Not your normal Days of Our Lives Recap

Seriously, who does that? Takes a nap wearing your pantsuit and jewelry?

Marlena Evans goes back to her apartment after Lexie's memorial service and tells her free loader daughter Boring Belle that she's going to her room to rest. So she lays down on the bed and takes a nap, still wearing her jewelry and suit blazer, and wearing full makeup. She's restless as she dreams about Stefano as she tries to remember why she forgot she had a kid whom she just met moments prior, now a big ole grown man with a beard.

Leo Stark, investigative reporter for the Salem newspaper, starts meddling into a counterfeit purse collection at the DiMera warehouse and ends up being tossed in the Salem river. His comatose body is found and he is hospitalized. It's a wonder Sophia Choi didn't go swimming up river past him since that's her main mode of transportation. Just ask her hair stylist who is always picking fishing jigs and lures out of her hair when she goes for a trim.

Chad DiMera rushes to the hospital where Gabi Hernandez DiMera tells him about the Leo Stark tragedy. He starts to comfort her but her upper lip looks like she's about to sneeze 24/7, and he looks around the room for a burp cloth or something to put over his shoulder to protect his suit. Alas there is none and he takes his chances with ole "Sneezy" and gives her a comforting hug.

Leo comes to, and Detective Jada comes to his hospital room for details of what he remembers. He recalls a warehouse guard klunking him on the head and then waking up in the hospital where they immediately sucked every penny out of his deductible first thing, faster than the Greedy Grinch in Whoville.

Meanwhile, Dominic Marino, who is possibly Stefano and Marlena's son, said he will submit to a DNA test to prove who he is.

Except in Salem, DNA tests are not reliable, like that time a nurse got a DNA sample vial mixed up with her Avon perfume sample when she dug them both out of her purse.

Dramatic music plays
To be continued

A 22 slug caused a fatal Carlisle County train wreck 80 years ago

By BERRY CRAIG



a northbound freight train approaching the old junction site and the rails embedded in the asphalt.
(Photos by Berry Craig)



The fatal head-on collision of two freight trains near Winford Junction 80 years ago is all but forgotten locally.

So is its bizarre cause.

A 22-caliber rifle slug embedded in an overhead cable evidently caused an electric signal to falsely flash "proceed," to an approaching southbound Illinois Central freight train, which smashed into a northbound Gulf, Mobile & Ohio freight train.

There also was evidence of tampering with switches at the junction.

The double-track IC and single-track GM&O lines met at the junction in northern Carlisle County just south of Mayfield Creek, the Ballard County line.

Long gone, the junction and its wooden signal tower were on the east side of U.S. Highway 51.

The GM&O tracks were pried up in the 1970s after the I.C. bought out its rival. In the 1990s, Canadian National bought out the IC.

CN freight trains still travel the old IC Chicago-to-New Orleans line, now single-tracked in most places.

Amtrack's north and southbound "City of New Orleans" passenger trains share the rails and run daily between Chicago and New Orleans. The north and southbound City stops at Fulton in the wee morning hours.

The steam engines pulling the ill-fated freight trains slammed into each other at 5:35 a.m. on May 1, 1946. It was raining heavily, which may have affected visibility.

The crash instantly killed the IC engineer as he desperately tried to stop his train. The impact threw the fireman and a brakeman from the cab. The fireman was fatally injured, but the brakeman survived with only minor injuries. So did the conductor and a flagman riding in the rear of the train.

The GM&O engineer and fireman jumped from the cab just before the collision.

"We were running about 15 miles an hour when suddenly we saw the other engine coming toward us just a few yards away," The *Paducah Sun-Democrat's* Bill Powell quoted the fireman in a page one story. "It was too late to do anything when we saw the other engine, so we jumped. I tried to yell but couldn't. The engines hit with an awful crash."

The fireman was unhurt; the engineer was treated for non-life-threatening injuries at a Cairo, Ill, hospital, according to Powell. He added that a railroad official said "none of the other GM&O crewmen suffered more than scratches and shock."

Powell also wrote that the train wreck happened "a few yards from where the G.M. & O. line intersects with two I.C. tracks."

Interstate Commerce Commission investigators reported that the engineer of the northbound GM&O train had received a green "proceed" signal to move onto the main line. Loaded with bananas and strawberries, the train was bound for Tamms, Ill.

Meanwhile, the southbound IC engineer approached the junction with a cargo of mixed freight marked for delivery to Jackson, Tenn. When he saw a green "proceed" signal, he sped up from 25 to 35 m.p.h.

He had no idea that the signal was wrong and would lead to his death.

Suddenly, the balky signal changed to red, meaning stop, and the trains smashed into each other. The locomotives were destroyed, and several cars on both trains derailed, the report said.

The report also said that the bullet was found lodged in the cable connecting the junction's signal tower and the signal the IC engineer saw.

Stranger still, investigators determined that levers that controlled the crossover switches between the two lines "bore evidence of recent tampering."

In his story, Powell said the cause of the crash was yet to be determined. The report didn't name any suspected saboteurs or who might have shot the cable accidentally or deliberately.

Winford is now a wildlife management area. But there are hints of where the junction was.

Stop and look for a short section of the old highway just east of where the current highway crosses the Mayfield Creek bridge into Ballard County.

There's a small gravel parking lot where a gravel road crosses the tracks into the wildlife management area. Walk north on the old roadway and you'll see rusty GM&O rails embedded in the crumbling asphalt.

On the west side of the highway is an embankment that supported GM&O tracks. Strewn about are large chunks of concrete that may have been the bases of signal light towers.

The GM&O tracks ran southward from Winford to the Gulf Coast. The line passed through Laketon, Berkley, South Columbus, Oakton, Moscow, Cayce and Jordan in the Jackson Purchase.

A footnote: Anybody who knows if the shooter or switch tamperers were found, please let me know by contacting the Times. I'm game for a follow-up story.

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