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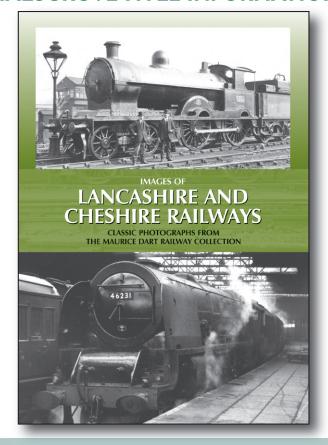
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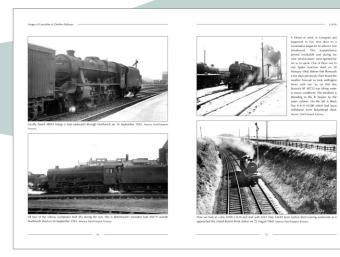
GWR 4300 class 6389 runs south through Warrington Bank Quay High Level station in the 1930s on its way back to Chester.



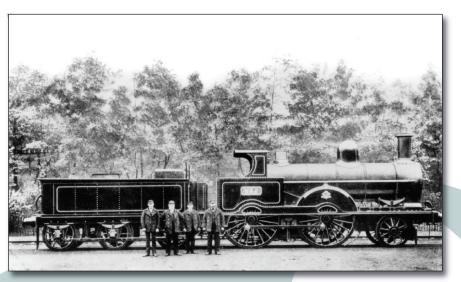
Locos outside Gorton Works in 1948.



A train entering Crewe from the south during July 1955 is hauled by Edge Hill shed's 46204 'PRINCESS LOUISE'.



Example of a double-page spread.



LNWR 6'7½" 'Precedent' class 2–4–0 955 'CHARLES DICKENS' stands outside Crewe Works with a goodly group of older generation railwaymen on an unknown date.



At approximately 6am on 1 June 1958 a long heavy northbound Newspaper train waits to depart from Crewe headed by 46231 'DUCHESS OF ATHOLL' from Polmadie shed.