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start to lag behind again at once. There are 220 driving students each year, he said, but only 180 can be trained in the cars. (After the meeting, Mr. Drenner asked the **Times** to advertise that he is looking for a part-time driving instructor.)

Another woman said she was glad the district's janitors will now get raises only on merit, and not automatically. She said that the Riverview janitors didn't deserve a raise, as they had done a very shoddy job of snow removal this winter. "Their snow blower was broken," she said, "but even so, they have shovels, don't they?"

The possibility of the drinking age being lowered to 18 was mentioned in regard to the discipline problem. Everyone seemed to agree that students would get drunk and cause

more problems if the law is changed. Mr. Arnold advised the questioner to write to her congressman about it.

"I've written to many legislators," he said, "and I've always gotten an answer."

One of the women who had spoken previously said she had liked No No Nannette and other productions like the recent band concert. She said that not enough people came to see these excellent performances.

"Donegal kids have a special something that the kids in other districts don't have," she said. "They're good kids."

The group applauded at this point.

At the close of the meeting, Dr. Hartzler, who is in charge of School Board publicity, said that "some very worthwhile ideas came up, especially the discipline code."

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State abolition of the property tax was advocated. Dr. Eshleman replied that the local tax keeps at least some control of the local district out of the hands of Harrisburg.

Mr. Arnold said that the property tax originated when owning property was associated with wealth. He agreed that it hits young homeowners hard at times.

A man (the only male parent who spoke up that night) complained that his child's class seemed too big. Mr. Arnold outlined some of the complexities of class size. "That's a point of discussion," he said.

Another complaint was that some children from the western end of Marietta are being bused to Maytown Elementary School. Mr. Arnold said that this area is a "swing" area: kids are bused to equalize class sizes in the various schools. The district tries to keep a child in the same school once he or she starts there, he said.

Mile-a-thon

A race is a new feature of the U.C.P. Mile-a-thon this year. Slated to begin at 1:30PM on Sunday, May 21, the five mile course is through the Lancaster County Park. Open to participants of all ages, awards will be given in various categories. A Milea-Thon T-shirt will be presented to the first 100 finishers and to these returning early sponsorship money. Of course, for those wanting a slower pace, the regular mile-a-thon will begin as soon as the racers take off at 1:30.

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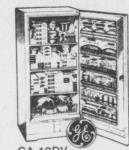
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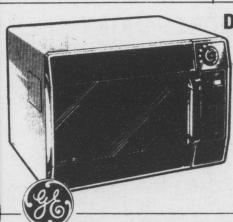
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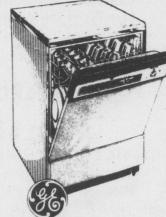


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