

# Couple Almost Sacrifice Lives Daring Colorado River Below the Dam in Boat

Tales of a narrow escape from death in contrast to stories of the beautiful river scenery of the Colorado river gorges are being told today by Miss Olive Burns, pretty Boulder City girl, who lives at 643 Avenue C, and Philip Bulgin, Babcock and Wilcox employe, who yesterday made the trip from Boulder dam to the Eldorado canyon over the swirling, surging, treacherous waters of the Colorado river in a 16 foot kyak.

Miss Burns and Bulgin several days ago announced that they would attempt the river trek in a sailboat, but later they discovered that innumerable wires had been strung across the river so low that there was insufficient clearance for the mast of their boat.

Miss Burns and Bulgin left the lower portals of the Boulder canyon project at 9 o'clock Monday morning and arrived at El Dorado at 4:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon, where they were met and brot back by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis, of Boulder City.

Miss Burns, who is from Norfolk, Virginia, where she learned the art of sailing boats, told the Boulder City Journal today of their narrow escape from death when they were caught in a boiling whirlpool after having successfully navigated the dangerous rapids miles below the dam. Furious paddling and the expert navigation of the voyagers saved their tiny craft from being wrecked on the nearby sharp rocks.

The lady sailor said this morning that the dangerous qualities of the Colorado were offset by the strange beauty of the scenery along the water way. "The river, in several places, is lined with foliage of brilliant green, inhabited by multi-colored birds," Miss Burns said. They passed the government river-gauging station, located ten miles below the dam, and were hailed by the man stationed there. They conversed for several minutes until their boat was carried out of voice-carrying distance by the swift currents of the river.

Several caves have been ground in the hard rock by the working of river currents, Miss Burns said. She also told how the river seemed to "boil up" in many places with such force as to lift the light boat from the regular water surface.

The boat in which the two adventurers made the trip was built in Boulder and is of the same design as those used by the Alaskan Eskimos. It is extremely buoyant.

Neither Miss Burns nor Bulgin suffered any ill effects from the boat trip.