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Paul N. Voykin, a published author, is a member of the Garden Writers of America. Members of this writing association from time to time get horticulture books from major publishing companies to review. According to Paul some of these books are good, some fair, and some excellent reading, and should be in our office reference library. We have asked Paul to review the best ones for the Bull Sheet. Those books that are outstanding should be brought to our attention.

The editor.

The Gardener's Basic Book of Trees and Shrubs by Stanley Schuler. Simon and Schuster, \$9.95.

Stanley Schuler has written his best effort to date with this easy to read book on trees and shrubs. He gives the reader common sense advice throughout this book on all the important and basic things that you should know about plant material. Everything from why evergreens should always be sold with a ball of earth around the roots to all the good reasons why a fruit tree requires more pruning than an ornamental. And how many of you superintendents know how to espalier? We forgive Schuler for a commercial pitch about his favorite two mail nurseries and the fact that when you start a book with a whimsical folksy style you don't end it abruptly on a technical note. But these criticisms are minute and don't take away from this excellent book. Mr. Schuler has an interesting chapter on propagating your own trees and shrubs and also gives us good advice why shrubs do two jobs better than any other plant material. I agree with him whole heartedly that small properties with huge trees do look very attractive—

contrary to the advice of many horticulturists and landscape architects that advocate planting small lots with small sized trees.

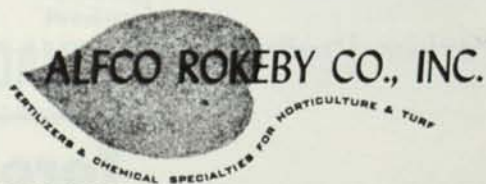
Authors rarely emphasize, as does Mr. Schuler, the consideration and effect of light when planting trees and shrubs. Mr. Schuler sets us straight on this important factor. He also has proof that foresters can grow some trees thirty percent faster than they do naturally by fertilizing trees every year and by eliminating weeds and shrubs near them that compete for moisture.

There are many interesting things in this book. Did you know that the only American tree that has the rare ability of growing in the water (hydroponics) is the bald cypress? And how about the fact that only the female specimen of the holly ever produces berries? This is a sound book with excellent photographs. Give your office library a Christmas present.

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