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Champion Fly And Bait Caster Holds One Of Sweetest Jobs In The World

By JAMES MARLOW
WASHINGTON — (AP) — Let's go fishing, one day anyway.

In the eyes of fishermen, Ben Hardesty, 23-year old redhead who just won the national professional all-around championship in fly and bait casting, has one of the sweetest jobs in the world.

He works for a company which makes fishing tackle, and this requires him to fish — he gets in about 100 days a year — and demonstrate tackle. While fishing he tries out new tackle before it's put on the market.

Further, if he busts some tackle or loses a plug, the company ships him more of the same, a couple of dozen at a time. He's ambitious. To keep right on doing what he's doing.

(All the other sweet jobs, of course, are held by other professionals working for other tackle companies, doing what Hardesty's doing.)

But Hardesty is an extraordinary fisherman in another way: He's honest. He admits he sometimes fishes all day and comes home skunked. Just learning that this can happen to someone else was a great relief to me. I've come home fishless so often I thought someone was putting garlic on my hook.

He's a very relaxed and confident young man. He has fished in practically every state. And a movie was made of his catching a tarpon on an 18-pound test line.

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Senators Slash Tax Increases Voted By House

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The senate finance committee has tentatively voted to knock out about one-fourth of the corporation tax increase voted by the House.

Most of the excess profits tax boost was eliminated Monday from the house-passed \$7,200,000,000 tax hike bill. The senators kept the five percent increase in corporation income taxes but juggled rates to make the hike lighter on small companies with incomes of \$25,000 or less a year.

Even with this softer treatment, the higher corporation levy rates would yield an estimated \$2,280,000,000 a year in additional revenue — \$760,000,000 less than under the house bill.

The senators now have tentatively approved cuts of about \$1,640,000,000 in the tax increases voted by the House.

If they cut excise taxes, the last remaining big section of the bill, as sharply as they have other levies they may well get their version of the tax hike down to about \$5,000,000,000, or only half the amount sought by President Truman.

Other Sources Studied

The committee will study possible taxes for cooperatives, mutual banks, savings and loan and insurance groups, and others,

some of which now have certain exemption privileges.

The senators voted to make their corporation boosts expire Dec. 31, 1953, the same date they picked for termination of personal income tax increases.

They did not agree on the effective date for the new corporation levies although some are said to favor a date later than January 1, 1951.

The finance committee rejected the house provision reducing to 75 percent from the present 85 the percentage of average base period net income to be used in computing the excess profits tax credit. The base period is the best three years in the four from 1946 through 1949.

The house bill would require companies to pay an excess profits tax on everything above 75 percent of earnings in the base period.

Other Changes Favored
On corporation income taxes, the senators agreed to accept the house boost in the combined normal and surtax rate of 52 percent from the present 47.

However, the finance committee did this by boosting the normal rate from 25 to 27 percent and the surtax rate from 22 to 25 percent.

The House had increased the

normal rate to 30 percent and had not changed the surtax.

The finance committee went along with the House in increasing the combined excess profits and normal-surtax rates to a maximum of 82 percent. The excess profits tax is 30 percent on top of the normal-surtax levy.

The senators also voted to accept the ceiling of 70 percent fixed by the House as the maximum any corporation must pay under the income and excess profits levies. The ceiling, now 62 percent, applies to the over-all taxes.

Copper Strike Muled By Federal Wage Board

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Wage Stabilization board took over the copper strike at President Truman's request today amid signs it would toss the dispute right back to the White House if the walkout continues.

The board has asked the striking Mine, Mill and Smelter workers union, along with a dozen AFL and other unions idled by picket lines, to go back to work while it holds hearings in the dispute. The Independence Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers union refused but said it would have a delegation at today's hearings.

In The Armed SERVICES

ENLISTS IN NAVY

Robert Alva Laws, 18, son of E. Douglas Laws, enlisted in the Mr. and Mrs. Alva L. Laws of 427 United States navy on Aug. 23. Robert enlisted in the naval reserve last spring and recently made a two weeks cruise to Prince Rupert, Canada, on the USS Rombach. Robert, who was graduated from Roseburg high school last June, enlisted under the high school graduate program as an airman recruit. Upon completion of his recruit training, he will attend a school of aviation fundamentals and will then be assigned to one of the navy's air squadrons or to a school for further training.

ENLISTS IN NAVY

Norman Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Smith, of Roseburg has enlisted in the navy and will go to Portland, Sept. 13, where he will be assigned to a base for boot training. Smith formerly attended Roseburg schools.

Patient's Heart Stops Four Times During Operation

CLEVELAND — (AP) Doctors hospital has disclosed the heart beat of a 30-year-old woman patient stopped four times on the operating table and was restored each time.

The incident happened two weeks ago and the woman left the hospital for convalescence.

She was about to undergo a simple plastic surgery operation on her upper lip.

At 8:42 a.m., just as a local anesthetic was being started, she went limp and her heart stopped.

Emergency treatment in such cases is to cut into the chest cavity and massage the heart back into action. Five minutes is considered about the maximum time that can be allowed for restoring the heart action successfully.

At 8:43 1/2 a.n. an anesthesiologist dropped a tube down the patient's windpipe to start artificial breathing. Half a minute later he injected a drug into the heart. In another half minute a surgeon opened the chest. By 8:45 the massage of the heart started.

In three minutes there was a feeble beat of the heart, and at 8:55 it was much stronger. But at 9:13 it stopped again for six minutes and the treatment continued. At 9:33 it halted for the third time, for two minutes, and at 9:48 it halted again for two minutes. By 9:44 the pulse was strong, and at 10:58 the surgeon closed the chest cavity.

The names of the patient and the surgical staff involved were not disclosed.

At headquarters of the American Medical association in Chicago, it was said surgeons sometimes find it necessary to restore a heart beat several times before it functions properly.

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