



Steam locomotive is passed by a new diesel.—(Story below).

—Dallas News Staff Photo by Joe Laird.

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# Crew Trains 'Big Boy' to Stay on Rail

State Fair of Texas officials and Southwest Railroad Historical Society officers were there—but "Big Boy" wasn't.

All were supposed to have met at Fair Park at 2 p.m. Sunday, but the 762,000-pound locomotive—"Big Boy"—didn't make it until 6:15 p.m.

The locomotive, built during World War II to haul war materials across the Rockies, joins the Age of Steam exhibit at the fairgrounds.

**A CURVE IN** the Texas & Pacific tracks at Hill Street was almost the downfall of one of the most powerful steam locomotives ever built, however.

Owned by the Union Pacific Railroad, the train was brought from Kansas City by the Santa Fe. It was stored in Gainesville for several months and finally made the last few miles of its journey Sunday morning towed by a Santa Fe diesel unit.

**THE TWO LOCOMOTIVES** left the East Texas yards of the Santa Fe off Second Avenue near Fair Park at 12:30 p.m., scheduled to arrive at Fair Park for the 2 p.m. ceremony, but it took several teams of maintenance crews several hours to keep the huge engine from derailling at the Hill Street curve.

After using metal and wood framework to bolster the rails which were spreading apart, Santa Fe superintendent B. O. Bernard of Fort Worth and his crews were able to "get the train to the park better late than never."