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Watching Costs at Kidwell Turf
Jack Kidwell, Virginia's largest turf grower, knows exactly what his costs are. He has adapted a farm management computer service, offered by Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Helicopter Seeding of a Golf Course
An Ohio contractor has found the helicopter can seed fairways in one-sixth the time of conventional methods.

How to Foul Up a Herbicide Program
Cecil F. Kerr, turf product manager for Chipman Div., Rhodia, Inc., lists 10 ways a golf course superintendent can use herbicides to put himself over a barrel or out of a job.

Let's Put the Care Back into Tree Care
William (Badger Bill) Johnson moved his tree care business from Wisconsin to Phoenix, Ariz., and has showed the folks a thing or two about how a real arborist trims trees.

Landscape Outlook
An American Association of Nurserymen committee sees a bright future, with some new customers, new types of products, and new concept business practices.

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Soil preparation for growing sod has some special wrinkles for Jack Kidwell, Virginia's largest cultivated turfgrass grower. Some of his land lies along the Rappahannock River. It's rolling and rocky. Consequently, a rock picker and a land leveler are essential. The rock picker is capable of removing 100 tons of stones per day. Used in conjunction with a spiked-tooth harrow, a field is worked until the rocks are removed from the top six inches. The land leveler helps prevent small depressions that can delay mowing, foster disease outbreaks, and hamper harvesting operations.

Kidwell, left, is chatting with his farm manager, Ralph Firebaugh. Saturnino Espino is aboard the Ford 8000 pulling the Eversman land leveler; Jay Kidwell is on a Ford 5000 pulling the Anderson rock picker.