

Railroad Passenger Service In Brown County

"The Angelo"

"The Angelo" was a new named train between Dallas...Ft. Worth and San Angelo began November 13, 1931. It ran to and from San Angelo and from San Angelo to Fort Worth daily. Train No.77 was the east bound train and Train No. 78 was the westbound train. It arrived in Brownwood at 8:30 a.m., having left Dallas at 9:30 p.m. the previous night. Some cars from "The Angelo" were switched on to the "California Special" at Brownwood providing through service from Dallas to California. It then continued on to San Angelo. It then left San Angelo a 8:30 p.m. that night and arrived back in Dallas at 8:30 a.m. the next morning.

The train carried a diner and lounge. In the late 50's two Alco 51 Class locomotives would bring the Fort Worth and Dallas train #77 to Brownwood, while two more of the class diesels would bring train #46 up from Houston. At Brownwood, three of the units would couple to train #75 to Clovis, New Mexico, while the third diesel could take the heavyweight stub on to San Angelo.

By 1942 the train was leaving Dallas at 10:00 p.m. and arriving in Brownwood at 4:00 a.m. in the morning and in San Angelo by 8:55 a.m.

As one person remembered, the train consisted of five cars including the Pullman. Towards the last, it was reduced to three cars. It always had a baggage-PRO and at least a baggage-express car plus the passenger equipment. In June 1965, service on the 94-mile stretch between Brownwood and San Angelo was ended and the rest of the route became "freight only" in July 1968. Note that the "California Special" and "The Angelo" all stopped in Brownwood in the middle of the night.

Reference: Above excerpted from the Brown County History online, October 18, 2016

http://www.browncountyhistory.org/passenger_trains.html

Reference used for educational attachment to The Historic Murals of San Angelo, The Iron Horse:

<http://historicmuralsofsanangelo.org/transportation.html#train>

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