

Headford Youth Royal Winter Fair Grand Champion

Matthew Watford, 15, of Headford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Watford is shown at the recent Royal Winter Fair in Toronto receiving the J. P. Bickle Memorial Trophy as grand champion poultry raiser. Presenting the trophy is Alf Ahiers, chairman of poultry, waterfowl and pet stock at the Royal.

In the background is Matthew's grand champion Orpington poultry entry that proved to be the best young bird of all the standard breed entries at the fair. The bird went on to win the grand championship Roy Messervey Memorial Trophy in the standard poultry class. Matthew's winnings at the Royal also included eight firsts and eight second awards.

The Watford farm is on Concession 3 just north of Markham Road where the family has been raising poultry for more than 40 years. The Watfords currently have a stock of 9,000 chickens, including 500 Orpingtons and 8.000 Leghorns.

Region Balks At Three-Year Budget Demand

By MARGARET LADE

If municipalities in the Region of York have to prepare long range budgets they want help from the

When representatives of the Department of Municipal Affairs municipal accounting branch appeared at a meeting of York Region Council November 25 to explain the three year projection of the cost of municipal service required by the department, they met with a volley of flack from region councillors.

"There is so much we don't, been undertaken anywhere know. How the heck do we know else in Ontario, "Have you what we are going to spend?" any experience to fall back demanded Aurora Mayor Rich- on?' bers of his staff.

the year in which you are opera- much it will cost for the next that the region try to work it

Any projects undertaken by a to plan." palities is to be used.

palities have already sent five-year capital forecasts to the Municipal Board, Illingworth declared. A threeyear projection would mean a lot of duplication and a great deal of unnecessary like this should not know where work for staff of the region. they are going on a day to day

The five-year forecast is a basis." Reeve told council. very small part of it, replied Reeve. It does not show the of Richmond Hill asked if annual cost of carrying charges professional economists and other operating expenses. from the province would be

Illingworth protested there is available to help with the so much the municipalities do long range budget forecast. not know, such as education He referred to unknown taxes, levies for conservation factors, such as welfare and authorities, regional levies, etc. the state of the economy in that it is not possible to look the country and in the proahead three years. vince which would have an "You have a lot to learn. You effect on the fiscal picture

should get some experience in in the region. the field," snapped the Aurora Markham Mayor Anthony Ro-Mayor. "Are you going to pro- man also protested lack of invide the staff to do the work, formation from the province. He or are you going to give us referred to the Water Resources grants to pay for additional staff Commission and others that have the final say in determin-

"I don't see that it will be of ing the direction of much of the any use to you or anyone else," planning at the municipal and

regional level. "We are prepared to help, " Vaughan Mayor Garnet Wilbut we have only 10 or 15 liams was not disturbed, "There people working in the field," will be no problem in having a

three-year projection in Vaug-Richmond Hill Regional Coun- han," he told council. "We have cillor Donald Plaxton took a been doing it for years, but we different tack. Boundary chan-should know where other muniges effective with the inaugu-cipalities in the region are goration of regional government ing." have made it very difficult for Markham Councillor James

municipalities to budget, he told Jongeneel argued, however, that the provincial representatives, there are still an unusual num-In Richmond Hill there are ber of "unponderables and unmany different mill rates, he certainties" in drawing up longrange municipal budgets. He

(The new town of Richmond referred particularly to the cost Hill incorporates parts of the of education which, said Jonformer Townships of King, geneel, makes up more than 50 Whitchurch, Vaughan and Mark- percent of all municipal bud-

ham as well as the old Town gets. of Richmond Hill. Education, Newmarket Mayor Robert levies are also fragmented as Forhan was also not convinced the municipality tries to work that long range financial planout its commitment to the York ning was feasible. Municipal County Board of Education and and regional councillors are the York County Roman Catho- elected for a two year period, lic School Board based on the he said, yet when plans are numerous area board jurisdic- sent from a municipality to the tions that existed before the province "you stall for a yearcounty boards were formed in and-a-half before we get them

region, Plaxton continued, popu- ed to know, "Will Vaughan be lation forecasts are not known, in the region next year? Are nor are financial projections on we going to have Highway 404 debt charges that may result and Highway 407? If the profrom capital works such as vince would like to say the region will be here in three years.

To try to prepare three- then we can plan." year projections, said Plax- He stressed the uncertainty of ton would be an exercise in boundaries, major arteries and futility. He wanted to know availability of provincial grants if such a projection has as major stumbling blocks in

long range planning.

you know," Reeve replied. "It is a necessity to plan ahead." It is essential, he continued, to have planning, organization, control, A panic situation develops without a plan he told coun-

not have their taxes in yet!" ard Illingworth who led the at- Oshawa has done it for a Reeve conceded that the protack on Director of Municipal number of years, replied Reeve, vince is "a slow moving body"

are going, I don't know how you three-year projection, there is The youthful and unflappable plan sewage treatment plants no guarantee that it will not be Reeve replied, "I would hope and other capital works. You held up at the provincial level. you would budget far ahead of should start by finding out how Councillor Plaxton suggested

municipality usually has long A lot more has to be known, province. He was assured that term costs, said Reeve, and the insisted East Gwillimbury Mayor the municipal accounting branch department wants to assess just Gladys Rolling, such as the cost would be happy to sit down with how assistance given to munici- of education. She demanded to finance committees or with the know why the school boards whole council if necessary to The region and munici- have not been asked for a projection of the cost of municithree-year projection, adding, "Highway 404 was supposed to

be built in 1967. Why wasn't it?

Provincial planning left a lot

"It is astounding that a body

Councillor Gordon Rowe

to be desired," she declared.

"You should plan on what

The Aurora Mayor was on his feet in a bound. "Our budgets went to the province in April and we did not get them back until September. You put us in a panic situation." Illingworth roared, "Some municipalities do

Accounting Al Reeve and mem- "If you don't know where you He admitted that, even with a

three years. You must have data out, engaging whatever talents might be available from the

pal services in the Region of

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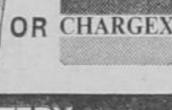
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