By Don Byers Back in February, I reported in this space about the unusual antics of a young, male cardinal. The bright, red, little guy insisted on trying to fly through the dining room window.

Would you believe he's still at it? I've tried to talk to Funny-Hat Fred, our resident cockatoo about the dilemma. According to the man at the pet shop, Fred should be fairly fluent by now. And, he is. The problem: I don't know what language he's using.

"What's with the cardinal?" I asked. Fred, sitting on the fireplace hearth, shook his head, usually a warning that he's about to take off for a screeching, sweep of the air-space over my head, to land on the nearest lampshade. This

Milton Then and Now

In 1901 there was at least one well

established shoe merchant in Milton.

For many years Thomas Wilson had

carried on business at 202 Main St. in

the premises now occupied by Knight's

Men's Wear. At the beginning of that

year there seemed to be little local

opposition for his business. He adver-

tised regularly, however, using the

same simple insertion each week. He

sold men's heavy working shoes in a

There was one other shoe store ad-

vertising in the Milton papers. James

O'Brien, 27 King Street East, Hamilton

was running a sale of boots, women's

shoes, etc. which he advertised here for

months. It was not unusual for a Ham-

ilton retailer to advertise here. The

Stanley Mills firm did it fairly often, as

did several others. On occasion there

was a special offer to Miltonians. Buy

at their store and they would pay your

Before the year was out another shoe

price range from \$1 to \$3 a pair.

that time of year. To nobody's surprise, winter begins and ends with the meanest months of the lot-nothing Nov-

flee south. So, how come my kooky cardinal is fluttering out there in the

Failing to get any information at all time, however, he just sat there and from Funny-Hat Fred, I am forced to come to my own conclusion: the dimin-

If the foregoing hasn't been enough to convince you that old Don has had his marbles scrambled, what follows sure-

Have you ever heard a frog "meow"?

Last night (March 14) I heard a frog meow, on the coast-to-coast network of

izen who has just renewed a mortgage. It was a real, live frog.

When the sound was first aired, the

previous evening, it was thought to be an unique discovery. Then a frog expert

troversy since the frog, merrily meowno duress whatsoever.

So there you go: interest rates and inflation have taken off for outer space; international tensions deepen daily; we've all got the "March Moodies" and, here's a couple of serious people arguing, on national radio, about why frogs meow.

Well, it's nice to know that there are at least two sane persons left in our

l see red again

I repeated my question, at the same time, asking myself: "What the hell am I doing? Talking to a bird?" An onslaught of "cabin-fever", I suppose, It's

ember, and, mealy-mouth March. Most birds, and well-heeled humans,

I know, a while ago, I waxed almost poetic about the red rascal, who bashes his beak against my window. But now the whole experience has become downright unnerving.

store was open for business on Main St.

In November the Milton Shoe Parlor

announced it had opened shop in the

"store lately occupied by T.W.

Crozier." That was at 222 Main St., dir-

ectly opposite the old post office. The

proprietor of the new business was C.I.

Cunningham and the manager was

In January 1902 Charles Wilson ad-

vertised a clearance sale. He planned to

sell out his stock at cost prices in order

to enlarge and refit his store. Ladies'

and men's slippers were to go at less

than cost. Ladies', misses', and child-

ren's cardigans were offered at 75c,

the new business did not attract enough

business to support both a proprietor

title was dropped from the advertising.

At this time I believe that he took a

E.E. Yates.

85c. and \$1.

utive "Red Baron" bangs his head against the glass because it feels so good when he stops.

(Ed's note: You've written some weird stuff—but this is too much.) Nay, sire. I speak the truth.

the CBC. It was not the anguished cries of a cit-

By April Mr. Cunningham was pro-

moting ladies' and gents' fine shoes,

and he had a full line of Winn and Com-

pany's shoes for children. Mr. Wilson

continued with his promotion of men's

heavy work boots. In 1903 Mr. Cunning-

got involved in the act to inform us that the jolly-green-jumpers do emit such a noise under certain conditions of stress.

This opinion created some coning away, was sitting on the lap of a learned professor in P.E.I., and under

great land.

Paupst of 313 Elmwood mother of Helen Varley Cresc., who died Milton District Hospital of Rockwood, Major on Feb. 24. Mrs. Paupst, Donna Paupst with the a resident of Milton over 40 years, was 81 at her in Winnipeg and Gerald death. She had been ill Paupst of Shallow Lake. for a few months.

Obituary

Mrs. Paupst married in Drumbo and lived in Midland 11 years the Rebekah Lodge.

Mrs. Emma Paupst Funeral service was She was the wife of the held Feb. 27 for Emma late Fred Paupst and at of Milton, Jean McDuffe

Canadian Armed Forces Also surviving is a sister was Mrs. Robert Pickering of Waterloo.

Rev. E. T. Birtch conbefore coming to Milton ducted the funeral serin 1938. She was active in vice at McKersie Funeral Home.

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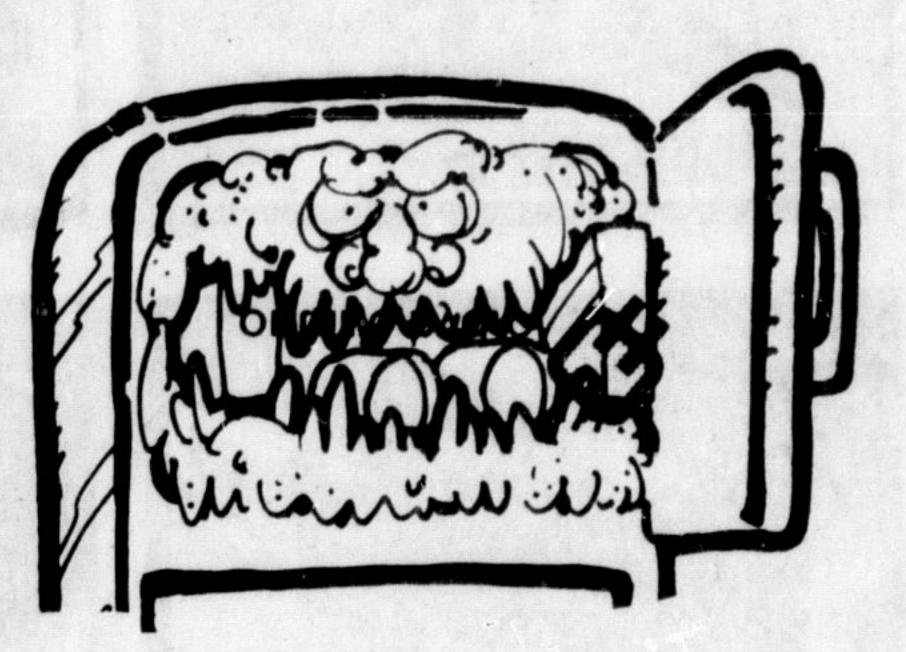
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ACRO backs NEC

railway fare to Hamilton and back to and a manager. Mr. Yates' name and

Counties and Regions of their municipal council, backs the Escarpment Niagara Commission plan to cut back their planning area by 63 per cent, along the

450 mile escarpment. The ACRO brief endorses the development control guidelines set out in the NEC proposed plan, but urges the responsibility for issuing development permits be municipalities not left entirely with regional or

county governments. The brief also supports development being heard by the Municipal Ontario Board, as is proposed by

the NEC. disagrees with the NEC plan which allows any interested party the right to appeal. The brief would be unwieldy, and urges instead the right to appeal be restricted to counties, regions and local municipalities as well as property owners within 400 feet of any proposed development on the Escarpment. Other individuals would have to

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initiate an appeal before and ask the council to make a representation on their behalf, the ARCO brief states.

An appeal fee would be charged the applicants or the OMB would be given the authority to assess The ARCO emphasizes

there must be no coercion on landowners along the Bruce Trail to allow use of their land and every effort must be made to use public rights of way or public land to develop connecting links between the proposed Niagara Escarpment

System. The brief took issue private sector. mendations concerning conservation authorities, included in the NEC

proposed plan. The ARCO statement said they supported the acquisition of land by conservation authorities only where essential for water management and flood control, and objects the acquisition for forest management, fish and wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation, and conservation education.

Programs, such as these belong to the Ministry of Natural Resources, the brief contended.

The Association sees the role of conservation authorities as providing passive such as recreation, providing picnicking, swimming areas, park maintenance

washroom facilities. The brief disagrees with the NEC proposal to share management of between conservation authorities and the Ministry of Natural Resources only, and urges the inclusion of regional Parks governments and the

They also rejected the conservation authorities as negotiators for lands on the Bruce Trail, and recommended the role be filled by the Ministry of

Natural Resources. Individual situations dictate the of provincial grant to conservation authorities within the NEC Parks system, and should not be set at 75 per contended.

April Shower of Savings

UPPER CANADA MALL

Not to be outdone, the Milton Shoe \$3.50. In early 1906 he thanked his pat-Parlor ran a January clearance sale too-to make room for its incoming stock of spring footwear. Apparently

Shoe stores before the '20s

stores in Toronto.

ham sold the Milton Shoe Parlor to A.B. McDougall. The new owner continued the policy started by Cunningnam. His advertising was more imaginative than Mr. Wilson's. Different lines were mentioned as the seasons changed. Women were not neglected. In May 1905 he advertised men's shoes at \$1.50 to \$5 and ladies' oxfords and slippers at \$1.25 to

rons for the success of his growing bus-At the end of 1906 it was announced that "A.B. McDougall has sold out his business to E.E. Yates, late of Toronto, who is well and favorably known here. Mr. McDougall will take a rest for the

benefit of his health, which needs it." E.E. (Teddy) Yates carried on business successfully here for years. Usually his advertising was a simple, short paragraph in the Local News column, which listed Invictus and other lines of footwear which he sold, and also his location—across the street from the post office.

For several years the two stores on Main St. continued on their quiet way. Mr. Wilson, assisted by his daughter, still specialized in heavy footwear while

position with one of the larger shoe Teddy Yates stressed fine footwear and style. I remember he had a tendency to have women squeeze into narrow shoes which were quite tight on their feet. This, of course, was the type of footwear favored by many women in those

In June 1901 Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Mac-Nabb announced the engagement of their daughter Mabel to E.E. Yates. The marriage took place in September at the residence of the bride's parents. The minister was Rev. Mr. Martin of the U.P. Church at Mansewood. In 1914 Mr. Yates had a new brick home built for him at the northeast corner of Martin and Woodward.

In May 1912 Edward Burdette (Eddie) Graham purchased the business of Thomas Wilson. He had lived in Burlington for many years, where he first worked in a local shoe store. He than spent many years on the road as a traveller for the John Lennox Co. When I was at high school he lived at 121 Mill St. His daughter Irene was a few years ahead of me. Burdette was a few years

Yates and Graham were the shoe merchants I remember from my boyhood days. Our family dealt at Yates' but both were considered good stores. Both men were slight, immaculately dressed, and they stocked footwear of excellent style and quality. No doubt Eaton's and Simpson's sold their share of shoes to people in this area, but the two local men did the bulk of the bus-

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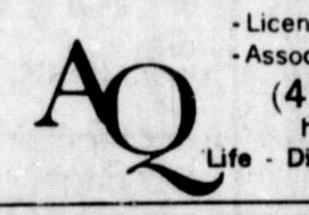


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