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Container Ornamentals Solve Preparation, Maintenance Woes
Dr. Gary Anderson, chairman of the Ohio State University Horticultural Industries Division, explains how container plantings have advantages over plant beds for city landscapes.

Consider Mature Characteristics in Birch Selection
Douglas Chapman gives his view on selection of the trouble-prone but highly attractive birch species. Research is still needed.

Cultivating and Soliciting New Business Prospects
Equipment columnist Dave Johnstone gives tips to finding the decision maker in potential maintenance accounts. Selling new business without stepping on the toes of subjective executives.

Landscape Structures Are Key Elements in Management
The scope of expertise by landscape managers must be broadened to include structures. Survey reveals architects specify more landscape structures than plant materials.

Irrigation Precautions Assure Design Efficiency
Irrigation consultant Mike Morey outlines the points for inspection prior to spring system use. Corrections made now can save water and turf in the summer.

Reagan’s EPA: Balancing Regulations With the Budget
Washington correspondent James Dickinson provides insight into the Environmental Protection Agency under the Reagan administration based upon interviews with past and present EPA officials.

Thatch Biology: Turfgrass Growth Versus Decomposition
Cornell University turfgrass pathologist Dr. Richard Smiley reports the latest research on factors in thatch accumulation. Some management practices encourage thatch accumulation.

Drainage Design to Withstand Intensive Football Field Use
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