

Boys Canoe to Nuchalawoya

Three teenagers from Stevens Village traveled to the Nuchalawoya this year in traditional fashion. The three boys paddled down the Yukon in a canoe—160 miles from Stevens Village to Tanana.

It took them three days. They were Don Pitka, Virgil Simon and Earl John.

Their parents became worried when the boys disappeared from Stevens Village. They had talked about going to the Nuchalawoya, but no one had believed that they would try it.

The parents called Tanana after the boys had been gone two days to see if they had made a safe journey. There was no sign of them. It was thought that authorities in Rampart had stopped them.

However, a check in Rampart revealed that no one had seen the three there either.

Just as plans were being formed to begin a search, the three boys came paddling into Tanana. They were a little tired, but safe and happy.

How will they go back? The boys are game to try paddling, but some of the older people vetoed the idea. They will probably catch an airplane.
