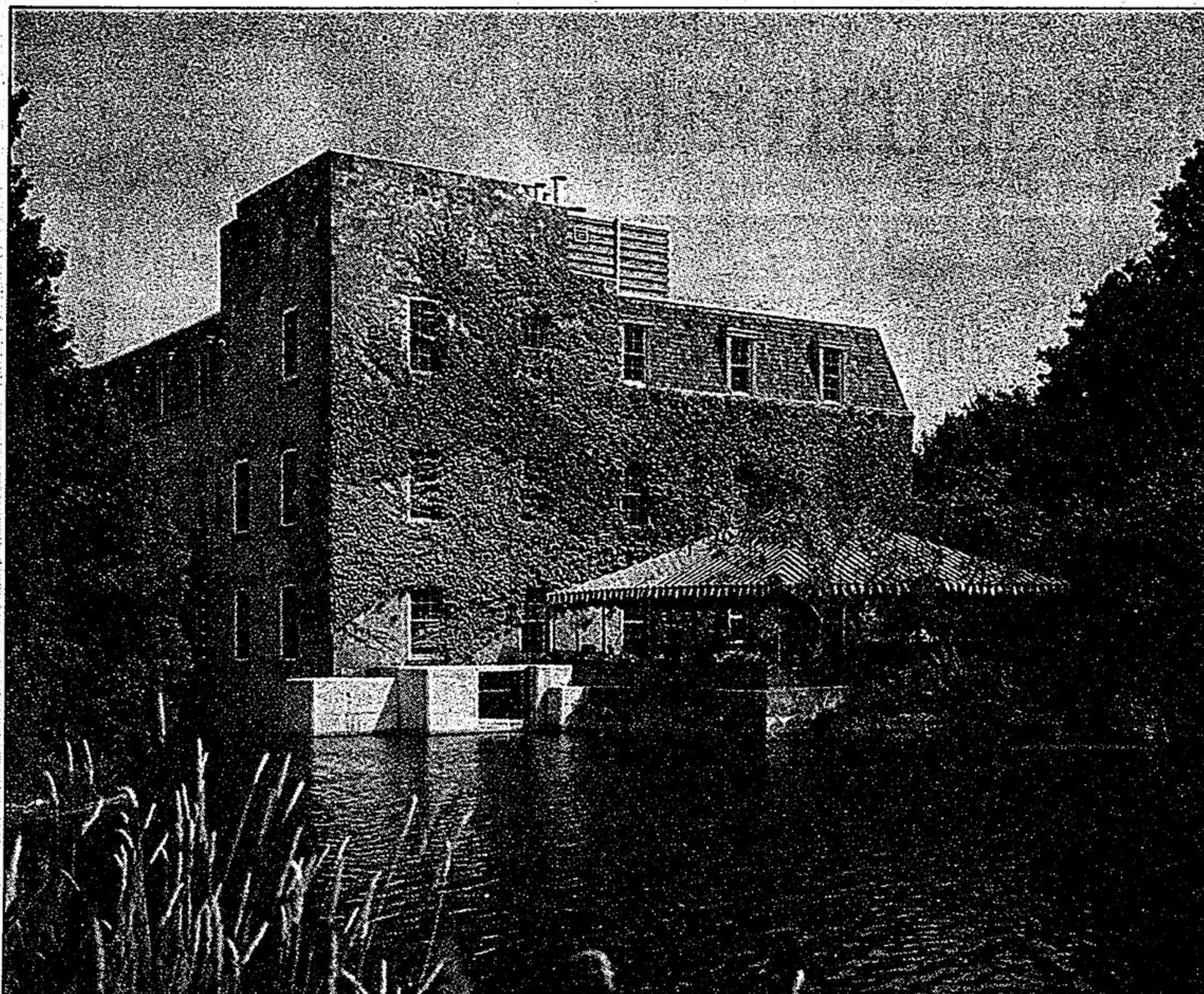


Advertising Feature

Luxury is close to home at the historic Millcroft Inn



Historic Millcroft Inn & Conference Centre

BY BART CARD

The world's best-kept secret may just be in Alton's Caledon Hills - a stone's throw outside of York Region in the west end of the GTA.

After 15 years as a Canadian resident following stints in locales around the world, I recently stumbled across the historic Millcroft Inn. A unique hotel and conference facility, it's located in the rolling countryside of the Caledon Hills, nestled on 100 acres of woodland trails and meadows with their protected wildlife habitats.

But I may have never unearthed this treasure if it wasn't for my reconnection with a long-time friend, Wolfgang Stichnothe, who purchased the Millcroft Inn in 1995, just three days after he first cast his eyes on this stunning establishment.

A diverse background has given Wolfgang the ability to complete his vision to own a fine establishment such as the Millcroft Inn. At the age of 14, he was washing glasses in a family friend's pub in Germany - a job that would begin a journey to become a renown chef and now business owner, bringing with him over 30 years of experience to this ultimate four-season country retreat.

What was once the Main Mill now houses 22 beautifully appointed guest rooms. Across the Credit River, there are 20 'Croft' units, each containing their own pleasant sitting room with a fireplace on the lower level and a bedroom on the upper level. All Crofts have private decks and are conveniently located near the swimming pool. The Manor House, adjacent to the Mill, features 10 luxurious rooms each with its own jacuzzi.

Originally a knitting mill built in 1881, the property has been elaborately renovated and reconstructed to its former architectural beauty. In 1978, when the Millcroft Inn opened to the public, the restoration was recognized by the Federal Government with the National Award of Honour for Heritage Preservation.

Today, Alton is a peaceful village with more dreams than industries. It is here visitors rediscover the charms of lush meadows, silent woods and the sparkling waters of the Credit River where it all began.

For more information on the Millcroft Inn, telephone (800) 383-3976, or visit their Web site at www.millcroft.com.

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