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PACK YOUR BAGS: Local firefighters — and an army of volunteers — will hold their annual holiday food drive tomorrow in support of the Salvation Army. To make the pick-up a little easier, paper bags were distributed in Tuesday's Champion, but any bag or box will do. Residents are asked to put their donations on their front porch in the morning, as firefighters and others will be starting out early and making collections for much of the day. Here, Salvation Army Captain Debra Blackman is joined by the Milton Fire Department's, from left, Paul Hollingshead, Barry Kory, Captain Mike McConnell, Gord Harse and Kevin Taziar.

Salvation Army eyes \$95,000

Donations are starting to trickle in, but a lot more help is needed over the next few weeks to ensure needy families have a nice Christmas and food throughout the year.

The Milton Salvation Army has set its fundraising goal at \$95,000. About 10 per cent of that — \$9,470.35 — has been raised to date, so Miltonians are urged to open their hearts and wallets as the holidays draw near.

Donations — payable to the Salvation Army Christmas Bureau Fund — can be made at either the Salvation Army office at 100 Nipissing Rd., unit 3, or at the *Champion* office at 555 Industrial Dr., on the second floor. Unwrapped toys can also be dropped off at the *Champion*.

Contributions can be made at either place Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Milton has new fire chief

Brian Ellsworth to start in January

By Stephanie Hounsell
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

The search for a new fire chief is over.

The Town of Milton announced Tuesday that the position has been filled, with Brian Ellsworth taking the top spot at the Milton Fire

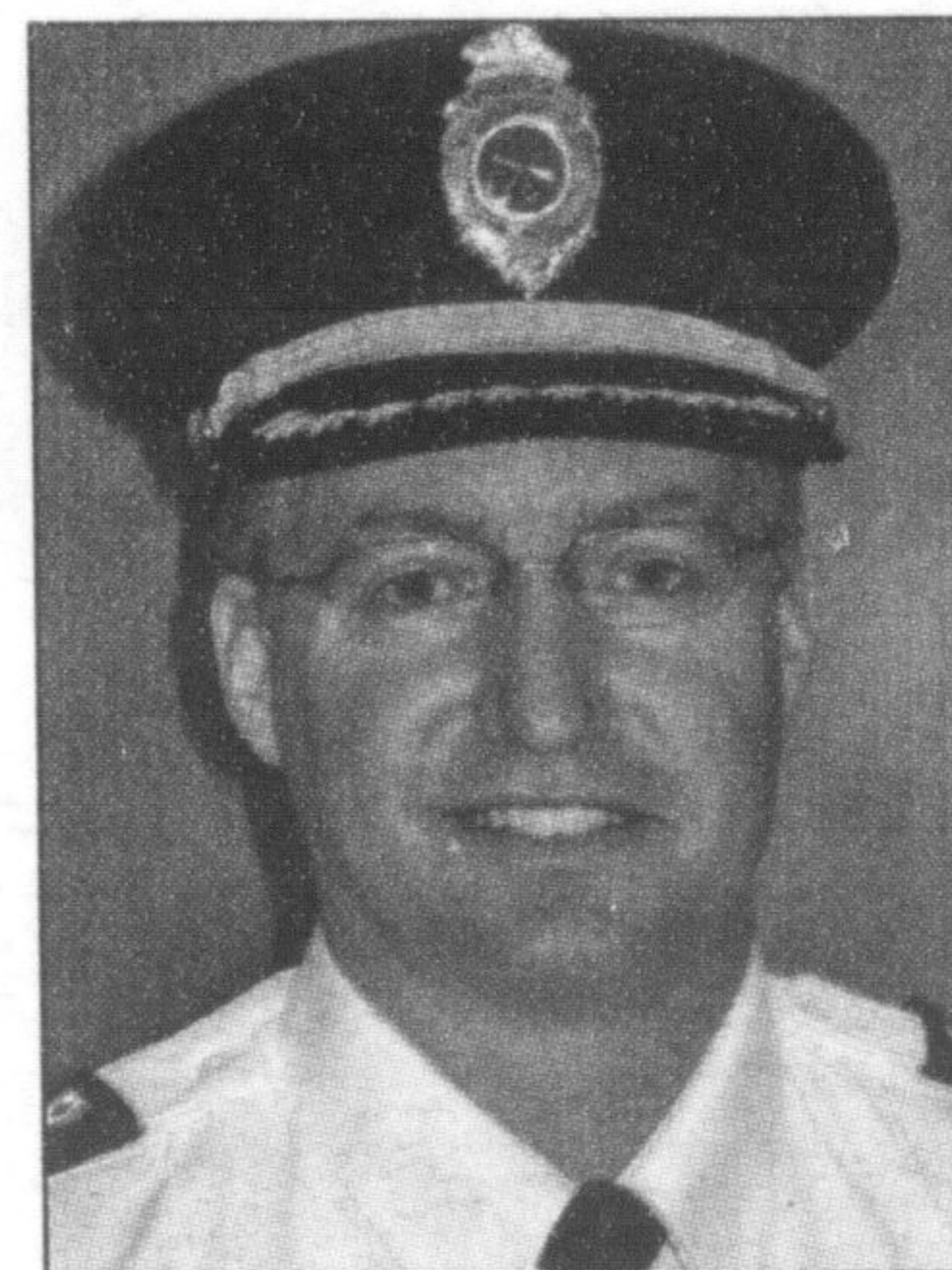
Department starting January 2. Ellsworth, 42, said he's looking forward to starting this new chapter in his life, and is excited about working with what he said is a world-class fire service.

"I'm looking forward to leading a great group of people," said Ellsworth, who has a wife, Beth,

and two children — an 11-year-old daughter and an eight-year-old son.

The Georgetown resident previously worked with the Richmond Hill Fire Department, where he served as deputy fire chief and community emergency management co-ordinator.

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Brian Ellsworth

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