

The Train Sheet



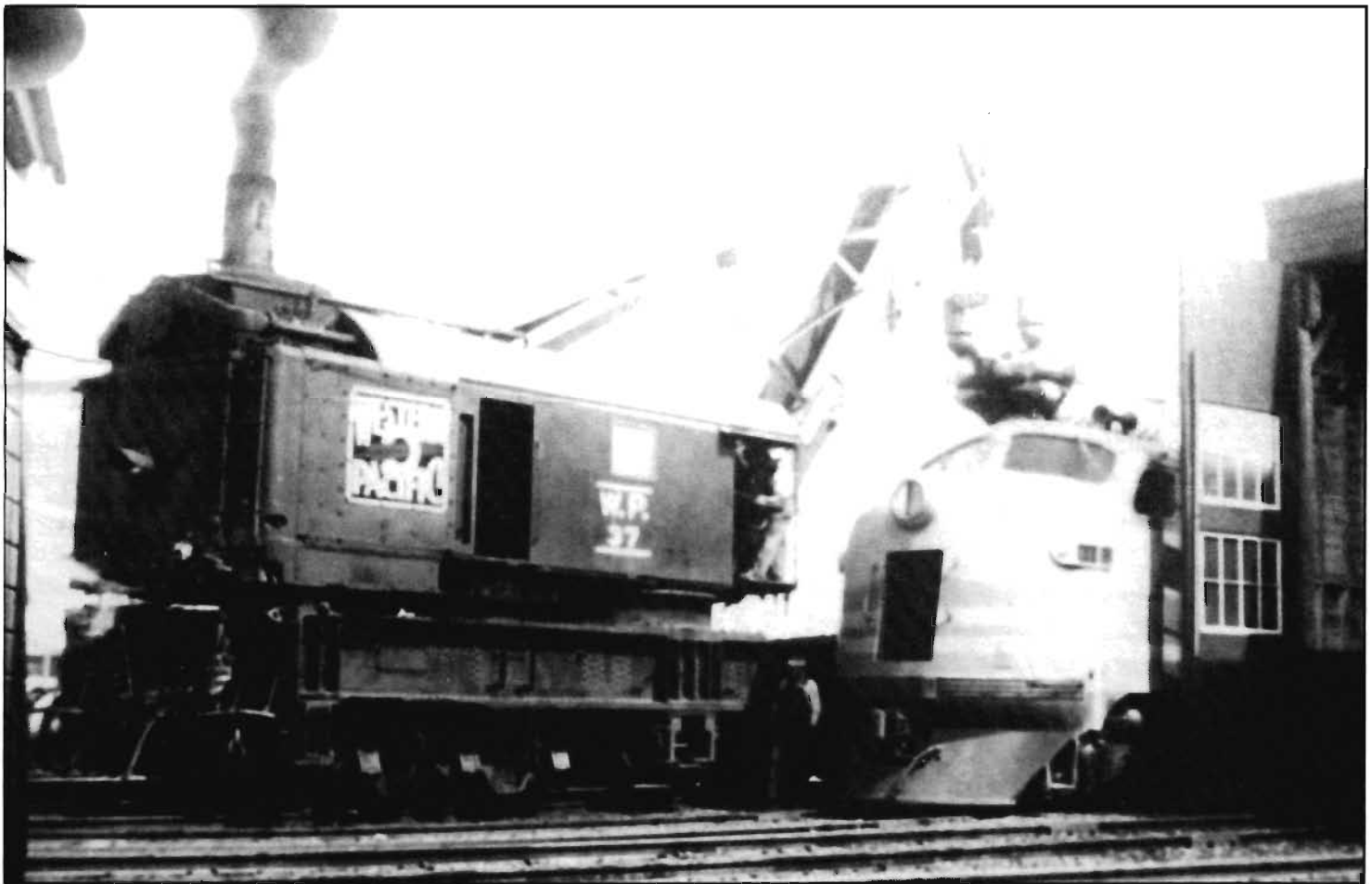
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WP 37 Celebrates its 60th Anniversary This Year



Built by Industrial Brownhoist Corp. in 1937, this 200 ton steam powered "Big Hook" was stationed in Oroville until returned in 1990. The derrick was converted to diesel-hydraulic by Holt Bros. in Stockton in 1972. Union Pacific donated it to our museum in late 1990, arriving January 29, 1991.

The photo was taken at Oroville on September 13, 1945, by Norman Holmes. It shows the 37 lifting a complete 16 cylinder diesel engine from WP FT No. 902. Much of the early diesel maintenance was done at the Oroville roundhouse. Interestingly the rear headlight of 37 has a black out shield - required on locomotives during WW II.

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