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## NEWSLINES

### Vandals damage tombstones at St. John's

The congregation of St. John's Anglican Church is hoping vandals who knocked over tombstones in the cemetery will be caught.

The culprits have struck twice, overturning the stones at the Guelph Line and No. 10 Sideroad church cemetery last Wednesday and Saturday nights, said Laurie Reed, the church warden.

Mr. Reed said church officials thought the vandalism was over after the first incident. But Saturday, the culprits came back, adding to the damage.

Several more tombstones were overturned and eggs were thrown at a large stained-glass window. One tombstone was broken.

"It was a considerable shock to see so many knocked down a couple of nights later." The church congregation wants the culprits apprehended to put an end to the problem, Mr. Reed said.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Milton's Criminal Investigations Bureau by calling the Halton Regional Police Service at 878-5511.

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Thanks to the generosity of so many Milton residents families won't go wanting this Christmas. Yet there is more to be done, and little time to do it. In the photo above one happy family received their Christmas Bureau Fund donations, which *The Champion* collects on behalf of the Salvation Army. Salvation Army lieutenant David Pearo (left), Karen Hulsman of *The Champion* (centre) and Betty Zelinsky of the Army were on hand to share the spirit of giving.

## Three days to go, we need your help

There are three days before Christmas and that's enough time to top up the Salvation Army Christmas Bureau Fund.

As of noon Tuesday the total was close to \$12,000, but that's still \$8,000 short of this year's \$20,000 goal. More than \$18,000 was

collected in 1992.

The Salvation Army uses proceeds from the Christmas Bureau Fund to ensure every Miltonian has a traditional holiday celebration, complete with a special meal and a gift for each child.

Donations are being accepted until December 24 at *The Champion* office, 191 Main St. E., or mail cheques to:

The Salvation Army Christmas Bureau Fund, c/o *The Champion*, Box 248 Milton, L9T 4N9.

## Harold Penson promoted to fire chief

By BRAD REAUME  
*The Champion*

For Harold Penson it's three times lucky. He was promoted to fire chief from acting fire chief, his third attempt at the position, during a closed door meeting of town council Monday night.

"It was a unanimous recommendation by the committee," said Milton Mayor Gord Krantz. "He's demonstrated leadership abilities during his time as acting chief."

The knock against Mr. Penson in the past was his perceived lack of administration skills. Mr. Krantz said Mr. Penson had "come a long way

in that regard," since his previous application for the position.



Harold Penson

When Mr. Playfair got the job Mr. Penson

According to Mr. Krantz, Mr. Penson first applied for the position when Blake Patrick was hired as fire chief in 1987. He also applied when Richard Playfair was hired in November, 1989 and then again to replace Mr. Playfair, who left after three years to become fire chief in Stoney Creek, near Hamilton.

was publicly annoyed at being passed over again.

Mr. Playfair replaced Mr. Patrick, who resigned after a short stint as fire chief amid controversy. Mr. Patrick went on sick leave under doctor's orders in late 1988, according to reports in *The Champion*.

When he spoke to *The Champion* Mr. Penson was obviously pleased with the promotion, saying he felt he could add some stability to the department.

Mr. Penson has been with the municipality since 1970. He began as a part time firefighter, gaining fulltime status in 1977. He was

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# MILTON MALL

### Christmas Hours

Friday, December 24, 9:30 - 6:00 pm

Closed December 25 & 26

Monday - Thursday, December 27 - 30, 9:30 - 9:00

Friday, December 31 9:30 - 6:00

Closed January 1, 1994

### BOXING DAY SALES

Monday,  
Dec. 27  
9:30-9:00