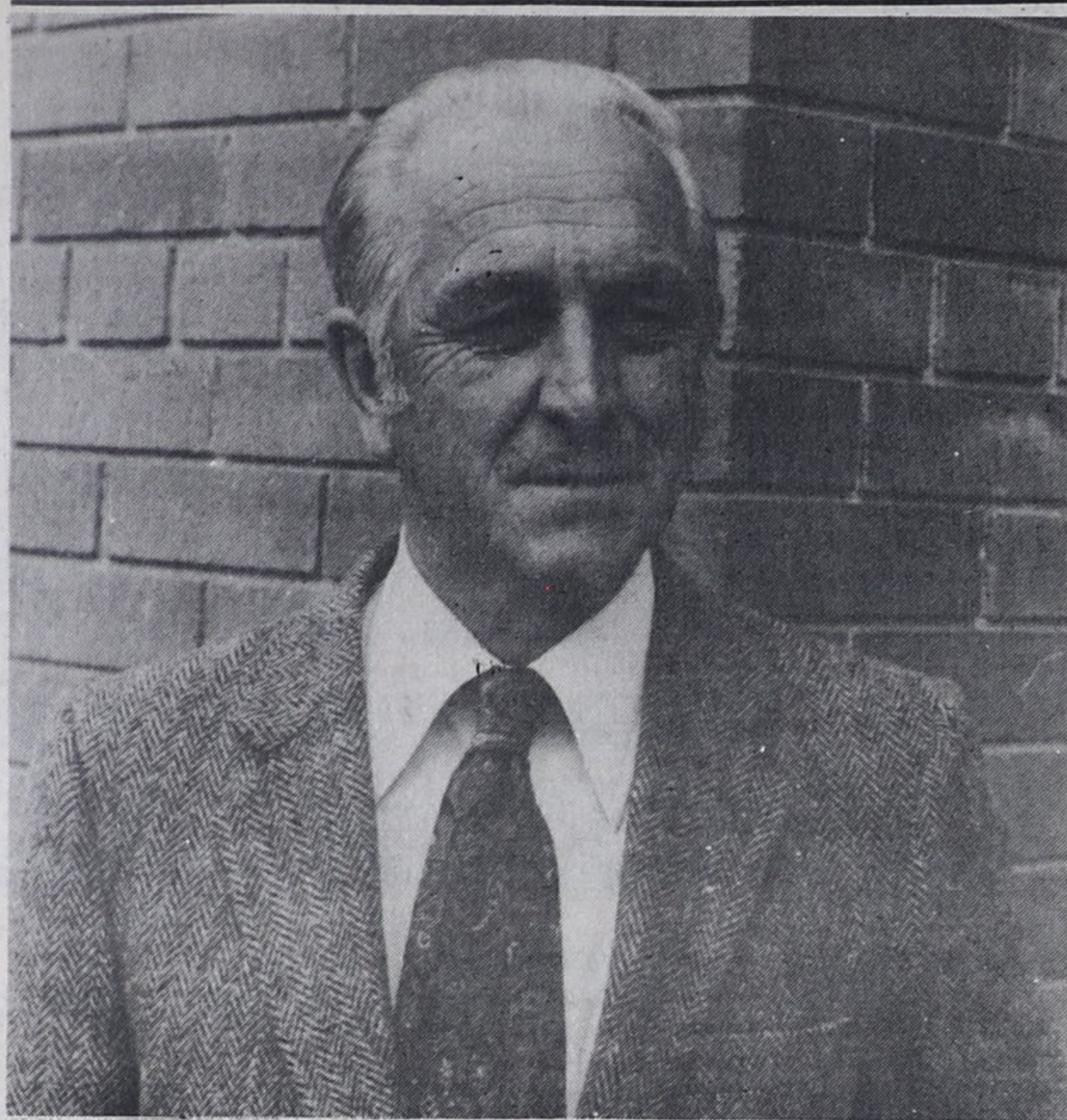


That's My Line



Art Evans PUC General Manager

Art Evans has been with the Midland PUC for eight years. For five years he apprenticed as an electrical engineer in England and worked for nine years in a power plant.

It's not generally known but the PUC is really two businesses. We purchase electrical power from Ontario Hydro and distribute it over the town. We also provide the town's water.

The Midland PUC employs four linemen and two meter repairmen, who also do maintenance work on the waterworks electrical system.

The town's water comes from seven producing wells located in various parts of the town.

The PUC spends \$4 million a year on hydro and most of that money goes to Ontario Hydro.

We receive power from Ontario Hydro at 44,000 volts and distribute it to six substations located in various parts of town. These substations drop the voltage from 44,000 volts to 4,160 volts.

From the substations the voltage passes to homes and stores and it is stepped down along the way by pole transformers to 120 and 240 volts, the level of power used in most homes.

Some of the local industries, such as Decor Metal Products and Pillsbury, take the 44,000 volts and have their own step-down facilities to take the power down to their special requirements, such as 600 volts.

The response to the EnerSave program earlier this year was excellent. It worked out to 55 per cent of homeowners who came to look at the aerial photographs of their home.

In 1980 we noticed in the overall picture that there must be a definite

conservation of power here. We know that by the amount of power we sold. It didn't go up as fast as it should have; the average bill rose maybe as high as two per cent.

In the Town of Midland 42 miles of water main pipes are buried, ranging from two miles of 16 inch pipe to two miles of two inch pipe. In 1980 the PUC pumped on the average day 1.16 million gallons of water. A July day saw the maximum amount of water, 1.59 million gallons, pumped for that year.

The first well, drilled in 1926, ran dry in 1976. The town has a good supply of water but it is always looking for more because wells do deteriorate over the years.

Before the town had wells the town's water came from a reservoir area on Vinden Street.

Surface water was run from there to this area, Fourth Street and Vinden Street, where we used to have men working 24 hours a day overseeing the pumping of water from here to the watermains around town.

In 1973 the PUC started a program to eliminate the surface water supply because it was becoming polluted.

Sunnyside and the surrounding area was becoming built up, and the reservoir was also not able to produce enough from the surface to meet the demand in the town.

The town started drilling wells and also decided to automate the plant so that it would run with operators on duty 24 hours a day. It has run quite efficiently ever since.

It is electronically monitored and controlled by equipment that we designed and built ourselves.

OPP's spy in the sky back

Commissioner H. H. Graham of the Ontario Provincial Police has announced that aircraft patrol will commence throughout the province this week.

The five aircraft will fly out of London, Burlington, Downsview, Barrie and Ottawa.

In August 1965, the OPP became the first police force in Canada to adopt 'Policing By Air' as a permanent extension of its regular law enforcement function.

Assistant Commissioner Jack Kay, in charge of OPP Traffic Division stated:

All cars out on weekend

Provincial Police will be using every available patrol unit which includes marked and unmarked vehicles, motorcycles and aircraft during the Victoria Day weekend, says OPP Commissioner H. H. Graham.

The cars will be equipped with radar and operate in areas which have a high accident rate.

During the 1980 Victoria Day weekend, 12 persons were killed in accidents investigated by the OPP and 540

350 pints of blood

When the next Red Cross Blood Donor's Clinic rolls around on June 10 in Midland, the goal will be to raise 325 pints of blood.

The clinic, as usual, will be staged at Midland Legion from 1.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

Now's the time to make a point of attending the June clinic.

"During 1980 the number of fatal motor vehicle accidents decreased 1.1 per cent over the previous year, with the number of persons killed reflecting a decrease of 4.2 per cent.

"There is no doubt the aerial surveillance provided by our aircraft patrol on many highways specially marked with bold yellow triangles, contributed to the overall reduction and severity of accidents."

The OPP 'Eye In The Sky' is ever alert for accident-causing 'Rules Of The Road' offences.

During last year's aircraft patrol those stretches of highways where the greatest problems exist.

operation over 20,000 errant drivers received offence notices, and 3,000 were stopped and warned.

Commissioner Graham states: "This type of traffic enforcement is carried out on a selective basis, by concentrating efforts on

those stretches of highways where the greatest problems exist.

"The sole purpose of this program is to protect lives and reduce the terrible carnage on our highways. The solicitor General, Mr. McMurtry, and I are determined to reduce the toll."



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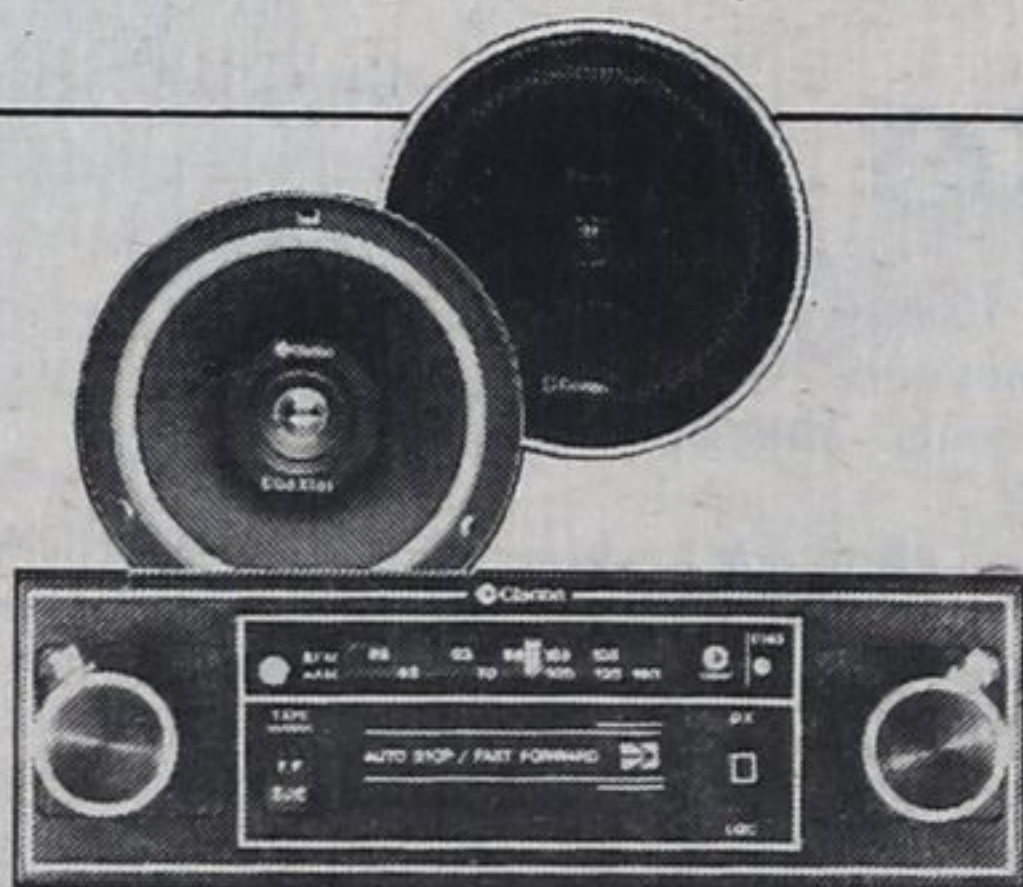
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