

Reporters Combine Sports On Williamson Water Trip

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and drinking by the bank. As we neared Chiloquin later in the afternoon the fish started to rise heavily in the middle of the river. But the river at that point was getting wider and we found we couldn't reach the rising fish from shore. We remembered regretfully that it was illegal to fish them from the canoe so we decided to pass them up 'til next year.

Soon another flock of ducks came into view. They were mergansers, blue bills and buffleheads mixed. Again they jumped ahead of us and flew downstream, but a blue bill hen veered off and up she came like a bullet shoulder high. One shot and down she came.

It was getting dark now and the rods and guns had to be put up. We were only passing through Chiloquin and we had some distance to go and plenty of white water ahead.

Two very undesirable parts of the river at this point were the rock shelf formations that stretched from bank to bank an inch or two below the surface and the huge half sunken logs that were hard to spot in the half dark. We found quite a few of these logs without any trouble, however, the hard way . . . the hard way.

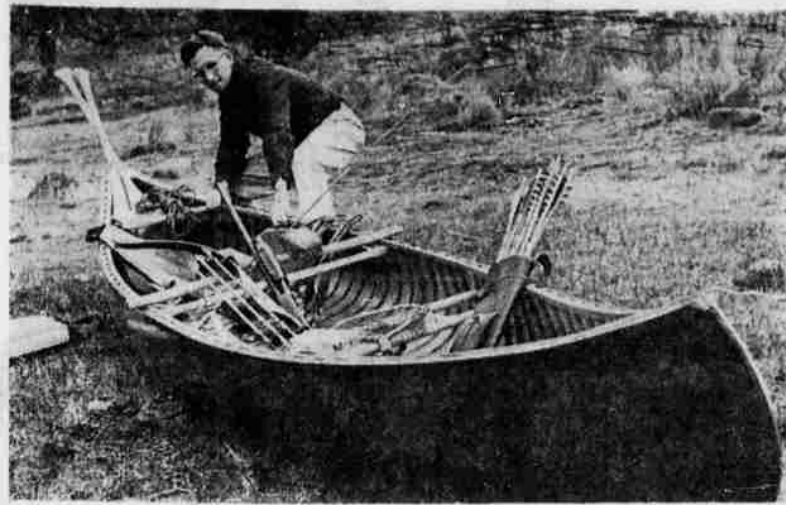
After we portaged through around the rapids at the Williamson, Sprague confluence, we started worrying about reaching the bridge before darkness fell. Now

the rapids came quite frequently, on trout and two ducks, but the Some were portaged and we ran scenery was memorable and we some to save time. It was tough got our mixed bag.

Duck hunting and trout fishing on the same day . . . still a little hard to believe, but it solved our dilemma and made Oregon something of a sportsman's paradise after all.

Whenever you can't decide whether to go trout fishing or duck hunting next fall, beg, borrow or buy a canoe and try both the same day.

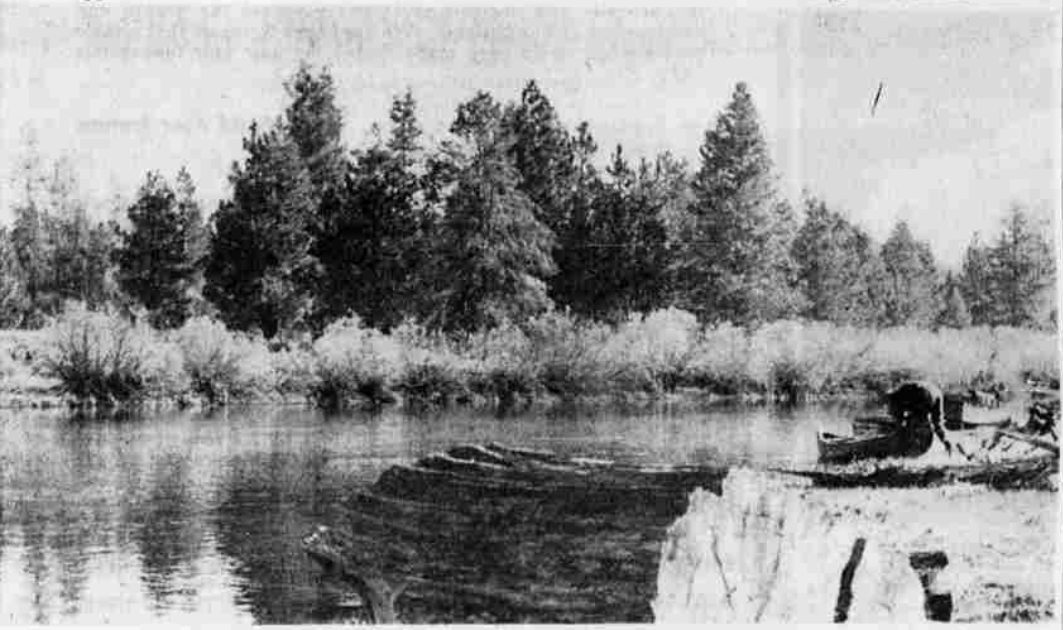
END OF A BUFFLEHEAD — Moments before rainbows began taking a noon meal of bug life hatching on the surface of the Williamson, a flock of bufflehead streaked toward us from downstream and added one of their numbers to our combined bag of duck and trout. Alotrico reached for the scattergun (above) and fired at the band of ducks as it veered away from the canoe. The straggler folded and fell limply into midriver, where we recovered it seconds later.



START OF A PORTAGE — Flat meadowland along the banks of most parts of the river made portaging easy whenever it became necessary. The only troublesome part of the venture was navigating the canoe through boulder strewn white water to the shoreline. Once there, the task of easing the craft up on the bank was a simple one. At the start of one of the longer portages, Briggs hauls the canoe from the river and onto a stretch of bank south of Chiloquin. The portage led through a field of brush and over a barb wire fence and a windfall.



PORTAGES FEW, BUT UNWELCOMED — The rapids along the river were navigable but we portaged several of its more rampaging waters rather than risk capsizing and losing valuable equipment. Alotrico, left, lifts the light but bulky craft to his shoulders while Briggs steadies it.



FALLTIME FLOAT DOWN THE WILLIAMSON — The Williamson River is a lady of varied moods — tranquil, suddenly turbulent, vexing, and often unpredictable. We observed some of those moods while floating along her changeable currents in a canoe during a trout fishing and duck hunting sojourn last fall. The float trip, which commenced from the confluence of Spring Creek and the Williamson River at Collier Park, got underway about daybreak and ended several hours after sundown near the Williamson River Bridge on Highway 97, a distance of approximately nine nautical miles. The smooth, swift flowing current (above) of the upper part of the Williamson suggested a peaceful voyage and belied a series of rapids, the first of which confronted us nearly two miles downstream.



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