

### Sawmill underway

Harry Kennison and Sandy Stuchell watch ironworkers put together the first spans of what will be the new Kinzua sawmill in Heppner. Speaking to the Lions Club Tuesday, Kennison said the \$4.5-million facility will be one of the most modern in the world and in some respects, the only one of its kind in the world. The new mill will be able to process logs ranging in size from 4-5 inches to 5 feet in diameter. High automated with computerization the sawmill will

enable Kinzua to obtain virtually full utilization of all logs, including the vast amount of timber suffering from recent bug kill. Kennison, who designed the mill and many of the new features himself, said an additional 16 employees will be needed for two shifts when the facility goes on the line in June of next year. He said persons interested in taking a tour of Kinzua's operations here only need call the office for an appointment and someone will take them around, either individually or in groups.

## CBEC notes useage jump

Despite the conservation and cut back efforts of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op residential members, increased large commercial and irrigation useage coupled with new homes and remodeled businesses have pushed the useage level in the five-county co-op area to a record high.

For the first ten months of 1977, energy use by CBEC members totaled 106,470,261 kilowatt hours. This compared to 93,362,855 kwhs for the first ten months of 1976—an increase of 14 per cent.

As compared to the 1974 level, the local utility usage has increased 48.2 per cent in the past three-year period.

Fortunately for the CBEC membership, the line facilities are not designed for a very minimum annual growth. New equipment has been added without brown outs and without damage due to low voltage conditions or poor capacity conditions.

Also, the CBEC management and Board has secured long term contracts with the WPPSS nuclear projects to meet some of the future needed use of the membership.

## School bond proposed

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being too conservative in the past. We don't want to get in another position where we've outgrown new facilities before they're even built."

Building cost estimates were \$1,689,850 for an elementary school in Boardman with 26 classrooms and a 500 student capacity; \$1,714,100 in Irrigon with 15 classrooms and a 350 student capacity; \$441,000 for a Riverside shop; and \$320,000 for a multipurpose room at A.C. Houghton.

Before making a decision on the construction issue, the problem of equalizing facility use between Ione and Heppner elementary and grade schools was discussed.

Don Cole, principal of Heppner Grade School presented information on alternative ways to decide what students in the Lexington area in grades K-7 attending school in Heppner could be channeled to uncrowded facilities in Ione with out splitting families with students at Heppner High. Jim Bier, principal of Heppner High School reported on

the feasibility of moving grades 7 and 8 to the high school to relieve crowding in the elementary and junior high levels. Junior high and high school students share facilities at Riverside, and the committee informally decided, partly based on the Riverside situation, that the move would create more problems than it would solve.

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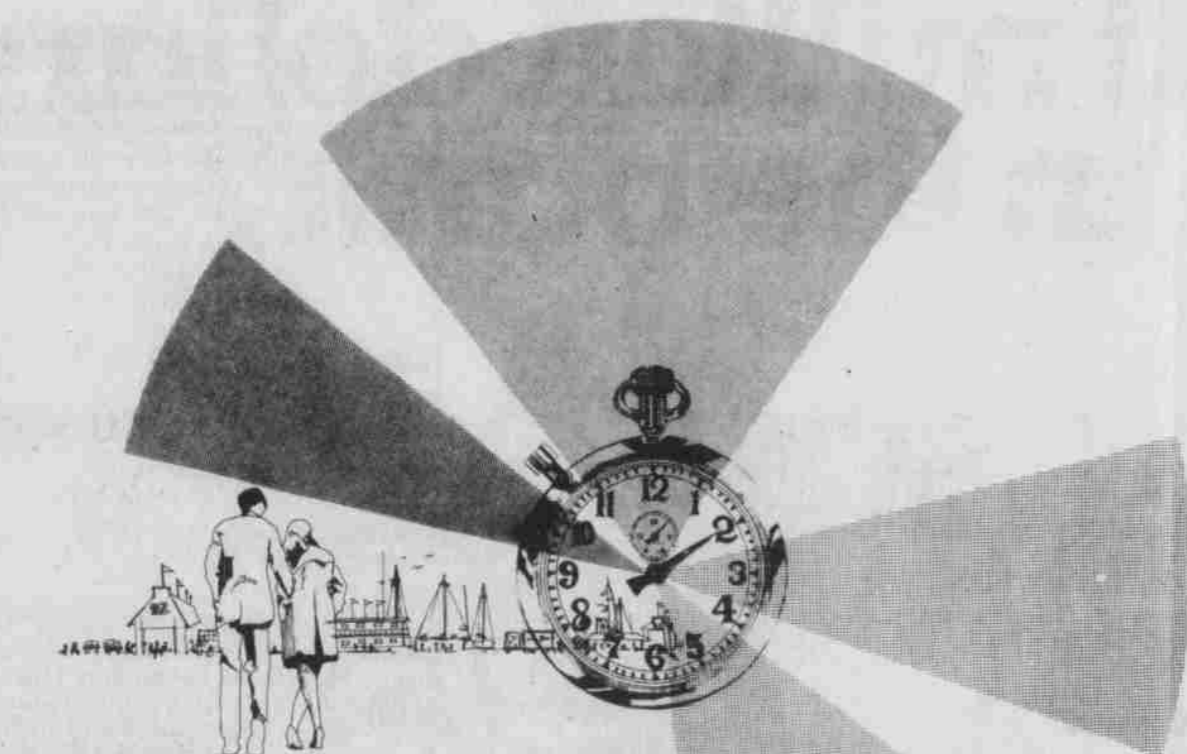
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