

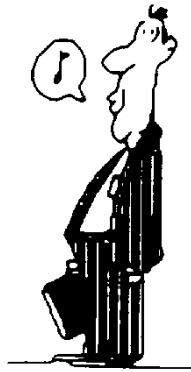
CARS I REMEMBER

BY FRED NICHOLLS (continued)

Meet Miss Wilson She was born in 1898 on the family farm, which was located a mile south west of Indiana. Today it is the site of Regency Mall, PADOT District Headquarters, and housing developments. As a child she contracted polio, which left her handicapped.

This did not stop her, she graduated from Indiana Normal (Now IUP) in 1919, and taught in the Indiana Area Elementary Schools for over forty years. During her lifetime she owned three cars: a 1929 Ford "A" Tudor Sedan, which was traded on a new 1938 Ford Coupe. She sold this car to me in 1967, and bought a VW, which I bought in 1991. She died in 1992. Neighbors told me that "Gertië" wa1ked to school on bad days, and drove on the good days. 🗑️

JUST THINKING



BY AL WIRICK

Haven't had a article for some time so I thought one was due. A few things on my mind:

- 1st Our car show, Dan again did a very good job with the weather he must be someone special over 200 cars and many satisfied people enjoyed a beautiful day and lots of food, Chinese Auction, Baked Goods and Beautiful cars.
- 2nd I think Dave & Karen Berg deserve a special mention for every year bringing a very rare and Unique automobile. In my years, I've seen quite a few makes and models come and go. Dave and Karen bring not only beautiful cars, but one's I can't even pronounce their names. Keep it up Dave! Maybe some day I will be able to name that car. We miss seeing both of you more often, but we do understand.

I think everyone who helped at the show did a good job and seemed to have fun doing it. I'm sure I did. See you soon, Al Wirick. 🗑️

(Editors Note: I Agree!)

CARS I'D LIKE TO FORGET



BY WARREN E. SHEPPICK

Let's start with the worst of the bunch. It was fall of 1955 when we first saw television ads for Chrysler's forward look. (The age of fins was about to begin). We especially liked the 1956 Plymouths. After all, our 1954 Nash Rambler (our first new car, as well as our honeymoon car, a story unto itself), while having been an excellent vehicle with no trouble whatsoever, had almost 18,000 miles on it, a high amount it seemed to us at the time.

Eventually a trip to the Desoto-Plymouth dealer in Charleroi was in order, where Jane & I fell in love with the 1956 Plymouth, 2 door hardtop pictures. Back then, you could order a car built the way and with the equipment you wanted. After negotiating a price for our Rambler, we ordered a red, with a black top, Savoy Plymouth 2 door hardtop, 180 HP V-8 engine, Power brakes, dual exhausts, and a push button automatic transmission (no PS, or AC). In fact, we left out a radio and undercoating as an attempt to be frugal. We had three years to pay for it.

The week before Christmas we received a call telling us our car was in, but it was all red, no black top. The dealer offered to have the top painted, but upon inspection we decided that we would take it as is. - THE ENIGMA HAD BEGUN, AND IT WOULD GO ON FOR MANY YEARS TO COME!

It started with little things, window crank broke, doors needed adjustment, a water pump, in fact, four water pumps in almost three years we had this car. I think something was misaligned. Two fuel pumps later we finally got one to stay! All four wheel cylinders went bad ruining all of the brake shoes, and then the master cylinder went bad. Front wheel bearings went bad and had to be replaced. The radiator sprung leaks and the exhaust system had to be replaced. Started to hear strange noises in the engine, but since they were intermittent I decided to ignore them.

Well, my father had never seen a Pirate baseball game at Forbes Field, so I got tickets for a Sunday game. Going down Rt. 51, almost to Pleasant Hills, we heard a bang in the engine, and since my Dad's brother lived there we limped over to his house, left the Plymouth there and took his Buick to the game. Upon our return he had made calls to our homes to have someone there "to collect" us and have our car towed home

I went to the dealer the next day and diagnosis: broken rod bearings and a scored crankshaft. Since these cars had what is known as a case hardened crankshaft, the crank could not be turned, I needed a new one plus bearings. I told them to shim it up best they could and give me back the car, which I promptly drove to the first used car lot in town. 🍷

Next time: "There's a Ford In Our Future." *To Be Continued*



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