

into the water. This all happened quickly, gently and without forwarning. The canoe righted itself but was completely inundated except the two ends of the canoe. By the time I got to Chris we and the canoe had moved near enough to shore to touch bottom. After canoe was emptied of equipment and enough water to pull on shore, we climbed to top of bank. Chris lost one shoe. We were able to get all equipment to shore except one paddle which was retrieved further down the bank of the river. The binoculars and case were full of water. After placing Chris on lee side of mound on top of the bank, I returned and secured the canoe. It was decided that we would both walk to nearest farm house to call Annette for transportation. Arrived at home of Mr & Mrs

approx 3/4 miles way where we received some hot coffee and chocolate. Mrs. had been the Sunday School teacher for many Pauline about 2 years ago.

General observations and suggestions to prevent boat capsizes etc:

1. Always carry water-proof matches and have some attached to boat.
2. Waterproof special equipment - binoculars, camera, gun, shells, food, etc.
3. In cold weather carry wind-proof blanket in water-proof container
4. It is difficult to navigate and keep on course if the wind is not in your favor - wind is the major element in canoeing. Keep off large bodies of water when wind is erratic or is blowing strong - remember that a wind can develop swamping waves in matters of just a few minutes. Do not cross wide expanses of water unless the weather and wind is stabilized.
5. If waves are high and wind is strong, paddle directly into waves and float with wind. If canoe is forced parallel with waves, be conscious of the danger of a wave capsizing the boat and make necessary adjustments by kneeling in boat and leaning toward oncoming wave.
6. Always paddle on opposite sides of canoe and if man in front changes, let the one at rear be so informed. This is true in rough tricky water.
7. In windy weather, load canoe to help stabilize.
8. If canoe capsizes, catch side of canoe and hold on, or if thrown clear of canoe, swim immediately to canoe.