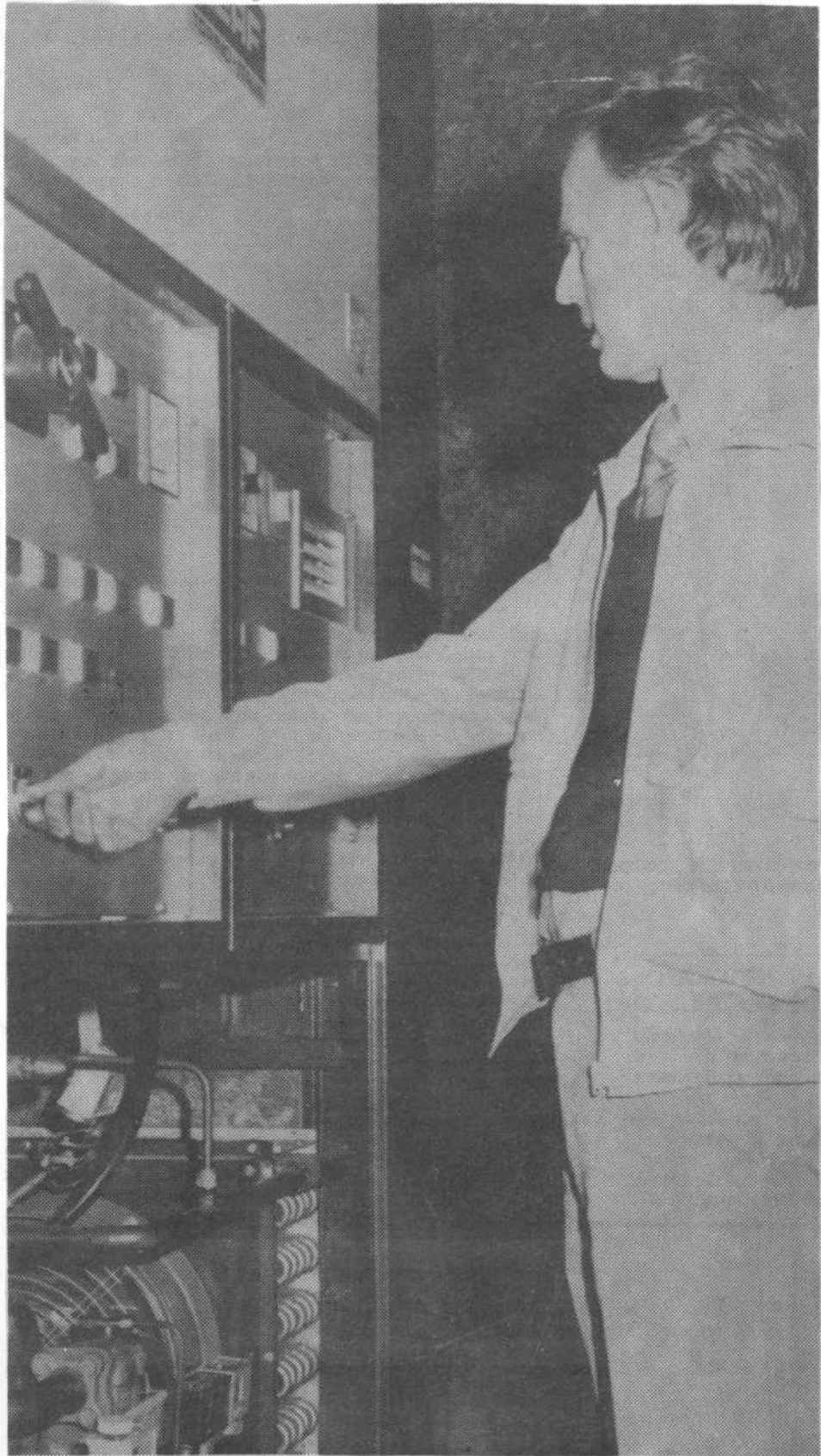


Hastings Lumber.



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Andre Koopmans, one of the partners in Hastings Lumber, checks the controls of the company's new wood kiln drying unit which went into production on April 1. It will take from two or three days to almost two weeks to properly kiln-dry the variety

of wood now in the kiln, from one-inch pine boards to basswood and oak. Barely in operation, it is one of the few units in this part of Ontario and, said Koopmans, they already have to hustle to keep up with the business they have.

(Photo - Jack Evans)

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