

Reviews and Abstracts

The Fruit Year Book, 1958. The Royal Horticultural Society, Vincent Square, London S. W. 1, 176 pages. \$1.65.

At the end of the War, The Royal Horticultural Society organized a fruit group which commenced, in 1947, the publication of a *Fruit Year Book* to "serve as a common ground where private growers can exchange their experiences and methods of technique with those of the professional growers and scientific investigators." This 10th volume in the series admirably continues the Society's objective of bringing together articles which are "at once interesting and informative to amateur and professional alike."

An article on "pillar" trees deals with a little-known commercial practice of pruning the trees to a central trunk ten to twelve feet high in hedge-row fashion, without support. Such trees are planted five feet apart in the row.

A discussion between fruit growers and entomologists on the "New Look in Fruit Spraying" gives current data on sprays and spray practice under English conditions. For the professional there is an annotated discussion of papers delivered at the Fourteenth International Horticultural Congress held in Holland in 1955.

Fruit history and literature are dealt with in the chapter entitled "Fruit Books of the Early Nineteenth Century", and "The History of Gooseberries in England".

For the amateur there are articles on "The Recognition of Injuries to Fruit" (with most helpful photographs), on "Staking Fruit Trees" and on "Renovating an Old Fruit Garden". On fruit growing in other countries are articles on "Some Jamaican Fruits" and on "Fruit Growing in Poland." The volume is fully illus-

trated with many excellent photographs.

The Fruit Year Book, 1958, contains articles of universal interest. It should be on the bookshelves of every American fruit grower if for no other reason than pure reading pleasure.—R. A. Nitschke.



Freestone Peach Varieties for the Pacific Northwest. 1957. By H. W. Fogle, G. H. Carter, D. W. Ingalsbe and A. M. Neubert. Bul. 576, State College of Washington. 24 pages.

A study of over 200 freestone peach varieties and selections was undertaken by the authors of this bulletin, in an attempt to find varieties that will extend the peach season in the Pacific Northwest. The authors are especially interested in finding desirable early types. This bulletin is a report on their findings. Evaluations of the fresh fruit characteristics of 118 yellow-fleshed varieties, as well as processing data on 34 of the most promising ones are presented. Of the dual purpose peaches maturing about five weeks before Elberta, Redhaven was found most promising for fresh market, and Ranger best for processing.



Strawberry Varieties in the United States. 1958. By G. M. Darrow and D. H. Scott. Farmers' Bul. No. 1043, U.S.D.A. 20 pages. 15¢.

The national strawberry variety picture is presented in this bulletin by two leading authorities as they see it. The outstanding commercial and garden varieties are described, and the regions to which they are adapted are indicated in maps and tables. Both growers and gardeners can benefit from this publication.