

**CLASSY CHASSIS.** "This 1926 picture shows my great-uncle Bert and great-aunt Sadie Birkett in Seward, Nebraska, with the house-car Bert built," writes Connie Schurk of Kent, Washington. "They ran the Lincoln Tourist Camp in Carroll, Iowa, around that time. It was at the junction of State Highways 30 and 71. Sadie was my great-grandmother Minnie Domm's sister."

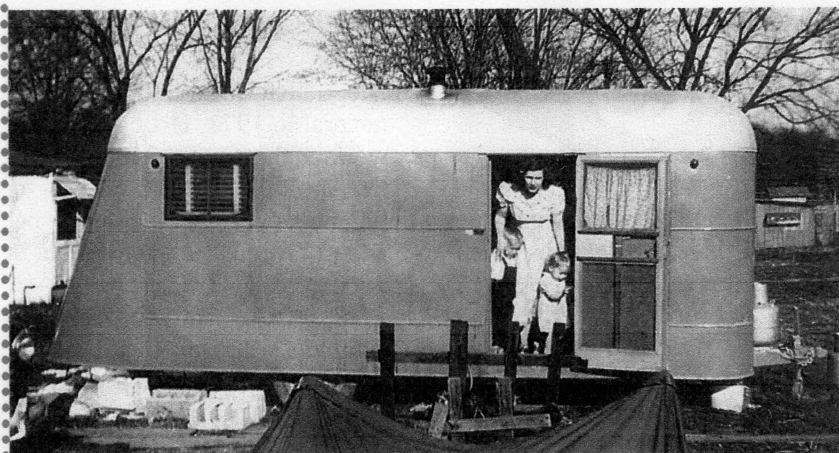
### Four's a Crowd

MY UNCLE and aunt Al and Mina Niemand and their friends in Cleveland built this camper (below) on a Chevy truck chassis. Mina is the one with the dog on the leash, and Al is leaning on the fender.

I'm not sure where the picture was taken, but the license plate says 1933. The NRA initials on the side of the camper represent the National Recovery Administration, an agency of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal during the Depression. I don't know what the connection was with the camper.

On their first trip with the camper, things were not going well between the two couples. They got as far as Oregon when my aunt and uncle were thrown out of the camper. Al and Mina resorted to picking apples to earn enough money to get back to Cleveland!

—Rolland Strzyffeler, Beloit, Ohio



### Frugality Was Academic

IN 1949, my husband and I bought the small used trailer, seen in the picture (above) of me with our children Edward, 4, and Gail, 2. With two kids and very little money, we headed out from Goldsboro, North Carolina,

to Kansas City, Missouri, where Paul had enrolled in the National Trade School.

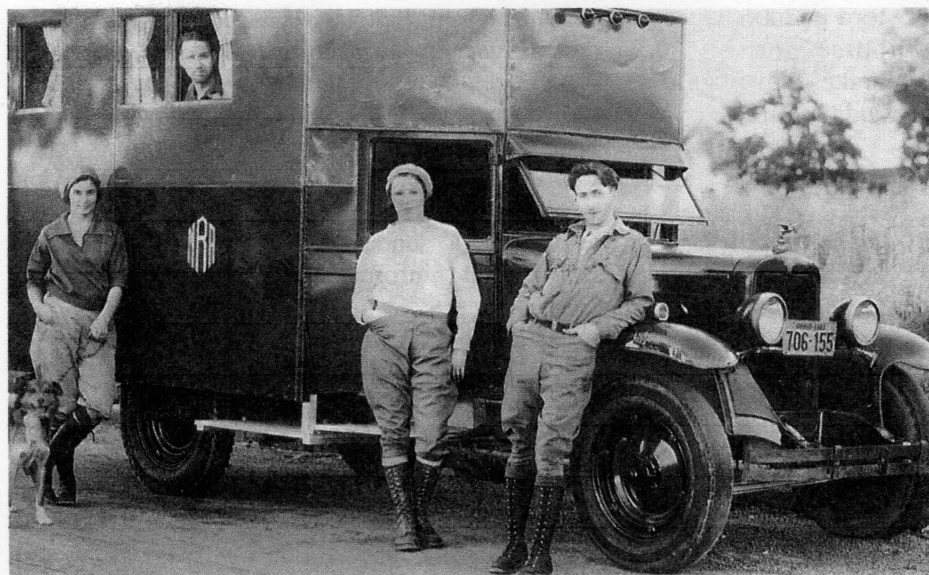
Our trailer had no beds and no bathroom; we used a chamber pot. Our couch served as a bed and storage space, and the kitchen table made a bed for the kids. We did have an oil heater and one small closet.

By the time we arrived in Kansas City, we had just \$10 left. Even before we had found a place to stay, Paul got a job with a service station run by Gene Herman at U-Smile Court, which also included a cafe and cottage lodging.

We rented a parking space across the road at U-Smile's trailer park, and Paul worked during the day and went to school at night.

—Edna Bisette

Pikeville, North Carolina



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