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EVILSIZER EXCHANGE

Grandpa's Stories "Westward Bound"

Ora Belle stood at the open window of her tidy home in Pueblo and stared out over the wide expanse of rolling grasslands toward the mountains to the west. Sunlight streamed in, brightening her long blonde curls, turning them into golden tresses. She was so young - only sixteen when she and Clarence had married back in Nashville, Illinois. Just two short years ago, Ora Belle mused, remembering - September 19, 1908. "When I first laid eyes on him, he was my Knight in shining armor." For two years we lived happily close to his parents and my brothers and sisters. How I miss all of them! But Clarence had convinced her that they should leave Nashville and go West. He was working in those dirty coal mines back there since he was a very young boy of only thirteen. No wonder he wanted to leave and get away from those mines. He was much healthier here and had stopped coughing up that old black dust. But now - only six months later - Clarence wanted to leave Pueblo and go farther West. So peaceful here - her mind wandered on - and I really don't want to leave. But that job he's got as a fireman with the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad is not panning out; they had to lay off a lot of men.

She was frowning to herself as a hand lightly touched her shoulder. She jerked with a star-

tled look as Clarence pulled her to him. "A Penny for your thoughts," he teased.

"Oh, Clarence," she cried, "Do we really have to leave this beautiful country? It is so peaceful here and I do so love it. Why can't we stay?"

"Can't you see, Ora, we have to move on. We're just not going to make it here. Tom and Jim both say there's a place further on called Twin Falls in Idaho. Prettiest place you ever saw. Tom says this place doesn't hold a candle to it. And we've heard there's plenty of work there. We'll take a train from here. You know how much you love to ride the train. It'll be fun."

Ora Belle smiled up at him, saying, "If you say we have to leave, then we must." Clarence tilted her shin and looked deep into her pale blue eyes. "You'll see, Hon, it's for the best and I promise you you'll like it a million times better than here in Pueblo."

Ora Belle hoped that everything would turn out okay. She trusted Clarence to make everything right. But I wish we didn't have to sell all of our things, she thought. Clarence had already told her that it was necessary to sell the furniture and practically everything they had in their possession to be able to buy the train tickets to Twin Falls and still have enough money left to get settled.

Two weeks went by. Clarence found an old couple who had just recently driven in to town from back East. They bought everything they owned except for two large trunks filled with clothes and a few small precious items that Ora

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FOUND

From December Newsletter

Laura Ann Evilsizer

Date Died 4/6/1953

Place Died -Hancock Co, New Cumberland, WV

Born 4/16/1873 Wood Co, WV

Marital St- Widowed

Age 79y11m20d Parents-Unknown

Informant-Mrs Mary Hoffman, daughter

COD- Cancer of mouth and Jaw

Burial 4/10/1953 Locust Hill Cem Chester, WV

Laura Ann was the widow of Samuel Evilsizer son of James F Evilsizer and Elizabeth Powers form Jackson WV. Samuel died before the 1920 Census.

Laura Ann in the Census was Anna Laura. Her maiden name was Lowe which I found on the death certificate of her son Fred. Their children were: Charles Coe born c1900, Pauline E (Reed), b 1903, Mildred, born 1906, Fred (1911-1940) and Mary Margaret who first married James Oliver Heiney, but must have married later a Hoffman, as she was the informant on her mothers death cert.

WEDDING

Lisa and Chris Wilson were married Sept 18 2004 at the Latzer Homestead in Highland. A bridal tea and dinner in honor of Chris and Lisa was held at Beyond the Garden gate at Breeze on July 17th. Lisa, a Graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (BS) and George Washington University (MS) works at Boeing in St Louis on the EA-18G Electronic Attack Hornet upgrade. Chris, a graduate of the Univ of Illinois (BS and MS) is a civil engineer at Henry Meisenheimer and Gende in Carlyle. Chris is the so of Barbara and Ron Wilson of Mt Vernon and Lisa is the daughter of Darwin and Linda Evilsizer of Mascutah. The couple will reside in Troy



1898 Bull School No 2 Mad River, Twp

Bull School No 2, Mad River, Twp 1898 -1903 records from Everett Snapp abstracted by Norma Leisure published in CCGS Newsletter Spring 1998 Vol 14 # 3 pg 54

Teachers from 1898 through 1900 school years was John Leonard, 1900-1904 was Ada Belden. In Jan of 1903 several children were out with whooping cough.

Evilsizer, Alpha, age 9 attended 1898-1900

Elva Evilsizer age 6 attended 1901-1904

Evilsizer, Oscar age 7 attended 1899-1904

Grover Evilsizer age 5 attended 1902-1904

Evilsizer, Ruth, age 6 attended 1899-1904

Arthur Evilsizer age 6 attended 1901-1904

Evilsizer, Robert age 6 attended 1899-1904

Evilsizer, Edith F age 8 attended 1898-1904

Herbert Evilsizer age 6 attended 1901-1904

Evilsizer, Nancy E age 7 attended 1898-1904

Ava Bissett age 14 attended 1903-1904

Ferdinand Bissett age 11 attended 1903-1904

Jerry Bissett age 7 attended 1903-1904*

Lloyd Bissett age 5 attended 1903-1904*

*(Bissetts are grch of Rebecca Jane Evilsizer and Jeremiah Bissett)

ROY TAYLOR EVILSIZER 1925-2005

The Times Recorder Zanesville
Ohio 15 August 1940

Roy Evilsizer spent Wednesday morning at his grandfathers home in Roseville.

The Zanesville Signal Zanesville Ohio 15 May 1943

Roy Taylor Evilsizer, seaman first class of the Navy's Armed Guard, son of Mr and Mrs C S Evilsizer, of 116 S Eighth St is spending a 15 day furlough with his parents. He has just returned from service overseas and is stationed at Treasure Island San Francisco. Seaman Evilsizer enlisted in the navy on April 3, 1942 and was formerly a carrier boy for the Zanesville Signal.

The Sunday Times Signal, Zanesville, Ohio, Sunday, Jan 30, 1944

Roy Evilsizer Honored With Surprise Party

Roy Evilsizer, gunners mate (3/c) was pleasantly surprised with a party given by his mother, Mrs Pauline Evilsizer, in honor of his 19th birthday, Friday evening. Games were played and refreshments served. Those present were Russell McCormick, Gene Joseph, Pearl Gray, Dick

Cohen, Ray Riggle, Ruth Barnhart, Bob Clossen, Bobbie Combs, Roberta Combs, Leona Hearing, Richard Evilsizer, Bill Haggen, Phyllis Webster, Juanita Hite, Edna Armstrong, Jean Gadd and Juanita Rice. Evilsizer is home on 24 day furlough with his parents Mr and Mrs Charles Evilsizer, 166 S 7th St.

The Zanesfield Signal, Wd, Mar 22, 1944

Former Employees of Publishing Company Visit Service Center While on Leave

Two former employees of Zanesville Publishing Company, who enlisted in the Navy, returned to Zanesville yesterday and signed the Southeastern Ohio Roll of Honor in the lobby of the Publishing company building. They are apprentice seaman Clyde Wilson who is home on leave having complete boot training at Great Lakes naval Training Center, and Gunners mate 3rd class Roy Taylor Evilsizer, who has been on duty in the South Pacific and Caribbean and the North Atlantic. Both men reside at 166 S Seventh St. Wilson is to be assigned to an amphibious training force in San

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Help to Identify

Seattle Post-Intelligencer (WA) - July 28, 1994

EVILSIZER, Alice F., 81, of Kent, July 21.

(SSDI born 6/26/1913 issued NY died 7/21/1994 1st res King Co, Kent, WA)

1860. But I don't think so because of age. She was buried in the Hospital Cemetery, which we know William would have brought his dau home for burial. On the death cert, her parents are not known.

Phyllis Ebelsheiser 7/24/1917-4/6/2005 Iowa

Adam Eibelshaeuser

Age 18

Immigrated 1846

Place- North America

Source- Immigrants from Hesse-Kassel 1840-1850 pg105

Chicago Tribune (IL) - July 15, 1954

Deceased Name: Emma Louise Evilsizer

Emma Louise Evilsizer, July 13, 1954, loving mother of Mrs. Jean Sandberg, devoted grandmother of Louise and Paul, fond mother-in-law of Nils. Resting at chapel, 2324 W. 111th street. Service Friday, July 16, at 1 p.m. Interment Oak Hill.

Eliza Evilsizer, age 69 born 1846 died single 5/3/1915 in Athens State Hospital. (Noble Co) She had been in the hospital 18yrs, 11 mo 22 days at time of death. Because of census records, I believed her to be (at one time) Eliza Evilsizer d/o Wm Irvin Evilsizer and Frances Allison born

Katelyn Noel Evilsizer

Born 12/7/1999

Died 11/30/1999

Mother maiden name EVILSIZER

Born Franklin Co, Columbus, OH

Mothers Residence Muskingum Co, Zanesville,

EVILSIZER FAMILY DEATHS YEAR 2005

EVILSIZOR, Lewis M., Sr. Age 82 of Vandalia, passed away Saturday, February 12, 2005 at the Heartland of Miamisburg after a lengthy illness. He was born January 17, 1923 in Springfield, OH, son of the late Marshall & Maud L. Evilsizor. Lewis was a retired pipe fitter from Plumber & Pipe Fitters Local #162 of Dayton and was a former employee of Adams-Robinson Construction Co. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of WW II. Lewis was a member of the St. Christopher Catholic Church, C.C.C. Alumni Chapter #122, American Legion Post #668, AmVets Post #99, VFW Post #9582, Spring Valley Senior Center, Bellefontaine Senior Center and the St. Joseph Island, Canada Fishing Club. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Rita M. Evilsizor in 1996 and 4 sisters. Lewis is survived by his wife, Mary E. Evilsizor; 1 son, Lewis M. Evilsizor Jr. & friend Catharine of AZ; 2 daughters, Sandie & husband, Terry Jones of Lebanon, and Tanya & husband, Carl Rice of Kettering; half-brother, Donnie Evilsizor; 6 grandchildren, Erich, Damian, Stacey & husband, Brian, Michael & wife, Corinne, Lisa & Kari; 2 great-grandchildren, Zachary and Andrew; 2 step-daughters, Scarlett & husband, John Kinney, Nancy & husband, Gayle Bradds; 3 step-grandchildren, Troy, Griffin & Nathan; 4 step-great-grandchildren, Miranda, Kyra, Kimber, and Addison and many other relatives and friends. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 am Thursday, February 17, at the St. Christopher Catholic Church, 401 E. National Rd., Vandalia with Fr. Francis Keferl officiating. Burial Calvary Cemetery. Friends may call at the Morton & Whetstone Funeral Home, 139 S. Dixie Dr., Vandalia on Wednesday evening from 5-8 pm. If so desired, contributions may be made to the U.S.O., the World War II Memorial Fund or the American Cancer Society in Lewis's memory. Published in the Dayton Daily News on 2/15/2005.

GRIEST, Norma Lee 77, of Novato, California and formerly of Springfield died Thursday, February 17, 2005. She was born in Springfield, May 2, 1927, the daughter of Herbert Ellsworth and Bessie Marie (Plantz) Evilsizor. Norma was a member of Oakland Presbyterian Church and the Ohio State University Parent Association, and was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Roger Griest on April 5, 2001; and one sister Donna Baker. Survivor's include two sons and daughters-in-law Douglas L. and Lida Griest of Atlanta, Georgia, Darrell B. and Julia Griest of Oak Park, Illinois; one daughter Nancy L. Griest of Novato, California; one sister and brother-in-law Eileen and Grover Pendleton of Blue Ash; five grandchildren Lida, Robert, Anna Griest of Atlanta, Georgia, Suzana and Caroline Griest of Oak Park, Illinois; several cousins, friends, nieces and nephews including special cousins Phillip and Reiko Steinkamp of Springfield. Friends may call Monday, February 21, 2005 from 6-8 p.m. in the RICHARDS, RAFF & DUNBAR MEMORIAL HOME and one hour prior to services at the church. Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Oakland Presbyterian Church with Pastor Laurie B. Davis officiating. Burial to follow in Ferncliff Cemetery. Memorial contributions are requested to the Ohio State University Parent Association 33 West 11th Avenue, Suite 302 Columbus, Ohio 43201 or the American Diabetes Association.

Urbana Daily Citizen, Monday, 28 March 2005

Buena I. Lang, 83, of Plaza West, Sun City Center, Fla., died at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2005.

She was born May 5, 1921, in St. Paris, Ohio, to the late Emmett and Mary Evilsizor. Her husband, Winston C. Lang, also preceded her in death in 1985. Survivors include daughter Patricia Eleyet of Seffner, Fla.; daughter and son-in-law Sherry and Dallas Graham of Troy; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother and sister-in-law, Roland E. and Jean Evilsizor of Lawrence, Kan.; and one great-great-grandchild. She attended Cedarville College and Moore's Business College. She was a homemaker and worked many years in finance until retirement. Arrangements are being handled by Lewers Funeral Home in Ruskin, Fla. There will be a graveside services at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Life Path Hospice (Sage Team), 1647 Sun City Center Plaza, Ste. 104, Sun City Center, Fla.

Star Press, The (Muncie, IN) - April 6, 2005

BENNETTSVILLE, SC - Danial Maxwell Evilsizer, died Monday, March 28, 2005. Born October 15, 1953. The son of the late Maxwell Everett and Betty Bartle Evilsizer. Survivors include a brother, Randy Evilsizer; two sisters, Cheryl Jeanne Bryant and Sandra Kay Swain; several Aunts and Uncles; 8 nieces and nephews; and 1 great niece. A memorial service will be held at the home of his sister, Sandy Swain, in New Albany, IN, Saturday 9, 2005 at 5:00 PM. Condolences may be sent to: sandy.swain@insightbb.com.

Daily Oklahoman, The (Oklahoma City, OK) - June 2, 2005

EVILSIZER, Thomas Victor, 74, died Tuesday. Graveside services 2 p.m. Friday, Highland Cemetery (Becker). (This is brother of Sharon Durels) She also lost her father last year.

Times Recorder (Zanesville, OH) - August 23, 2005 (See also page 5)

PENSACOLA, Fla. -- Roy T. Evilsizer Sr., 80, of Gulf Breeze, Fla., passed away Wednesday, July 13, 2005. Surviving are a sister, Lola Wentworth of Zanesville; a brother, Richard (Dick) Evilsizer of Mount Vernon; two sons, Roy Evilsizer Jr. of California and David Evilsizer of Rhode Island; three grandchildren, Amber, David and Jennifer; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 44 years, Ruth Ann; a son, John Michael Dayton; his parents, Charles Sherman and Pauline Snyder Evilsizer; and sisters, Grace Evilsizer and Jennie Maulden. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, 2005, at Rose Hill Cemetery, Roseville. (See Dec 2003 Newsletter)

2005 EVILSIZER Deaths (Continued)

HULSIZER, Theodore Son of William Thomas and Gertrude Victoria (Ludlow) Hulsizer, passed away at age 99 at 3:28 pm Wednesday, July 27, 2005 in the Ohio Masonic Home, Springfield, Ohio. He was born October 31, 1905 in Springfield, Ohio and spent nearly all of his 99 years living in the west end of Springfield. In his early years he worked in the leather trades for Hugo Bosca, Springfield Leather Products, and The Guild Leather Co. In 1941 he started to work at Patterson Field in Fairfield, Ohio and retired from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in 1975 where he was a parachute model maker in the parachute laboratory. He is survived by his wife of 79 years Sarah Luella (Greene) Hulsizer; two sons James William Hulsizer and Robert Earl and wife Florence "Flossie" L. (Witthoft) Hulsizer of Springfield, Ohio; two grandchildren Brenda (Hulsizer) and son-in-law J. Lawrence Gowey of Mesa, Arizona, and William Robert Hulsizer of Cincinnati, Ohio; and two great-grand children David J. Gowey and Rachel L. Gowey of Mesa, Arizona. Funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Monday, August 1, 2005 at the JACKSON LYTLE WILLIAMS MALEY FUNERAL HOME 2425 North Limestone Street, a Dignity Memorial Provider. Rev. Bob Scott officiating. Interment Fern Cliff Cemetery. Family to receive friends one hour prior to service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Clark County Historical Society 117 S. Fountain Avenue, Springfield, Ohio or Grace Methodist Church 1401 W. Main Street, Springfield, Ohio. Published in the Springfield News-Sun from 7/30/2005 - 7/31/2005. (Married to Sarah Luella Greene, d/o William Greene and Ollie Edna Evilsizer)

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (PA) - August 26, 2005

EVELSIZER, Geraldine Skwarlo, 64, of Eighty Four, died Aug. 24. Sollon Funeral Home, Canonsburg.
(Wife of Robert Edward Evilsizer, line of Jonathan Evlisizer and Sarah Sheely)

Marysville Journal-Tribune

Harriett C. Evilsizer, 90 of Marysville, died Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005, in Milcrest Nursing Center, Marysville. She was employed with Grimes Manufacturing for 20 years. She played the piano and organ. She loved to play games and listen to music. She was born Aug. 24, 1915 in Irwin, the daughter of the late Walter and Katie Peifer Walke. She married Ralph F. Evilsizer on Dec. 31, 1931. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two sons, Ralph R. and Donald; a daughter Eloise Rogers; two brothers and three sisters. She is survived by: her children, sons, Paul (Gwendolyn) Evilsizer of Springfield, James P. (Linda) Evilsizer of North Lewisburg, Roger (Zadie) Evilsizer of Urbana and Harold Evilsizer of Newport News, VA; daughters, Irene Howell of Sanford, N.C., Bernice Jean Baker of Irwin and Doris M. Evilsizer of Marysville; 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren. A gathering of family and friends will be held on Monday from noon to 2 p.m. in the Skillman, McDonald & Vernon Funeral Home, Mechanicsburg where funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. with the Pastor Robert E. Dye officiating. Burial will follow in Milford Center Cemetery. Memorial Gifts may be made to Loving Care Hospice, 113 S. Main St., Marysville, Ohio 43040.

And recently I lost my cousin in a car accident:

Longview News-Journal (TX) - December 17, 2005

Deceased Name: Richard Patrick Evilsizer: Man dies after crashing into flower shop

A Gladewater man died Thursday night after the truck he was driving plowed through the office of a local flower shop, police say. Richard Patrick Evilsizer, 53, was driving a 1998 black International wrecker truck that suddenly started drifting across east lane traffic and into the small office building of The Flower Peddler, Sgt. Carlos Samples with the Longview Police Department said. The office in the 500 block of East Marshall was almost completely demolished. Glass, wood and other debris was piled into a corner Friday morning, where the office used to be. "It could have been worse," said Terry Rice, the owner of the business. The office is adjacent to the rest of the business where all the merchandise is kept. The main building was not damaged "I just really feel for the man's family," Rice said. The cause of the accident is still being investigated.

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Francisco while Evilsizer is attached to a destroyer escort in the South Pacific. Evilsizer enlisted 4/3/1942 while Wilson entered service last Jan 26th. Evilsizer was employed in the circulation department.

The Zanesfield Signal, Mon Dec 11, 1944

Roy Taylor Evilsizer, G M 3-- left Sunday for San Francisco CA to await assignment after spending a 30 day leave with his mother Mrs Pauline Evilsizer, 166 South Seventh Street. His ship the "Sheldon" was torpedoed Oct 3 and several lives were lost, but he along with some others miraculously escaped. He has been in service three years and this was his thirteenth trip. Evilsizer enlisted while still a pupil in Hancock School and was a former employee of the Zanesfield Publishing Company. He will celebrate his 20th birthday Feb 12th. (An article on the Sheldon appeared in Dec 2003 Newsletter)

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Belle just could not bear to part with.

On Saturday, the following day after Clarence had sold everything, Tom came by in a wagon pulled by two feisty horses and drove them to the old weathered train station. "You'll be real happy when you get to Twin falls," he assured Ora belle, with a blooming laugh. "I'm going to join you out there just as soon as I get a few things cleared away here. Me and Jenny both - we'll be seeing you in no time at all."

"That's great," Ora Belle beamed. "We'll be looking for you and Jenny. So don't disappoint us."

"Yeah," Clarence chimed in, "That'll be just dandy. You two get out there just as quick as you can. Just remember - we're hold'n you to that promise."

Waving to Tom, Clarence and Ora Belle boarded the train. Clarence had already picked up their tickets the day before. He guided Ora Belle over to a window seat so she would have a good view of the countryside, then sat down beside her. Soon, the noisy train was rumbling along. Ora Belle felt the prick of tears behind her eyes as the train pulled out of Pueblo. She blinked them back and swallowed, determined not to let Clarence see any sign of emotional sadness. However, observing his young wife closely, he saw how troubled and upset she appeared. He put his arms around her shoulders, kissing her on the forehead for reassurance.

It took three days and three nights to reach their destination - Twin Falls - which was over 900 miles from Pueblo, due Northwest as the crow flies. The Denver Rio Grande Western passed through many small pretty towns along the way; Florence, Canon City, Salida, Gunnison, Grand Junction, Green River, Burley and many others. There were many short stops along the way to let more people on board but at both Grand Junction and Salt Lake City there were long anxious hours of waiting before the train was finally fired up and started its move across the countryside.

Crossing the Rocky Mountains was beautiful and exciting. There was still some snow glistening brightly as the sun glanced off the highest peaks. Even in the middle of July! "It's the most fantastic and beautiful sight I have ever seen!" Ora exclaimed for the umpteenth time. Clarence was as pleased as punch that she was enjoying the train ride so much. He was enjoying it too.

The train pulled slowly into Twin Falls. There was a long line through the aisle since the train was filled to capacity, but Clarence and Ora stood up immediately and squeezed among the others as both were anxious to stretch their cramped legs. Especially Clarence, as he was so tall, he did not have the room he would have liked between the seats.

As they stepped down from the train Ora Belle glanced around and gasped in amazement. "No wonder Tom liked this place! It's as pretty as a picture." The town was surrounded by mountains. Trees were abundant, their leaves many different shades of green. A real picturesque little town, Ora thought. We'll like it here.

Clarence walked up to an old man who sat against the wall of the train platform whittling on a piece of wood. "Do you know where there is a boarding house in this town?" he asked, anxiously. "Sure thing," the old man chuckled. Then he named several. "But, I recommend Fanny's," he said. "It's the best in town." He proceeded to give Clarence explicit instructions on where it was located. "Not very far - just a few short blocks from here." Clarence thanked the old man and then he and Ora Belle started walking down the street in the direction the old man had said.

A big old gray weathered sign in bold letters hung over the top of the porch. "Fanny;s Room and Board," it read. "Home Cooking." Ora Belle saw it first. "Oh!" she cried, "What a charming house." It was painted white and had a big wide porch clear across the front. Green trailing vines were entwined on each end and running from top to bottom so thick there was no room for sunlight to peek through. On one end hung a porch swing and on the other were several comfortable looking outdoor chairs. It'd be a nice shady place to sit and relax, she thought.

"Let's hope the food is good," Clarence said.

They rented a large, pleasant room for two weeks. "By then we'll know more about what to do." Clarence had told Miss Fanny. "I'll have to find a job and then we'll more than likely find a house of our own."

For all of two weeks steadily, Clarence looked and looked for a job - anything. He read all of the help-wanted ads and talked with everyone. There was no job to be found - nothing!. Jobs were not as plentiful as he had heard in Pueblo. He wondered in desperation, "What'll I tell Ora Belle?" I sure hope Tom and Jenny don't start across country our here, his mind trailing on.

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WESTWARD BOUND (Continued)

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When he finally gave Ora the sad news she was so disappointed and unhappy that she could barely hold back the tears. "We'll have to head back to Pueblo," he scowled. But then a new thought slipped into his mind and he grinned. "Tell you what, Ora, we'll get us a team of horses and a big covered wagon with plenty of room and we will take our time - no rushing, mind you - and we'll have a great time along the way back." Ora Belle pushed back the tears that had formed in the corners of her large blue eyes. "What a fabulous idea!" she beamed, her face shining with delight. "It'll be like a honeymoon! The one we didn't get right after we were married in Nashville. You could not get time off from your job then, remember." Clarence was ecstatic because he'd hit on the right idea and that Ora Belle was taking it so well.

Two days later Clarence and Ora started back to Pueblo. Luck had been with them. someone had told him about a wagon for sale from a young man named Jake, who had driven into town with his pretty young bride three months earlier and still had no buyers for his wagon. Clarence and the honest looking young man immediately made a deal. The wagon was large and wide and covered. Better yet, it contained a sturdy table with two chairs, a comfortable feather bed and other items necessary for a long trip. The horses were two matching black one - "fifteen hand high", Jake had said proudly. Clarence had noticed that Jake thought a mighty lot of those two big black horses. They looked real strong and healthy. After settling with Jake, Clarence immediately went over