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Ninth Annual

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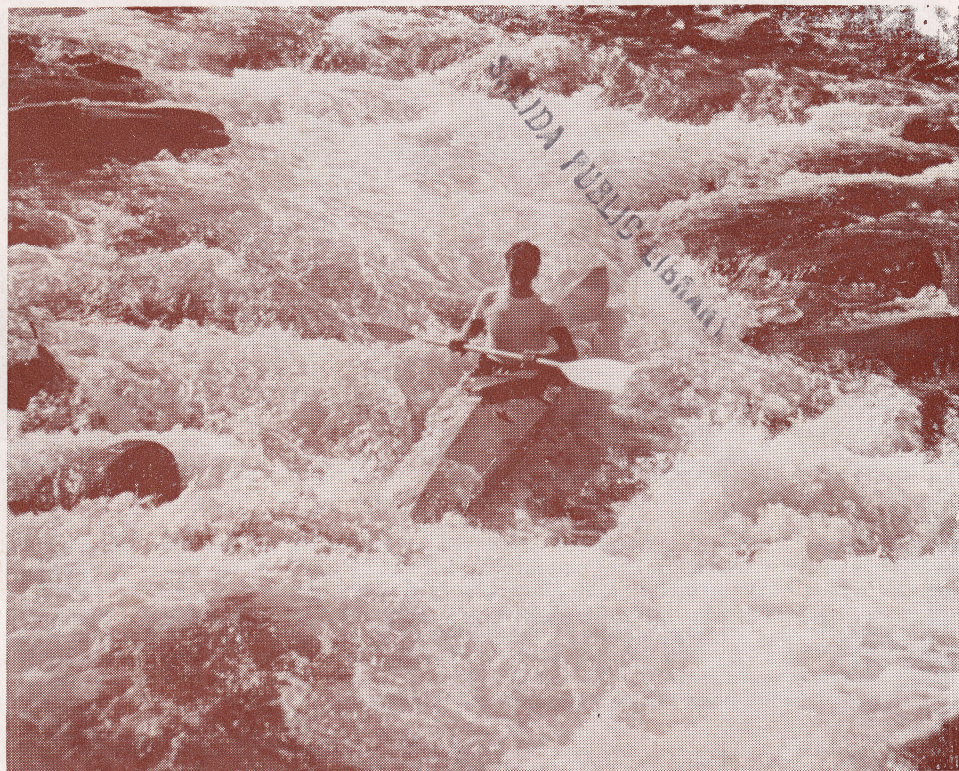
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JUNE 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th 1957

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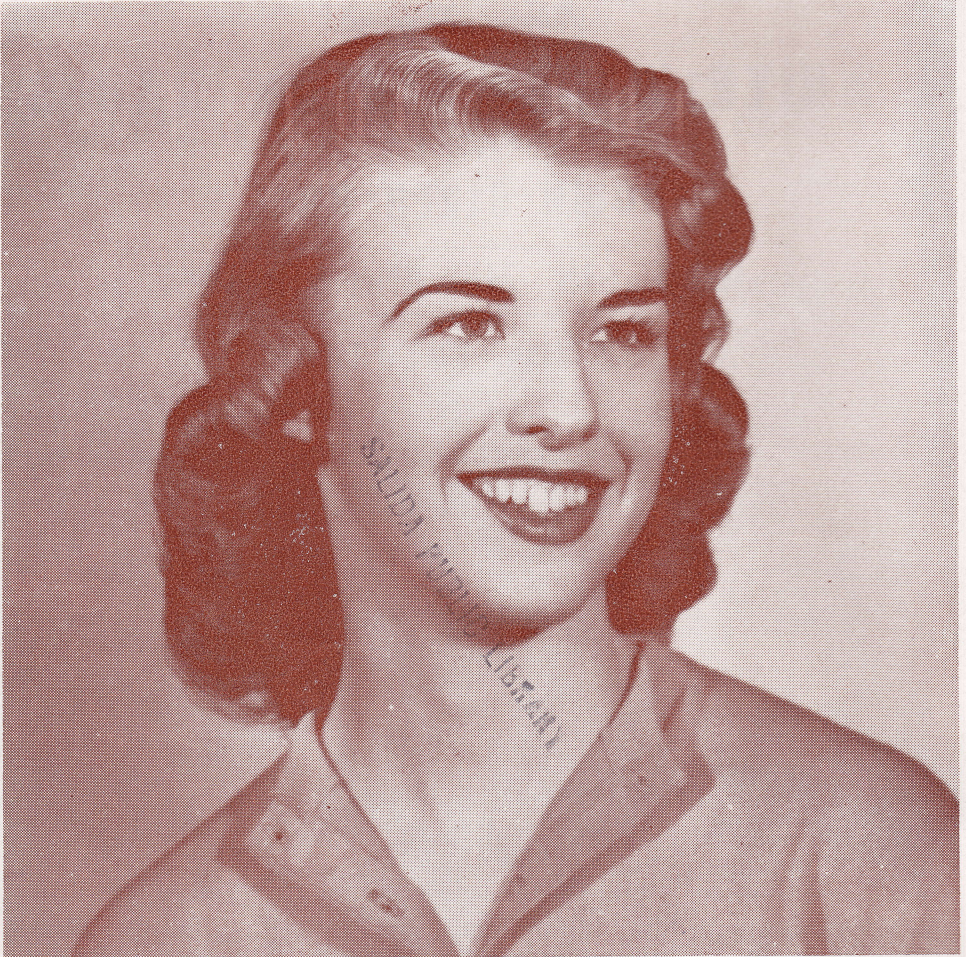
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MISS SANDRA CRAWFORD

Sandra Crawford, 17-year-old high school senior of Salida, was crowned Boat Race Queen in the contest entered by 14 girls sponsored by Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority. She is a blue-eyed blonde and a most busy teenager. Sandra is head cheerleader and a member of the student council. She is also worthy advisor of the Salida chapter of the Order of the Rainbow and is District Worthy Advisor. During the summer months Sandra is employed at the bank. Billie Faye Jones of Buena Vista and Barbara Talkington of Poncha Springs were her attendants.

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Today, nine years after those two local men chatted over coffee, challenging each other to a canoe race on the river from Salida down through the famous Royal Gorge to Canon City, Salida is labeled "The Boat Race Capitol of the World."

As word got around of this first race, more and more people became interested and a parade and festival were spontaneously organized. Others, including two Swiss boys who happened to be in this country running rivers in small folding boats, wanted to enter the competition. The two Swiss boys were the only ones of the 23 contestants to reach the finish line. Upon their suggestion, the race was shortened the second year to the mouth of the Royal Gorge. The following year the course was shortened again to finish at Cotopaxi, its present length of 25.7 miles, still the longest white water race in the U. S.

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Every conceivable type of craft from bomber belly-tanks to cataract boats were used for the first three years' races. Although many of these were safer, canoes and folding kayaks, at the hands of the expert boatsmen, turned in the best time. Foreign and local experts alike proclaim the Arkansas the "meanest, most vicious river in the world."

Foreign boatsmen influence has effected several major changes in the event. Where boating is a major sport in foreign countries, slalom boating is extremely popular, and it was only natural that the first slalom race held in the U. S. would develop at Salida in 1953.

These are international races and there will also be an American slalom run to provide eligible Americans for competition in world championship races in Europe.

This little Rocky Mountain community is very proud of its annual event and welcomes those from far and near to participate in the races as well as spectator boat race fans.

The local boating club, FibArk (which means, "first in boating, Arkansas River Klub") is the technical sponsoring organization, but almost everyone in this community of 5,000 including Boy and Girl Scouts, 4-H Club members, women's sororities, and men's civic organizations, help in the planning and staging of a celebration which has grown from coffee cup conversation to one known the world over as a sporting event unsurpassed for spills, thrills and chills.

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Thursday, June 6, 1957

1:30 P. M.—FIRST HEAT INTERNATIONAL SLALOM

PLACE: From Motorway Freight House to Bridge at 'C' Street

Men's Classification—Kayak Women's Classification—Kayak

Men's Classification—Canoe

ADMISSION—FibArk Button

Concessions: Cub Scouts & 4-H Clubs

7:30 P. M.—SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

PLACE: Marvin Ball Park. Canon City—Gunnison—Leadville—Salida

Admission — 25 cents

7:30 P. M.—CARNIVAL

PLACE: at Riverside Park

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Friday, June 7, 1957

9:30 A. M.—SECOND HEAT INTERNATIONAL SLALOM

PLACE: From Motorway Freight House to Bridge at 'C' Street

Men's Classification—Kayak Women's Classification—Kayak

Men's Classification—Canoe

Concessions: Cub Scouts & 4-H Clubs

1:30 P. M.—FIRST HEAT AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP SLALOM

PLACE: Lower end of 'F' Street

Men's Classification—Kayak Women's Classification—Kayak

Men's Classification—Canoe

Concessions: Cub Scouts & 4-H Clubs

7:00 P. M.—BAND CONCERT

PLACE: Salida High School

8:00 P. M.—LIONS' CLUB "MELODRAMA" "UNDER THE GAS LIGHTS"

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—OFFICIAL PROGRAM—
Saturday, June 8, 1957

10:00 A. M.—BOAT RACE PARADE

PLACE: Starts at 7th & 'F' Streets, down 'F' to First; East to First & 'B', South on 'B' to Park Avenue, West on Park Avenue to 5th, West on 5th to Alpine Park.

1:30 P. M.—SECOND HEAT AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP SLALOM

PLACE: Lower end of 'F' Street

Finals in all classifications. Men's Team Classification—Kayak
(A team in this event is composed of three boatsmen in separate kayaks and each of the three must pass through the same slalom gate within 50 seconds of each other)

Concessions: Cub Scouts & 4-H Clubs

8:30 P. M.—SQUARE DANCE

PLACE: Alpine Park or Boy Scout Building

9:00 P. M.—BOAT RACE DANCE

PLACE: Poncha Springs Schoolhouse

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—OFFICIAL PROGRAM—
Sunday, June 9, 1957

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9:00 A. M.—GOLF TOURNAMENT.

PLACE: Salida Golf Club

12:30 P. M.—ARRIVAL OF BOAT RACE SPECIAL TRAIN

Sponsored by D&RGW Railroad

1:45 P. M.—INTERNATIONAL WHITE WATER RACE

PLACE: From above 'F' Street Bridge to Cotopaxi

Concessions: Cub Scouts & 4-H Clubs

2:00 P. M.—DEPARTURE OF BOAT RACE SPECIAL TRAIN

Following Boat Race over entire course

2:00 P. M.—HEART OF ROCKIES SPEEDWAY (TIME TRIALS)

PLACE: Speedway—3 miles West of Salida

8:00 P. M.—AWARDING OF TROPHIES


PLACE: Alpine Park

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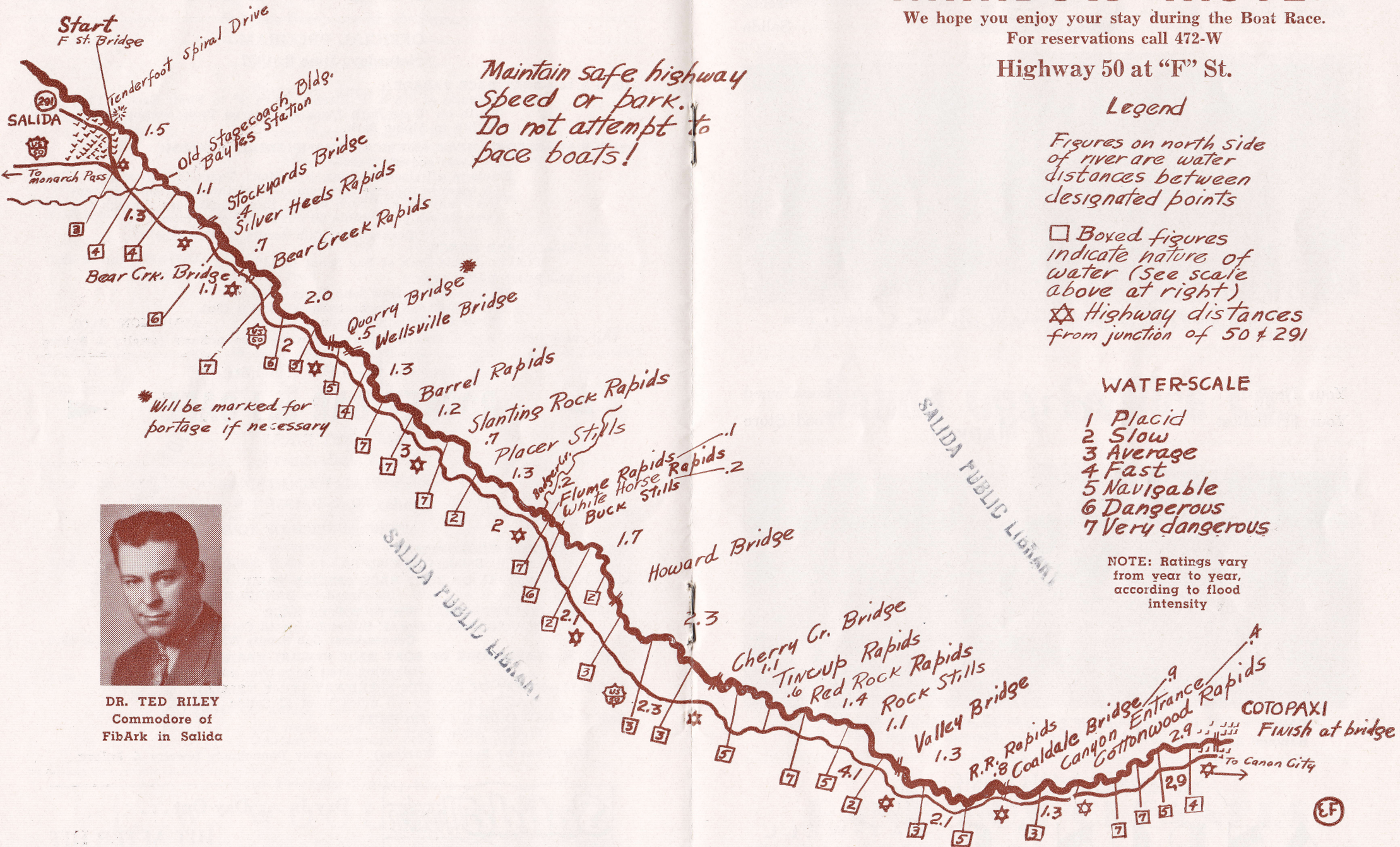
☐ Boxed figures indicate nature of water (See scale above at right)
 ☆ Highway distances from junction of 50 & 291

WATER-SCALE

- 1 Placid
- 2 Slow
- 3 Average
- 4 Fast
- 5 Navigable
- 6 Dangerous
- 7 Very dangerous

NOTE: Ratings vary from year to year, according to flood intensity

Maintain safe highway speed or park.
 Do not attempt to pace boats!



* Will be marked for portage if necessary



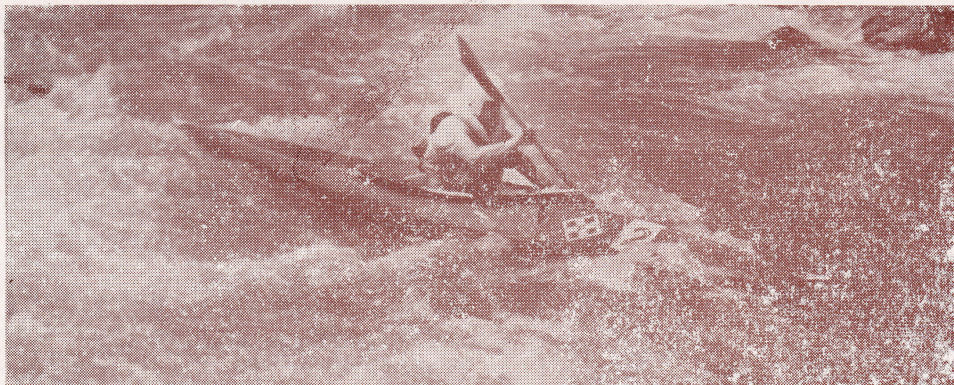
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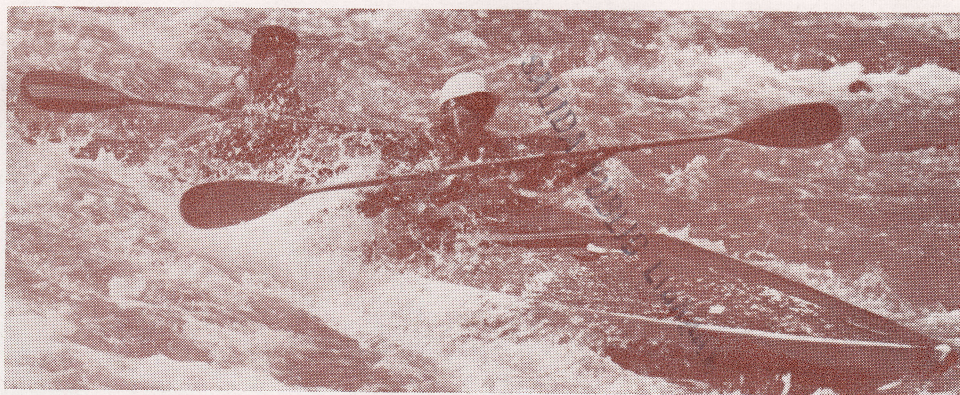
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ROGER PARIS negotiates the gates in the slalom, and later set a new record of 2 hours 24 minutes and 1 second for the Down River Race.

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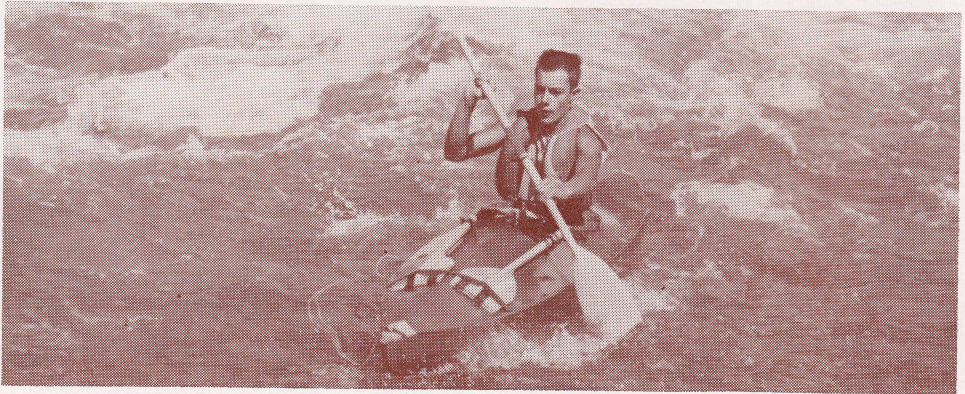
KARL RUPP German whitewater champion negotiates a gate in the 1956 Slalom race. Karl was killed in a ski accident this winter.

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ERIC FRAZEE of Salida tackles the rapids during the Down River Race in 1956.

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