this form is not the idea. They could if they desired
to do so, but the main thought behind the idea is for the
form to be an all inclusive, not too detailed list of all
possible categories where golf course supers are spending
their club's money. Then in filling out the form, if one
super finds an area on the form that does not apply to
his operation, he simply marks it to show it is not
applicable or simply leaves the space blank. Upon
completion, these forms will be sent to the Mid-Atlantic
Newsletter editor for review and analysis. They need not
be signed and will be kept anonymous if the super
and/or the club desires.

Adoption and utilization of this plan would be a great
benefit to all supers as they prepare and carry out their
budgets. It would eliminate the ever-present doubt by a
few club members that "we may be being taken for a
ride" when they hear of a budget that may be lower
than theirs.

Ideas and opinions, both pro and con, are welcome as
usual. But at any rate, once again we can see that facts
and figures may become a real help for the super.

SPECIAL FEATURE

Included in the Newsletter this month is a copy of an
article which appeared on the front page of The Wall
Street Journal on July 15. The article was well done and
supers from all areas had members remarking to them
about it. The article was mainly due to the efforts of the
Buchen Public Relations firm whom the GCSAA had
retained a few years ago. But after the article was
printed, a letter comes to our attention stating that the
Buchen firm is no longer being retained by our National
association. Details are lacking, but it does seem a shame
after such a fine article and all the favorable comment
and sudden awareness on the part of a great number of
club members all over the country that this will be the
last attempt on their part. Hopefully, this article can be
used in conjunction with budget preparations to
implement increases in wages, but if nothing more comes
of it, at least many people have been made aware of
problems that exist all over the entire country.
Incidentally, Oscar Miles is one of Dr. Joe Duich's two
year turf graduates from Penn State.

BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors held a meeting on Aug. 11 at
Gunpowder CC. One of the items discussed was
concerning a joint meeting between V.P.I. and the
University of Md. Director Lee Dieter will act as the
liaison between the two groups and will investigate the
possibility at the V.P.I. Field Days to be held in
September. Support for this conference ran high among
the directors and it is felt that this will be the consensus
of our members.

Bob Shields, past National President, discussed the
proposed plan for superintendent certification as
submitted in temporary form to members of the new
committee to review this. The only comment that was
made by the board was that they felt that the local
chapter should have more to say and do with the
verification of the applicants than is presently described
in the program.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Application for membership was reviewed for Donald
Hendrie, present superintendent at the Annapolis Road
G&CC in Annapolis, Md. He is applying for a class E
membership and was sponsored by Jack McBride and
George Thompson.

As with any membership application, unless written
objection is received to an application within 30 days
after publication, the applicant automatically becomes
an active member.

SURVEY

At the Board Meeting, the board approved re-activation of the Superintendent Survey which we did
over two years ago. Denny McCammon will be handling
this project as well as the confidential budget survey
already discussed in the Editorial.