



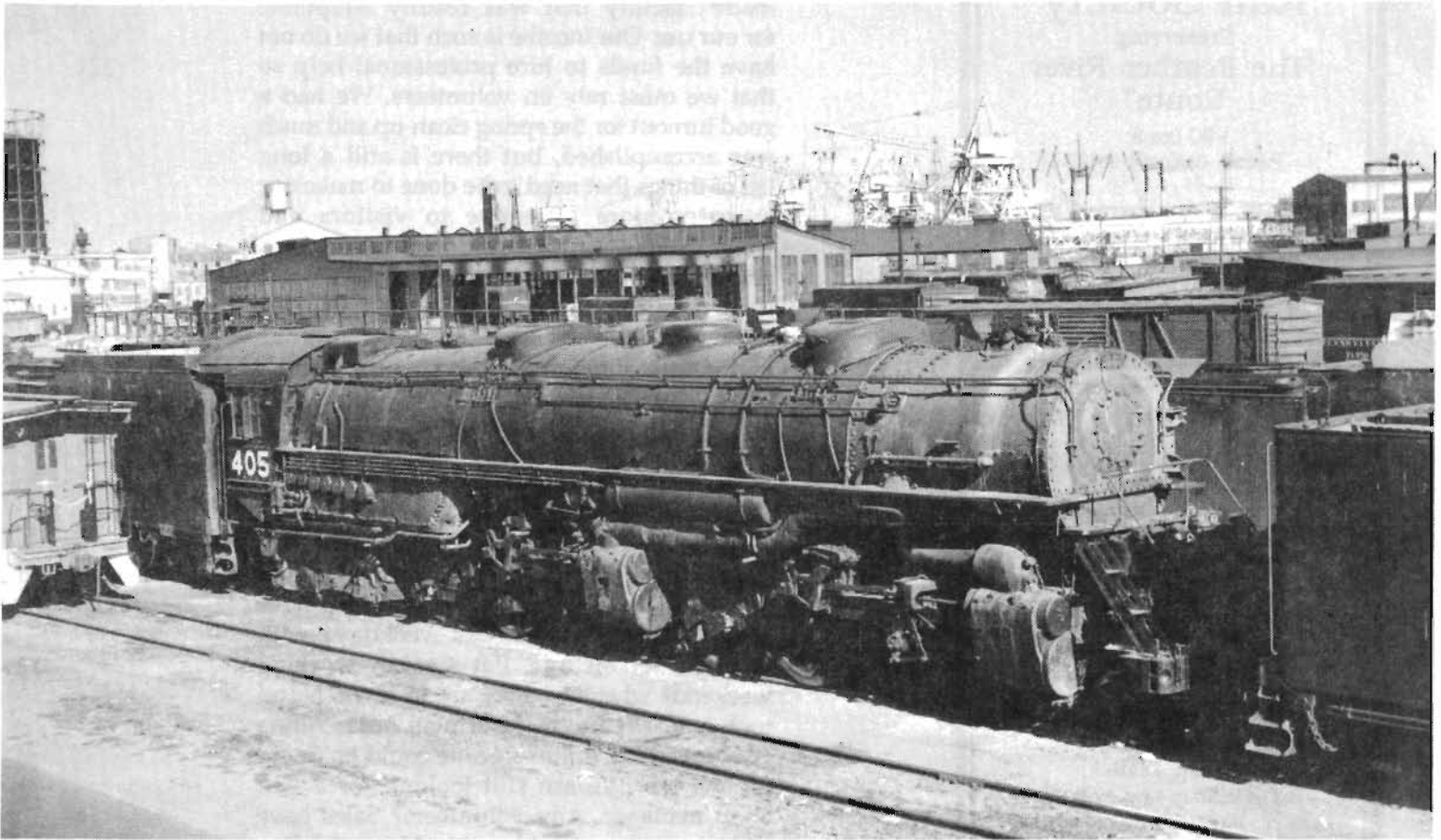
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From The Past: Western Pacific Challenger No. 405 waits on its track to meet the scrapper's torch at Oakland yard on July 6, 1952. Seven 4-6-4's were bought from Alco in 1938 for fast freight service between Elko, Nevada and Salt Lake City, Utah. They occasionally ran between Elko and Winnemucca, Nevada. As they were coal burners, they were restricted to these districts where coal facilities were maintained. In 1949, the 402 was sent to the Chicago Railroad Fair, but was never placed on display. Enroute it was weighed on a Burlington scale, which showed it to be heavier than thought. Since engineers and firemen are paid by weight on drivers, WP had to spend a considerable sum in back pay for enginemen who worked on these machines. Note the fresh silver and orange paint scheme on caboose 644.