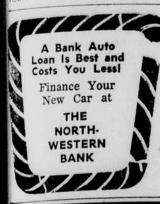
# Pitkins Write About Inland Waterway Trip

By Millie Pitkin

I'm sitting in the aft cockitiful waters of the Chesak and white sea gulls are ring against the blue in for sometime. of an offering from us

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ports and the countless still design for the hull, cutting quiet coves, where we drop four inch frames from white anchor for the night. Writers oak and steaming curves in have written interesting art- white cedar planking. An old icles about these colorful boiler over a bon fire furnishwatching the sparkling places, and of those along the ed the steam that was piped watching wake, as the Inland Waterway, so we, who into a home-made steam box. Spray cuts through the read boating and yachting The frames and planking were magazines, know the gifts put together with bronze and ke Bay. The sun is rising that are ours for the taking, monell fastenings and plug- and Betty Jo, Mr. and Mrs. Salem, and Mrs. Joseph Wise-Bay. The sand a light No, this is not the first time ged with over 12,000 wooden Monroe Morris and Mrs. Jack the Sea Srpay has cruised this plugs, a task that is witness Cordell and son, Joe. our starboard bow, this vast stretch of water, but it to the Skipper"s patience. He day of June, 1961. Two is significant to me as it may cut the plugs himself and drillvery well be her last, at least ed all the holes with a hand

family for twenty years and we are taking her to her new berth, which isn't exactly at our back door, but near enough that next season will find her new piston rings, bored Baball painted up and ship-shape

her skipper, Roger Beauchamp during the war. Pitkin, my husband, at a time, during the depression, when young men were not thinking of owning a luxury cruiser, and long before the day of packaged boat kits. I recall the day the blue prints arrived. To me they looked so intricate it didn't seem possible that one young man could accomplish such an undertaking all alone, especially with family obligations to meet and monetary conditions as they were in 1935. But I didn"t know

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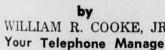
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OING ON VACATION? If driving on your vacation nember the safety rules of the road and especially mber one, "Road Courtesy". Courtesy is essential our dealings with people — Our telephone partysubscribers find that the quality of their service epends on telephone courtesy.

RIGHT AT HOME on the farm nowadays is—you fume of wild honeysuckle, jasguessed it—farm interphone! And talk about convenience! mine and pine wafting the A farm interphone system gives you both intercom and air. This section was dug by

egular telephone service from trategic spots around your arm. With farm interphone, Mom can throw away the dinder bell, too ... just call the family to supper! How ya onna keep 'em down on the arm? Install an interphone system, of coursel



from Forked River, New husband then, nor his abilities

with tools, and his unfailing This is not the first time common sense and good judgwe've cruised along the shores ment in all his effort. He of the Chesapeake, visiting fashioned this sturdy 33 foot quaint and clean little fishing cabin cruiser, using a Baily

drill. His only power tool was We are making our home a ten inch band saw with

The first engine the Sea Spray had was converted by baker car motor, putting in Lakewood. bitt bearings, etc. This motor for the waterway, but they had

and below deck.

replaced the engine with a Chrysler Crown Marine engine with a two to one reduction gear. He installed a fresh water cooling system, new gas and water tanks and laid an edge-grained teakwood deck in the 8 by 14 cockpit. That order of teak arrived in between the dark and the day- Nellie Harris. the first shipment from Burma after the war and was in large rough slabs. We could not find any lumber mill willing to rip it, so Roger bought a small table saw and ripped it himself, sharpening the saw blade after each cut. We also put on a 24 inch full length Keel, made of 3 huge oak timbers that had once been the main beams of a Philadelphia town mansion. Roger fashioned a wooden templet for a new propeller strut and we what one usually does. We had it cast in bronze. The have told our northern friends cabin and deck house were de- and neighbors that they hav- Martha Covin. signed by the Skipper and en't lived until they have boast appointments in galley spent some time in the beautiand dinette made of solid walnut from great-grandmother's nanoa Valley and Asheville. dining room table. We carry a Penn-Yan dinghy topside.

Half the fun of boating is kind of treat—have a vacation its maintenance. During the cruise along the Inland Waterremodeling job, the Skipper was assisted by yours truly son Joe. His brother, Ward Pitkin, who is married to my sister, Virginia, and their two sons, Roger and Bill. us, and the two families working together made a log of happy memories. We reap-

ed the reward for our efforts. We cruised through the waters around Long Island Sound and Great South Bay, north around Martha's Vineyard and south to the Solomons. In those days the home port was Philadelphia and yearly trips were made down the Delaware, up the Inland Waterway, out Manasquan Inlet and into the Atlantic Ocean to Jones Beach Inlet, or through New York Harbor to Long Island Sound via the East River.

The Skipper of the Sea Spray has a great spirit of adventure, but, fortunately for us, it is tempered with love home life and family, so he cautious. He charts his, course well, studies winds and tides, continually checking the instruments, and in all her cruising the Sea Spray has never come amiss of any trouble other than losing her rudder once in a bad Delaware Bay storm. That day in 1953, the U.S. Navy cruiser, "Norfolk" happened to be coming down Bay. Her Captain hove to in answer to our call for assistance. He radioed the Coast Guard, who came and towed us to the nearest boat yard. Nothing awakens the spirit of patriotism, and one's faith in America, like such an experience. Imposing Naval Bases and Coast Guard stations are continually protecting our shores and us. Where in the world does a country do so much for her citizens? If ever we have been disgruntled about paying our Federal Income Taxes, we sincerely apologize.

The Army Engineers built and maintain the wonderful Inland Waterway, the greatest gift to small commercial shipoing and to yachtsmen in America. The part called the Dismal Swamp was misnamed, as it is beautiful, at least this time of year, with perarea in the years 1793 to 1805, from Norfolk to Elizabeth City, one of the man-made wonders of the country. It is thirty miles long, at least 100 feet wide and the banks twelve feet high, not counting the water depth. The Army Engineers took over this canal in 1929, building new locks and digging

much greater lengths of canal

camaw River, South Carolina, the quiet determination of my Thursday, July 13, 1961 - Black Mountain (NC) News - 3

## North Fork News

by Mary Hauth Box 294

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jones' and Mrs. Adrian Morris and visit with Mrs. McIntochildren, Judy and Virginia of son, F. W. McIntosh, Jr. Bingham, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Will of an offering we are fish or bait. But we are fish or bait. But we are fishing. We are cruising to of Western North Carolina. white oak keel. Planing, Mrs. Vincent Morris and sons, parents, Mr. and Mrs Theo Tommy and Walter of Pick-Williams. The Sea Spray has been a sanding, and painting were all the sand Mrs. Strangmeythe Skipper from an old Stude- Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Jones of road Wednesday to spend the

> for another vacation cruise. served the Sea Spray for ten the use of power tools. At ton, Sarah Thompson. The Sea Spray was built by years, standing as an auxiliary the end of the 18th century vessel for the Coast Guard the only power they had was Morris this week-end were:
> oxen. It always seemed to me Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Morris of You don't have to be a that the machine age and Lake Lure, Mr. and Mrs. Richman in the upper income brac- mass production has destroyed man Morris and a friend of kets to own and operate a the personal initiative and the cabin cruiser like the Sea incentive of the majority of Spray, if you are handy and, working men and women. If of course, a handy mate is a machines do the labor, how is world population exploding the After the war, the Skipper way it has since the war?

Ah-but we are riding at anchor now as evening approaches. The sun is sinking on the scripture board at the into the horizon, casting an avenue of red and gold across the smooth water to us-a far cry from the troubles of the light when I count our bles-

When we were planning this BRIDGE WINNERS cruise, I saw the 16 charts lined up, some with triple runs on both sides and it looked forboding to me-a formidable journey. But we are nearing our journey's end, over 800 miles in a dozen days. It has been a great experience.

A vacation is doing something entirely different from ful mountains around Swan-To our mountain friends I say, give yourselves a different

Miss Mae Burnette spent the week-end with Miss Shirley Kuykendall on Ridgecrest

Mrs. Leonard Shepherd and children, Isobel and Leonard, Mrs. Irving McIntosh of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. Elizabeth Witherspoon are spending several days with Miss Belle Wicker and Mrs. James Kinard at Wickerman. Week-end guests were Mr. and Mrs. Rob-

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. ert Reed, Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Lunsford Sunday were Charles Clay and children. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cordell Linda and John of Winstonman of New York City. Mrs. Leonard and children and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jones' McIntosh drove down to Gar-4th of July guests were Mr. den City Beach for a short

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams

Richman Morris of Greenville, her father, Henry Strangmey-S. C. They enjoyed an after- er of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., moved noon picnic at the home of into their home on North Fork summer. Their guests Sunday afternoon were the Misses Mary Young, Edith Chatterton, Sarah Thompson and Mr.

Greenville, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alexander and sons, Roy and Troy. One bowed their head in

must, The Sea Spray is a it ever going to be possible two flags flying from the up good size for family living, to solve the problem of unem- stairs porch of Mr. and Mrs. easy to operate, both above ployment, especially with T. B. Morris July 4. Only a parent can know how much Maude and Blaine gave to keep Old Glory flying free. "What think ye of Christ? Whose son is he?" is the verse entrance to Pal's Cove this

> Mr. Haskel Kanupp, who has been ill for several weeks, is reported improving. He is world. It's moments like this, at the home of his sister, Mrs.

### **BLACK MOUNTAIN**

The Black Mountain Duplicate Bridge club met Thursday night, July 6, at the Monte Vista hotel. Twelve tables were in play and Max Woodcock directed. The winners

North-South: 1st, Mrs. Max. Woodcock and Mrs. Don NO LIMIT Wright; 2nd, Mrs. Claudia Mc-Graw and L. S. Covin; 3rd, Mrs. O. H. Norton and Miss

East-West: 1st, Mr. and Mrs. William Wacker; 2nd, Mrs. Charles Ross and Mrs. Al Jennings; 3rd, Mrs. Townsend Hay and Miss Beth Livingston.

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