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

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

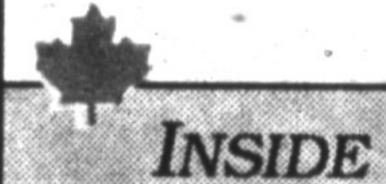
The culprits have struck twice, overturning the stones at the Guelch Line and No. 10 Sideroad church cemetery last Wednesday and Saturday nights, said Laurie Reed, the church warden.

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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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 22, 1993

Thanks to the generosity of so many Milton residents families won't go wanting this Christmas. Yet there is more to be done, and littie 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 Zellnsky 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 The Salvation Army uses proceeds from the

Army Christmas Bureau Fund.

collected in 1992.

Christmas Bureau Fund to ensure every Mil-As of noon Tuesday the total was close to: tonian has a traditional holiday celebration, \$12,000, but that's still \$8,000 short of this complete with a special meal and a gift for year's \$20,000 goal. More than \$18,000 was 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 recommondation 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. come fire chief in Stoney Creek, near Hamilton. Krantz said Mr. Penson had "come a long way"

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



for the position when Blake Patrick was hired as fire chief in 1987. He reports in The Champion. also applied when Richard Playfair was hired in November, 1989 and then again to replace

According Mr. Krantz,

Mr. Penson first applied

Mr. Playfair, who left Harold Penson after three years to be-When Mr. Playfair got the job Mr. Penson

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

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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### 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