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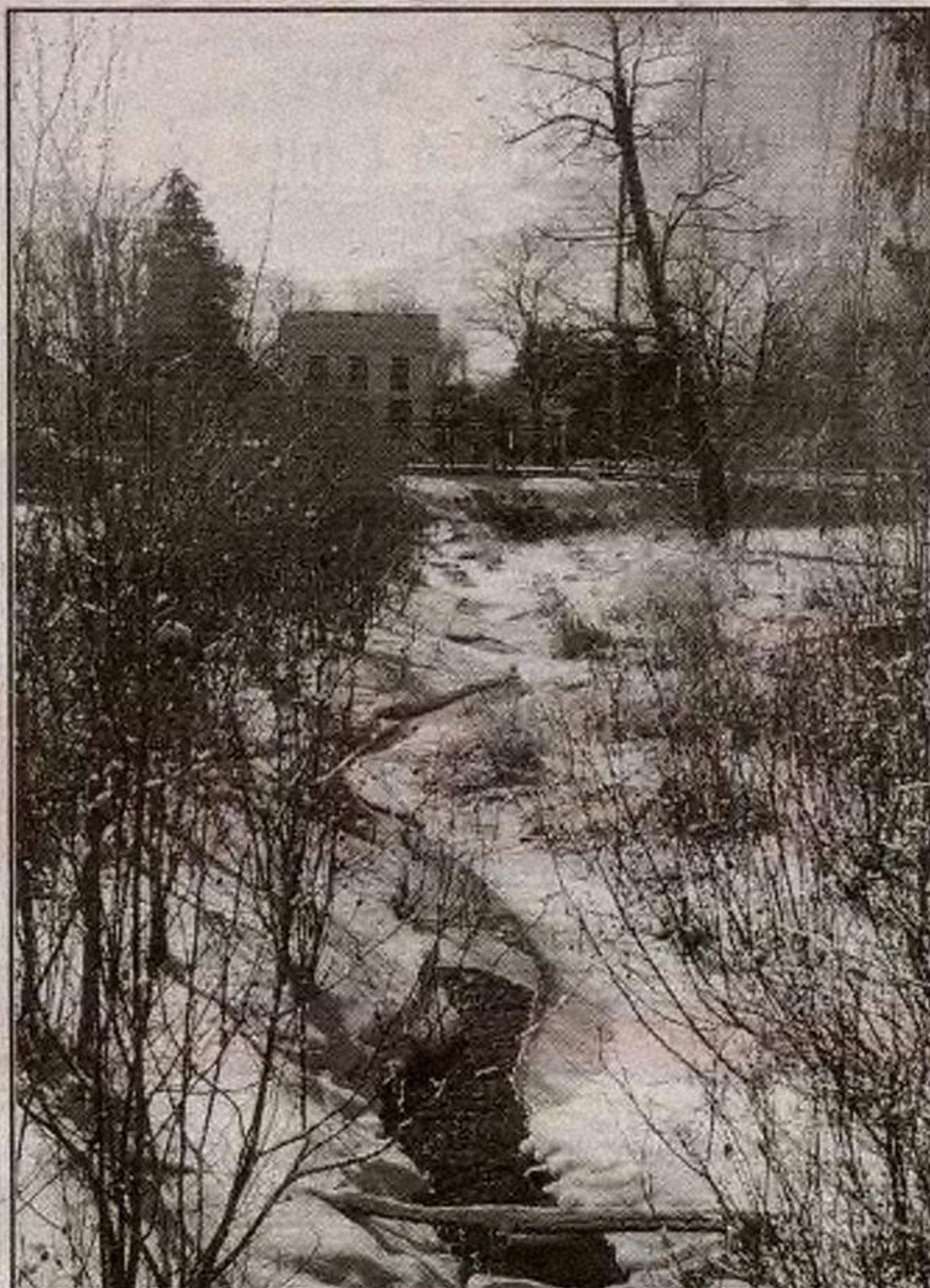
**Business Hours**

Monday	9:00-5:00
Tuesday	11:00-7:00
Wednesday	9:00-5:00
Thursday	<b>closed</b>
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**ICY BONDS:** Mid-afternoon shadows create patterns on new fallen snow as the School Creek breaks icy bonds on its serpentine route under the bridge to Robert Little School, past the library, on its way to Fairy Lake.

**Halton hires recruiter...***Continued from Page 1.*

provincial cut in the number of medical school graduates in 1990, population growth and shifts, an exodus of experienced doctors to the United States and an increased physician workload prompting some doctors to close their practices.

Dr. McWilliam suggested more than a local solution is needed.

Pointing to the recruitment help that comes with being designated as an under-served area by the province, he said everything that can be done, is being done.

"What really needs to be done is at a higher level - we need to increase the supply of doctors and that's really an issue about expanding medical schools and increasing immigration of doctors and so on," he said.

The accepted physician to

patient ratio in Ontario is one doctor for every 1,380 patients. Dr. McWilliam said he's currently trying to look after 4,000 to 5,000 patients.

"The trade-off is that I don't see people as often as maybe they should be and they wait longer in the waiting room so they end up using walk-in clinics," he said adding that means there's no continuity of care and that makes the workload worse.

Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette hopes the \$150,000 recently approved by Halton Council to hire a physician recruiter will bring new doctors to this area.

"This is something we have to do - someone just geared for recruitment," Bonnette said, adding a recruiter was successful in helping the under-served Niagara Region find general practitioners.

## Two doctors take Dr. Landry's patients

The lack of doctors in Acton - a community that needs nine more family practitioners - worsened when Dr. Len Landry, the physician who stepped in temporarily to care for local patients after the sudden death last summer of Dr. Brian Moore, stopped seeing patients.

Some of Dr. Landry's patients are now being seen by Dr. George McWilliam and others by Dr. Nather Alshakaraji, a Milton physician who took some of Dr. Moore's caseload and new patients in the fall.

Dr. Nather, as he is called, has increased his Acton office hours to four half-days a week to help handle Dr. Landry's patients.

Dr. Landry's wife and office manager, Rita Landry, told The New Tanner last Tuesday that Dr. Landry would write a letter explaining why he was no longer seeing patients at the Acton office.

**New Oakville facility**

The Post Village Inn is the chosen name of the 228-bed long term care facility opening in Oakville next year, Joyce Savoline, Halton Region chairman, announced.

Scheduled to open in the Oak Park Urban Village in the summer of 2003, the name Post Village Inn was chosen because of its historical roots and tie-in with the area. In the early 1800's, a Mr. Post owned an inn on the southwest corner of the crossroads

of Trafalgar and Dundas called the Post's Inn. The inn, known for its unusual design, which included five fireplaces, was used as a change-house for stages running along Dundas St.

Halton Region currently operates Allendale, a 300-bed long-term facility in Milton. Plans are underway to open a 144-bed facility in Burlington in late 2003 and, coupled with the new residence in Oakville, will help relieve demand.

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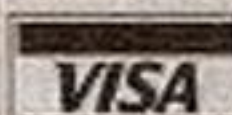
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