G. ALEC JOHNSON donated his office on 4 Mill St., to the S.C.A.P. group for the summer and in appreciation the group presented him with a desk set last Monday. From left; Sandi Ross, Emily Hodgson, Larry McGilloway, Norman Moore, Melodie Hatt, Pearl Harris and Valerie McGinn. Presenting the set to Alec Johnson is Maryanne DeHaan.

# Young farm couple woo and win council

Young love and willingness to start a dairy farm won out Wednesday night at Halton Hills council, when Halton Hills council reversed their decision of three weeks ago, and gave Valerie Ella and her flance Chris Richardson, the go-ahead to place a trailer on their rented farmland.

Mr. Richardson told council he had rented land on the former Roy Wilson farm which has now been bought by land developers. He said Mr. Wilson was retaining the house and five acres, and he planned to raise dairy cattle on the remaining 75 acres.

Valerie Ella quoting from an Ontario Federation of Agriculture report, said four dairy farmers a day are quitting farming in Ontario.
"We can't afford to pay \$125,000 to buy our own dairy farm, but want to start farm-

speculators, like the piece of land on Steeles Avenue they

had rented. Miss Ella said the land would only go to weeds if they didn't use it. She said they would farm at this location for three years at the most, then when the herd was up to a good size they would rent another farm, complete with

Mr. Richardson said he wanted to put in the septic tank, and have hydro hooked up. "We want to come back to our own home and the farm after our honeymoon," he ad-

four or five trailers within four miles of the area.

land was being bought up by is not strained."

Councillor Russell Miller came up with a solution, suggesting that the couple be issued a permit for the traller, renewable only as long as they remain bonafide farmers. He emphasized the permit would be to them, not to the property.

Councillor Dick Howitt en-

dorsed the idea, asking if they would be willing to enter into an agreement, saying the trailer would be removed at the end of two or three years. Mr. Richardson said they would be more than willing to

sign such an agreement. Councillor Les Duby said He pointed out there were young people wanting to keep the land in production should be given every co-A multered comment by operation to help them to get Councillor Roy Booth reflect- established. "They would be ed the mood of council, when an asset to our municipality."

he was opposed to doing out. things the back way, but was fully in accord with the suggestions by Miller and Howitt if it could be done properly. if it could be done properly, speculators buying land and "When I see young people letting it grow up in weeds." come to us willing to start dairy farming with the pro-

dairy farming with the pro-blems they have today I am all in favor of doing every-thing we can to help."

prejudiced against trailers, but pointed out the former township of Esquesing al-ways allowed them in, on a thing we can to help. Councillor Len Coxe wondered if the municipality could make the agreement and suggested they were bound by Oakville's bylaw. He emphasized his sympathies were with Miss Ella and Mr.

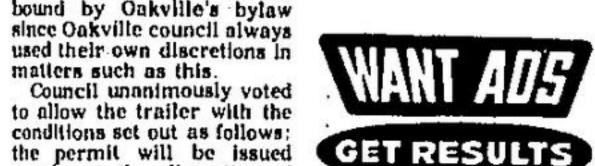
Richardson. Councillor Hyde, acting mayor during Mayor Tom Hill's absence, said he didn't want to see another 80 acres going to weeds. He warned the town must take the pre-

cautions of having an agree-

Councillor Harry Levy said ment, "or our necks are away

as long as Mr. Richardson remains a bonafide farmer, the Miller said it tooks guts to trailer will be removed if he start farming today with land prices so high. "All you see is ceases to farm or at the end of Howitt admitted he may be

the three year period, whichever comes first. With the good news for Mr. Richardson came a little bad news, as he drove in the driveway to the Seventh Line municipal building, prior to the meeting he was in a collilimited time basis. He urged sion with another vehicle. Litcouncil to approach this protle damage was done, but he blem in that manner. He was shaken up. pointed out they were not bound by Oakville's bylaw



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