

Did you know?

After many weeks of planning and preparing in 1931 HANS and ANNA WITTICH with their 5 year old son ^{RULT} and club member OTTO STEGMAYER left NEW YORK to explore the U.S.A. and Canada. HANS had bought a 1930 NASH and repaired it. MAY 5th was the beginning of an extensive 18000 ^{around} mile ^{WEST} trip through the ^{ROCKIES} states into ~~ALBERTA~~ ~~and BRITISH COLUMBIA~~ ^{THE} west of the CANADIAN ROCKIES, camping in STATE and NATL PARKS, hiking, climbing and enjoying our beautiful land. The return trip was along the west coast the SIERRA NEVADA, CALIFORNIA, GRAND CANYON through the south, ending MAY 5th 1932 in NEW YORK, using 2 sets of tires due to bad road conditions at a total cost of \$3,000.-

The winter was spent in ^{skiing snow} the SIERRA HOUSE of the SAN FRANCISCO club, ^{near DONNER PASS} enjoying that skier's paradise near DONNER PASS.

Then through the south back to N.Y. ending 18000 miles in 1 year

Total cost was \$2000.- incl. car + camping equipment + 2 sets tires.

We were amazed by the immensity + beauty of our country and CANADA.

The survivors R. + H. W.

Unfortunately O. St. died Nov. 1964 + H. W. Oct. 1987.

Did you know?

That in 1931 HANS + ANNA WITTICH with their ^{and OTTO STEGMAYER} 5 year old son ROLF Von MAY 5 left BROOKLYN ^{in the month of the expedition} to explore the U.S. + CANADA. They used a 1930 NASH DELUXE (6 WHEELS) that had been damaged in an accident and repaired by HANS. They travelled with the springs ^{from the rear seat} into CANADA, saving 18,500 miles and returning exactly 1 year later to BROOKLYN at a cost of \$2000.- incl. \$500.- for the ^{used} ~~wrecked~~ car, camping + alpine equipment ^{incl. SWIFT sleight-horse and the FORD plant at DEARBORN we visited.} ^{they visited the} ^{in CHICAGO} They camped in FATE + NAT'L PARKS hiking + climbing and enjoying the scenery, keeping daily records. The return trip from B. COLUMBIA was ^{Sierra Nevada,} along the west coast, the South, GRAND CANYON and the south, WASHINGTON, PHILADELPHIA to NEW YORK. using 2 complete sets of tires, due to road conditions. The winter was spent skiing in the HIGH SIERRA near DOWNER PASS in ^{the S.F.} club house of the interior hiking club ^{DE NATURK.} the NATURE FRIENDS, based in VIENNA, AUSTRIA with members ^{SYRACUSE, ROCHESTER, MILWAUKEE} from N.Y., CHICAGO + SAN FRANCISCO, OAKLAND + L.A. clubs. In the real sense we did explore the immensity and beauty of the U.S. and ^{partly} neighboring CANADA. Our journey ^{embodied} deeply expressed in our ~~heart's~~ memories.

The survivors H. + A. W. 1904.

P.S. OTTO STEGMAYER died Nov. 1964 + ANNA in 1987.

APPENDIX; To give you an idea of the food prices of that bygone era: A 37 pound slab of in N. ~~WEST~~ smoked pork \$ 9.00. A 60 pound box of apples or peaches in WASHINGTON STATE 25 CENTS, minus the box. A dinner in LOS ANGELES of a plate sized steak, incl. potatoes, vegetables, coffee and cake for 25 cents, ten heads of large lettuce 10 cents in the L. A. market. A pound butter in VIRGINIA 10 CENTS and a dozen eggs 8 cents.

HANS WITTICH APR. 1904.