

Canoeists —

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postcards to friends they had met along the route.

The journey for Bill was the fulfillment of a life-long dream. He said it gave him a chance to study human and animal nature while celebrating the Bicentennial. Most important he said it gave him a chance to be close to God. Penny said it gave her an appreciation of how warm people can be.

The McCulloughs said the trip did not really make them any closer. "We have always gotten along pretty well, we could never have made it without being close," Bill said.

Bill has no more plans to attempt anything on the scale of canoeing the rivers, but he is happy to be back for the opening of duck season.

"There are two major events of the year — mushroom hunting and duck hunting. I left after mushroom season was over and am back for duck hunting season, Bill said.

He plans to hunt his ducks on the familiar Missouri River.