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Christmas cheer

Peter Zellinsky and John Mistruzzi, volunteers with the Salvation Army, carry in a Christmas turkey and a bag of fruit to a needy family in Milton. Donations to the Salvation Army Christmas Bureau Fund allowed for the purchase of the food, which is being delivered to local homes. A total \$16,000 was collected from the community by The Champion in the fund, \$2,000 short of the newspaper's goal. Donations are being accepted until the end of the year.

NEWSLINES

Drury students adopt families

The true Christmas spirit was evident at E.C. Drury High School last week when students and staff contributed to the Adopt-A-Family Project.

Charlie Masters of the Milton Ministerial Association coordinated the project. He profiled 10 needy families from the Milton area, but no names were revealed.

Each home class chose a family to adopt. Because the project was so personalized for the students, the response was overwhelming. Thousands of dollars in food vouchers, non-perishable food and gifts, which suited the profile of the family, were donated.

Students interviewed would like to take part again next year. "We can really identify with the kids," many said.

Mr. Masters accepted the boxes of gifts on behalf of the families and the Ministerial Association, and thanked the students for caring for others.

INSIDE



Nineteen-year-old Shelly Fraser displays some of the traditional Boxing Day bargains to be found. Lots of specials are advertised in today's *Champion*.

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Condo buyers save 40% at auction

Slumping sales at Village Parc on the Pond shot up last week when 19 condominium units were sold in one day at prices as low as \$75,000.

According to Sheldon Good and Company, the company which conducted an auction of the condo units, buyers realized savings of up to 40 per cent of the list prices.

About 300 potential buyers attended an auction at

the Toronto Airport Marriott Dec. 16 to bid for 18 two-bedroom and one one-bedroom luxury condo units. The lowest price paid was for the one-bedroom at \$75,000 with \$106,000 the next best deal. Top price for a two-bedroom unit was \$135,000.

"The majority of the buyers were local. Some were entering the housing market for the first time but most were looking for a maintenance-

free lifestyle," said Michael Fine, vice president of Sheldon Good and Company of Canada.

This was the first residential sale the company had conducted in Canada. It usually specializes in commercial property auctions.

The company is calling the sale, which lasted an hour and a half, a success. The sale was held in conjunction with Re/Max Miltowne Realty Corp.

The bell is back!

Ring in the new year at town hall

Milton will bring in the new year with the traditional bell-ringing ceremony December 31 as well as the annual mayor's levee January 1.

The ringing of the town bell on New Year's Eve first started to herald the arrival of Canada's centennial year.

The informal event took on a history of its own and continued for several years under the sponsorship of *The Champion*, find publisher Jim Dillis and his family, until the Kinsmen Club of Milton agreed to continue it. Crowds came and formed a circle in the street to sing "Auld Lang Syne," and exchange New Year's greetings.

When the bell was removed from the town hall on Main Street in 1985, the tradition was interrupted until last year. The bell has since been restored and is now displayed at Victoria Park.

A "cath-up" bell-ringing ceremony was held at six-minutes before midnight December 31 last year with former citizens of the year, and their representatives.

The tradition continues Thursday, Dec. 31 at Victoria Park at 11:45 p.m. The Milton Kinsmen are serving light refreshments.

Miltonians are also invited to attend the Mayor and Council New Year's Levee Friday, Jan. 1 at Town Hall from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Bus tender bids hit detour

By JANE MULLER
The Champion

The low bidder for the Town's transit service contract is questioning the process after being told he'll have to bid again based on a three-year term instead of the five-year time period the original tender had called for.

Ken McLean and the current operators, Milton Bus Lines, both submitted bids for a tender which advertised a five-year term. At the town council meeting Monday night, • see TENDER on page 3

We wish you & your family a very Merry Christmas & a Happy 1993

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