

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. On 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 impliment 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 liason 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 concensus 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.

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