Tel-Eye provides officials with a ring side seat of 'down under' world

Midland's underground

said, flowed fairly well. hour limited audience program was the condition of three wells and a main water line, part of the Midland water supply

Viewers were Arthur ans, general manager the Midland Public Utilities Commission and Claude Buck, commission chairman. The program was produced and directed by Tel Eye, a Toronto based firm which specializes in televising the murky depths of municipalities' undergrounds.

Tel-Eye had been called in to assist in an evaluation of wells two, three and four located on the reservoir property on

three now produce ap- volume or inactive proximately 75 gallons of wells fresh water, compared to to 200 gallons.

\$65,000 to dig a new well - case in Midland. so you can see why we would rather try this route first." Well four has eight years.

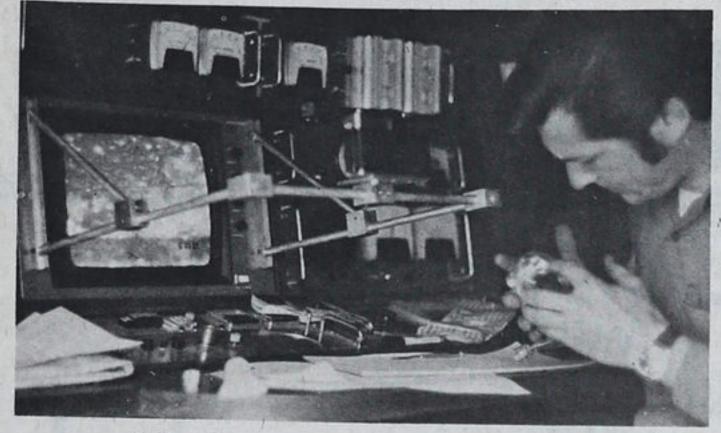
was on television last interested in camera, Tel-Eye rehabilitating these fifty operators examine the And the show, viewers year old wells rather than murky underground for have to dig new ones to signs of weaknesses in the The subject for the six meet the increasing walls (or joints, in cases demand for water, of sewers), examine the especially during the condition of well screens summer months. and determine the Together wells two and content of water in low

> The television camera the 340 total gallons which is lowered into the well, once gushed out. But if pipe or sewer attached to the wells can be a chain and a television rehabilitated the fresh- cable, the latter of which water flow could total up is hooked to a footage meter which allows the "It costs us \$8,000 to Tel-Eye crew to pinpoint clean out and examine the exact location of a each old well," Evans crack or determine the

> No records Because no records had been kept at the time the been inactive for at least wells two, three and four were installed 50 years

> notes, "but it would cost depth of a well, as was the

Using a highly modified ago, their depth and



Underground televised

Tel-eye employee Brian Logan checks out a camera lens while he waits for his crew to lower the television camera to the bottom of well no. 4. The picture on the television screen shows the many

impurities present in the abandoned well. The camera mounted in front of the television screen takes black and white stills directly off the television

Staff photo

School board gets \$13,000 grant to upgrade schools

projects in the North the Young Canada Works Simcoe constituency have Program is that the McCullough said he hoped received the go ahead students must be hired that the Canada Manfrom the federal through the Canada powere Centre for government. Both Manpower Centre for Students would also proposals were submitted Students in the area. by the Simcoe County Board of Education as difficulty for us," said Dr. students. These students Young Canada Work Jack Ramsey, director of need money in order to projects which are education. "We have get to university he said.

siderably less than what the board originally suggested.

One proposal advocated that 13 university students be hired for painting projects in schools throughout the county. The grant was \$25,200.

proposed a second project where four university students would be hired to caulking and weatherstripping to conserve energy selected schools throughout the county. The board members asked for a grant of \$8,064

for this project. At the Simcoe County Board of Education meeting in Barrie on Wednesday night it was stated that a representative of Canada Manpower for students will discuss how the \$13,776 should be divided between the two projects.

Two summer work One of the conditions of projects."

"This is some source of secondary school

Midland trustee John accept applications from

designed to provide students who have Even though the summer employment for worked for us before and government grant is less did an excellent job." The than anticipated the Eight university government release board members agreed students will be hired and strictly stated, "the that it would carry out a federal grant of \$13,776 project sponsors are not some of the much needed will finance the two permitted to select or maintenance work which projects. This is con- name individuals for this year's budget will not employment on the allow.

Board buys four new lawn mowers

mowers will be bought by well as a second tender the Simcoe County Board for four Kut-Kwick of Education at the cost of machines at a cost of The board also \$15,517. All board \$20,544. The three wheel members with the ex- mowers offered by Duke ception of Bill Straughan Lawn Equipment were voted in favor of the proposal at last Wednesday night's meeting. Spramotor Ltd. London received the tender for the four Jacobsen lawn mowers

throught the process of elimination. Cal Madill offered four Bolen machines for the sum of \$10,953.80 but the blades did not reach the tender specifications of being 60 inches in width (Bolens are 54 inches wide). Duke Lawn Equipment made one tender for mowers and one three-

Four riding lawn three wheel mowers as not considered suitable for the terrain to be cut.

Straughan said he didn't think the board should deal with an out-oftown firm if they could avoid it. He added that the board shouldn't base its opinion on one bad experience and he was not in favor of spending an additional \$5,000.

When the board purchases the new machines they will be trading in two five-year-old Jacobson \$15,408 for four Howard, year-old Bolen mower.

unknown. Of particular interest however were the kind of screens which had been installed at the base of the wells. "If they're wire-wound screens, they will be rusted out by now and then we'll have to

abandon the wells (two

watching the television monitor mounted on a small control panel at the back of the Tel-Eye van. "A few were built with brass or bronze screens," he added hopefully.

The Tel-Eve vestigation has since and three)," a pensive determined that the

screens at the bottom of ture," Evans explained wells two and three are probably made of brass and work is now un-

future still remains uncertain: "There was too much floating around - we an unusual change for couldn't get a good pic- Brian Logan and his crew

on Monday. Well four will be 'agitated' as well to remove some of the rust derway on flushing them and accompanying debris, then Tel-Eye will Abandoned well four's return to have another

'look' at all three wells. Investigating wells was

who spend 99 per cent of ditional safeguard, he's their time peeping through sewers. As well as monitoring the of the teleivision monitor, television camera's all of which makes for progress, Logan can also take colour pictures of his 'subjects' through a still picture camera mounted

got a black-and-white camera mounted in front pretty thorough reporting Midland's un-

derground world. The view down below on top of the television is fairly grey and stancamera. And as an ad- dard: badly jointed pipes,

cracks, calcium deposits But once Logan and his crew were surprised by a racoon whose territory they'd invaded. His quizzical look was captured for posterity, and a framed raccoon picture is one of the few decorative pieces in the mobile Tel-Eye unit.

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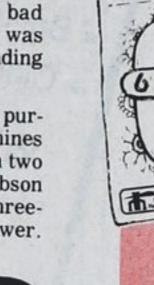
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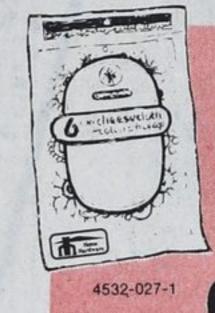
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