

Dedicated to delicious dining

The Halton Country Inn offers excellent food and service in a country setting

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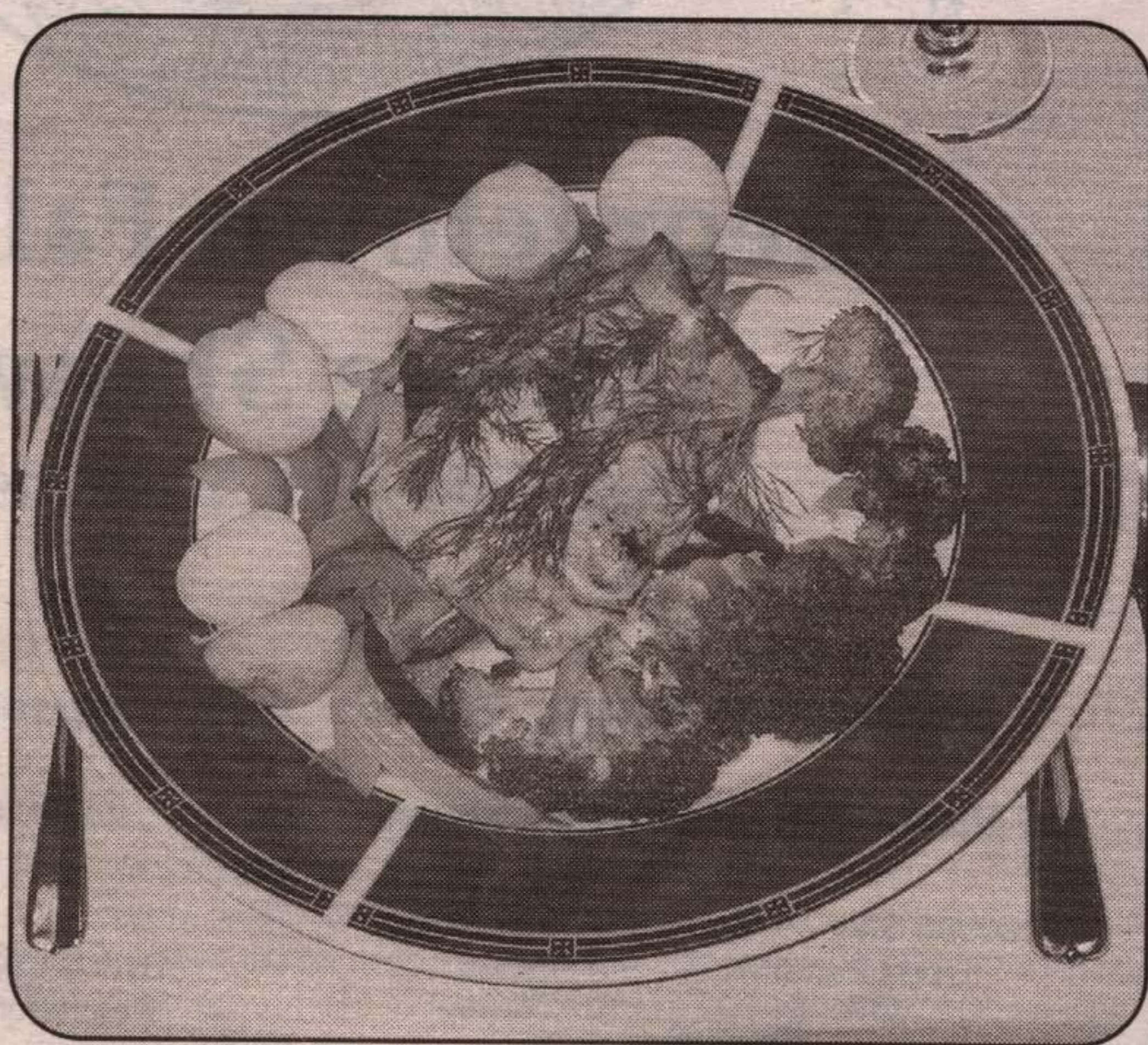
Alan Bennett is dedicated to his profession and new position at the Halton Country Inn.

"We've developed a new motto for ourselves: Excellent food and service and affordable golf!" he emphatically states.

At the Halton Country Inn, Executive Chef Alan Bennett is serving up elegant country food that's reasonably priced, in a quiet dining room where a beamed ceiling, stone fireplace, decorative woodwork and soft lighting enhance the ambiance of an evening meal.

"Our dining room seats 32 people," he says, "and we can provide a full banquet for 150." Special events catering can be customized, for business functions, business meetings, weddings and so on. Altogether with the bar seating, two patios and interior dining, the Halton Country Inn can seat 340, "... and that's enough to keep us going!" Bennett says with a smile.

The newly renovated front and back patios are welcome areas for drinks or casual eating. The front patio has a view of the greens, while the back, with its red tiled roof, interlocking brick, umbrella tables and wrought iron chairs decorated with vines and berries, offers more secluded comfort. A wall of trees shades one side of the large patio, while bar-



Broiled Salmon with Lemon and Dill Butter Sauce

rels and hanging baskets of flowers provide lush colour.

Bennett worked his magic at the Harrop House in Milton for two years, and Greystone for three years before that. He's cooked up a storm all over the world, from San Diego and Bermuda, to France, Austria and England. A native Englishman, he graduated from Westminster College in London, and owned his own restaurant, Lampwicks, in that city for five years. Altogether, he's served up excellent meals for 32 years.

"We want to concentrate on quality," Bennett reflects. "Our herbs are grown locally, as are many of the ingredients."

The menu at Halton Country Inn will change every few months to

reflect taste changes that accompany the seasons.

"The menu will grow with time," he adds. "Right now we have a small but varied wine list, and that too will increase eventually. We have bottles from Argentina, Bulgaria, Canada, the US and France. We're working to develop a reputation for fine food at affordable prices, so that when the golf season is over, people will still have a great location for fine dining."

Escarpment country is certainly dramatically beautiful in every season and the inn, situated well back from the road and accessed by a long tree-lined drive, will be a cozy destination during the autumn and winter, especially when dining fire-side in casual country style.

Both menus offer a good selection of food at affordable prices. On the patio or inside the bar, patrons can try burgers with homemade relishes or pork shish kebabs, marinated fresh mussels, salads, soup, nachos or bruschetta bread.

In the dining room, there are five delicious appetizers to choose from, such as Leek and Stilton soup, or Escargot-Mushroom Gratinée. Main courses range from Boneless Breast of Chicken with Pineapple Butter, to a Striploin Steak with cracked Black Pepper Sauce, or Veal Chop with Portabello

Mushrooms. To top off the meal, diners can choose from a luscious fresh fruit éclair, Crème caramel, ice cream melba or chocolate cheesecake. Reservations are preferred for the dining room.

"Eventually, we'd like to converge the Inn into an out-of-town resort," Chef Bennett says. And as the Halton Country Inn develops its reputation throughout the area for fine food at affordable prices, they will accomplish that goal.

The Halton Country Inn is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 905-876-3018 for further information on dining or golf facilities.



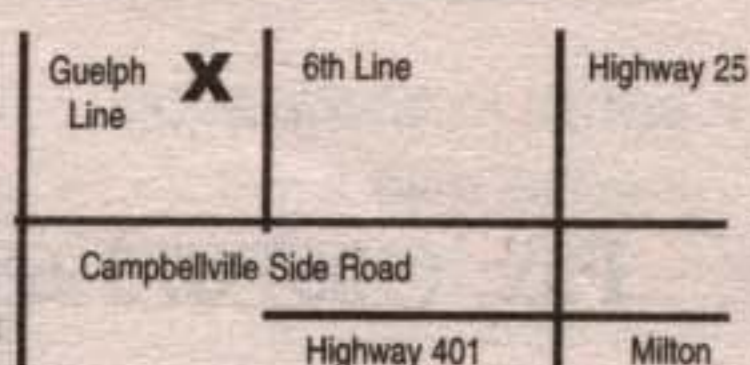
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AN ELEGANT MEAL - Alan Bennett, the new chef at Halton Country Inn, is pleased to offer a tempting array of affordable dishes for your dining pleasure. "We want to concentrate on quality," Bennett reflects.



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