chapter headings are "The Glenn Curtis School," "Aeromarine and Florida Airways" (a lot of seaplane action in those early days, as one might expect in this area), "The Embry-Riddle Story" and "Tampa Bay Aviation." The last chapter, one of four to deal with aviation in specific localities, begins with Lincoln Beachley's night flight over Tampa, "which was widely acclaimed in the world press and helped to put Tampa on the world map" (p. 202). Brown gives a lot of attention in the Tampa Bay chapter to the development of local airfields; this section should provide some nostalgia for readers who can remember the 1920s and 1930s. Today, of course, flight has become routine and almost dull – the price, perhaps, of commercial respectability. The author's lines about Weedon Island's strip says it all: "Flying over the area in 1980, one can still see remains of runways, and there, standing alone, amid weeds and jungle, the solitary hangar that once represented a bustling airport in earlier years." (p. 208).

The book is paperbound, footnoted for facts but without sources, and has a good bibliography. Researchers will find this a better than average local history.

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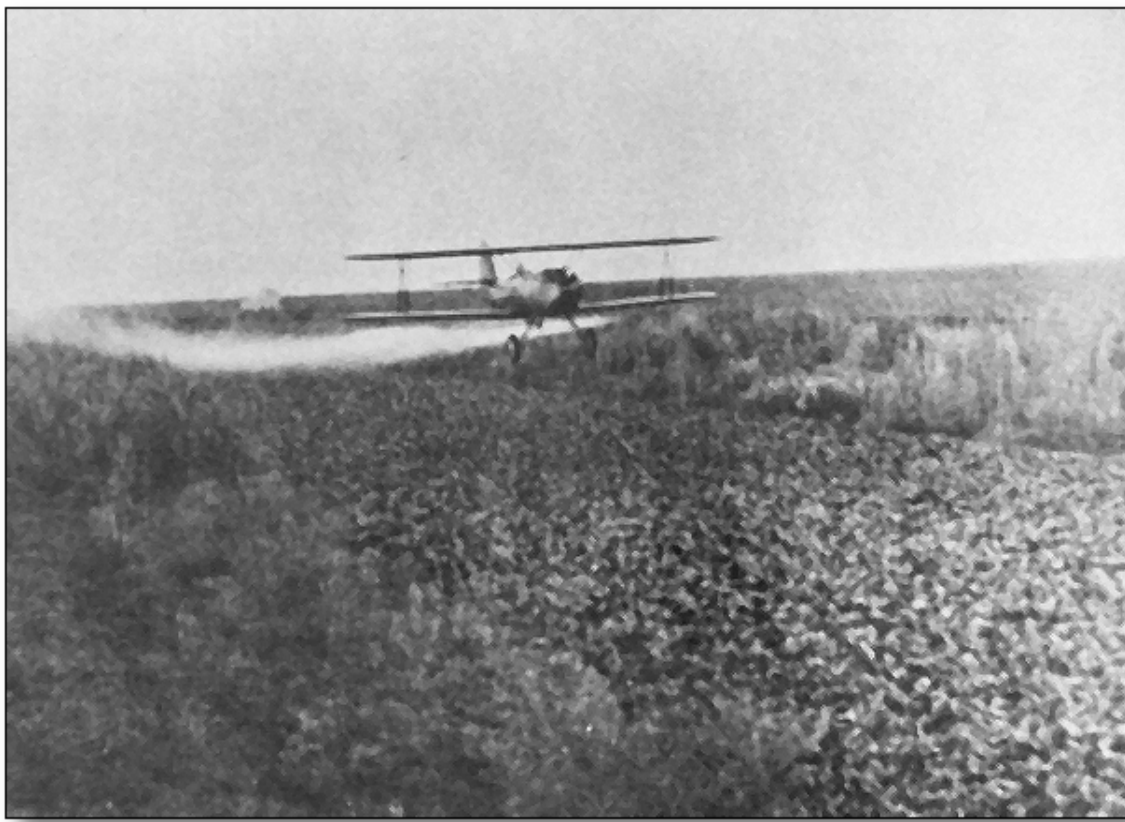
Beyond the Fourth Generation. By Lamar Johnson. Gainesville, 1974. University Presses of Florida. Photographs. Maps. Pp. xiii, 230.

Beyond the Fourth Generation is a first person history. It is a view of historical events relating to over 50 years (1921-1974) of water management in south Florida as experienced by Lamar Johnson, surveyor and engineer, who played a major role in those activities. As noted in the preface, the author's goal was to ". . . show the motivation of early generations. History in the dry record of public documents does not always reflect the mood of the times. The attitude of the period is often more interesting than the events."

In the telling of this history, Mr. Johnson has done some careful research to supplement his own story as well as background his time period against what had happened in the years prior to his coming to south Florida. He describes, for example, the early railroad era in Florida, how the state "lost" 30,000 lakes, and the early surveying and drainage activities in the Everglades.

The book contains many photographs, several of which picture the early equipment used to drain the Everglades. Definitely missing from the book is a clear map of the region. The reader will be forced to refer to road atlases in an attempt to pinpoint where events described had taken place. Because the author did not adopt a strictly chronological sequence in telling his story, some of the chapters may seem disjointed. However, that small point does not affect the flow of the total book.

It is interesting to note that some of the items Mr. Johnson suggested for further study, such as the raising of the overall level of Lake Okeechobee, have been accomplished, or are now under



Airplane spraying canal choked with hyacinths in 1946.

Photograph from *Beyond the Fourth Generation*.

active consideration. It would have been interesting to discuss with the author, now deceased, what his thoughts and comments would be with regard to the present situation of Florida's water resources.

Although some readers may not agree with the reasons why or with what has been done in the management of south Florida water resources, the book is an excellent look at the history of water management in south Florida and the motivations behind the historical events. Hopefully, we have learned from the experiences of the past generations and will apply those experiences to the management of Florida's water resources in the next generation.

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Surf, Sand and Post Card Sunsets. By Frank T. Hurley, Jr. St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, 1977.
Frank T. Hurley, Jr. Photographs.