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To The Credit of The Senate

The Senate was urged to extend the provisions of the minimum wage law to certain enterprises, including retailing, which have been exempt ever since the law was first passed in 1938. It is to the credit of the Senate that it did not do so and that the exemptions are retained in the bill it passed this session.

Retailing is a purely local enterprise — every store, even though it be a member of a national chain store system, must compete locally, and it will succeed or fail as it meets varying local desires and needs. Retailing also has employment opportunities for numbers of unskilled people whose services are of relatively small value, but who can gain experience that will qualify them for better-paying jobs in the future. If the cost of this marginal labor was artificially forced up by law, retailers would have no choice save to spare employment to the utmost. The people harmed would be those the minimum wage is supposed to help.

No Place for Monopoly

The production of atomic weapons is a job for the government. But when it comes to putting the atom to work to serve the arts of peace, private enterprise must enter the picture.

Right now private enterprise is building the first commercial atomic-electric plant Proposals for four other plants have been presented by private enterprise to the Atomic Energy Commission These are pioneering steps, and initially the power will probably be expensive to make. But it will be sold at regular rates. The electric industry expects to learn from such experiments how to build more economical and efficient atomic electric projects for the future.

There are those who want a government monopoly of the atom—in electric production and everything else. That attitude is not shared by the men in top policy-making governmental positions. Actually, the surest way to prevent progress is to have a monopoly, governmental or otherwise, of anything. The more minds and more resources we can devote to any problem, the sooner it will be solved. The element of competition comes into this too—monopolists can afford to take things easy. Men who work under competitive conditions can't.

No one knows how soon atomic power will be practical on a really big scale. But private enterprise can be counted on to bring it about in the shortest possible time.

Back In 1925

Remember the prices that obtained back in 1925?

You could get a new small car for $500. You could get a good cigar for a nickel. Anl you could buy a reliable watch for one dollar.

Those days are gone, no doubt forever. But there are a few—a very few—commodities in general use which still sell at around the 1925 price.

Gasoline, the oil industry's principal product, is one of them. Exclusive of the taxes over which the industry has no control, and which are up 250 per cent, gasoline now costs only slightly more than it did in 1925. And, measured by the barometer of performance, it costs substantially less—for two gallons o ftoday's motor fuel do the work that required three in that earlier era.

Various forces have helped to bring this about. For one, consumption is far greater, and the more we use of anything, generally speaking, the cheaper the price. For another the oil industry has always been a leader in scientific research designed to produce new products, better products, and lower-priced products. And for still another, intense competition is a hallmark of the oil industry—in refining, selling and every other phase of operation.

Very likely that has been the greatest of all the forces. In any line of endeavor, competition is the consumer's best friend.

Miles River Adds Sail To Regatta

Miles River Yacht Club Sail Regatta Chairman, Wayne Lednum, has announced that another class has been added for the 34th Annual Regatta held by the Club in the Miles River off St. Michaels, next Saturday and Sunday, August 6 and 7.

International 14s, a speedy dinghy type race boat which has been known to plane at speeds of 30 to 40 miles per hour has been added to the large list of previously scheduled boats.

The 14s will race from the outside Committee Boat as will the Star, Chesapeake 20, Thistle, free for all 20 foot and under, Lightning, and Hampton Classes.

Racing under the able direction of James Wales from the inside Committee Boat meanwhile will be the famous old Chesapeake Bay Log Canoes, Chesapeake 16, Comet and Penquin Classes.

Once again many coveted bowls and other trophies will be as stake for the helmsmen from all parts of the Chesapeake Bay, along the Jersey Coast and the Delaware River.

Among the trophies will be the once retired William Bieglow Trophy. This fine old trophy was last raced for by the Cruising Class.The trophy has been taken out of retirement and will once again be one of the coveted awards, this time being awarded to the top skipper in the 20 foot and under class.

Mr. Dednum also announced that this year the club is presenting half model of sailboats to all skippers who place first and second in each of the small boat classes. Third place prizes will be barometers for these classes.

The Racing Division will sail a race from Gibson Island on Saturday to St. Michaels for the O.L. Tiedeman Memorial Series. This race sponsored by the Potapskut Sailing Association will be held in conjunction with the Miles River Regatta.

The Cruising Division and Delta Classes will race from Annapolis to Miles River Yacht Club with all three races being finished inEastern Bay sometime Saturday. William L. Wrightson will be in charge of these races.

Mr. Lednum further announced that the information desk at the club will be under the direction of Max Caplan. All contestants will register at the information desk and receive their race course sheets.

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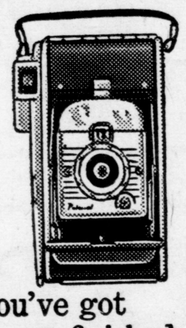

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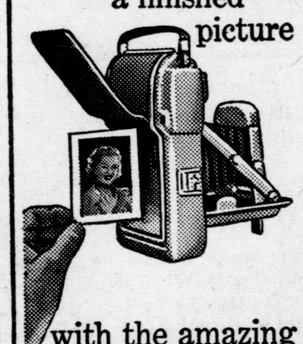

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