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? WHY THE WEATHER ?

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SHRUBS IN A DROUGHT

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Writing of conditions in Indiana, Willard N. Clute, editor of the American Botanist, says:

"One of the wonders of the present hot and dry summer has been the remarkable growth of many shrubs. While herbaceous plants have literally burned up, well established shrubs have flourished like the proverbial green bay tree. New twigs, two, three or even four feet in length, have been common. It is possible that this exuberant growth is due to a root system able to tap deeper supplies of moisture, for the condition of various other species indicates that they have not shared in the general prosperity."

Is it not rather the hot weather that has forced the growth of these deep-rooted and hence well-watered plants?

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