Did you know?

After many weeks of planning and preparing in 1931, Hans and Anna Wittich with their 5-year-old son and club member Otto Steiner left New York to explore the U.S.A. and Canada. Hans had bought a 1930 Nash and repaired it. 1935 saw the beginning of an extensive 18,000 mile trip west through the Rockies into Arizona, the heart of the country.

They spent 9 months in state and national parks, hiking, climbing and enjoying our beautiful land. The return trip was along the West coast, the Sierra Nevada, California, Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and back to New York. Using 2 sets of tires due to bad road conditions, at a total cost of $2,000.

They spent the winter in the Sierras at the Donner Pass near S. Francisco. Enjoying skiing and climbing.

Then through the south back to N.Y. ending 18,000 miles in 1 year. Total cost was $2,000 incl car and camping equipment and 2 sets tires.

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

The survivor R. H. W.

That in 1931 HANS and ANNA CHITTICK with their 5 year old son ROLF on HANS’ & ANNA’S trip to BROOKLYN 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 traveled with the spring into Canada, driving 18,000 miles and returning exactly 1 year later. HANS used a rest of $2,000. - incl. $500. - for the overhaul & repairs & engine equipment & installation, etc. in CHICAGO & the Ford plant at DEARBORN, etc. They camped in NATURE’S PARKS hiking & climbing and enjoying the scenery, keeping daily records. The return trip from B. COLUMBIA to SIERA NEVADA along the west coast, the south, GRAND CANYON and the north, WASHINGTON, PHILADELPHIA & NEW YORK using 2 complete sets of tires, due to road conditions.

The winter was spent skiing in the HIGH SIERRA near DONNER PASS, near Kellogg home of the intern’s skiing club DE NAVARRE. We had friends in Viena, Austria with whom my wife, SYRACUSE, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, owned by N.Y., CHICAGO, SAN FRANCISCO, OAKLAND & L.A. club. We did explore the immensity and beauty of the U.S. and keep mapping CANADA. A journey deeply engrained in our hearts, memories.

The answer to R., & R., W., 1904.

Appendix: To give you an idea of the food prices of that bygone era: A 32 pound slab of in N. Mississippi 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, in & potato, vegetable, 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.