

# Crunch year

**YORK REGION:** Warning that the next three years may be difficult ones because "economic times are tough," Regional Chairman Bob Forhan promised to work hard "to bring in a balanced budget," following his acclamation for a third term.

Mr. Forhan, first elected regional chairman in 1978, was unopposed.

In his address at the inaugural meeting of York Regional Council, Mr. Forhan stated: "I'm looking forward to an interesting term, even though it may be a difficult one."

Noting that economic times are tough, Mr. Forhan said: "We are entering a term of economic restraint, and a period when only the most essential programs can be considered."

Despite the problems "I do remain reasonably optimistic for the future," Mr. Forhan said. "A great deal of hard work by everyone will be required to keep expenses within the economic restraints and demands imposed by the senior levels of government."

He mentioned the 14.5 per cent growth in assessment in 1982 "highlighted by a 23 per cent increase in the industrial and commercial sector," which enabled the Region to strike a "balanced budget."

He noted that new projects, such as the IBM headquarters, American Express office, Neilson and Markville Shopping Centre, all in Markham, have made York Region a prosperous area.

He promised "we shall make every endeavor to bring in a balanced budget again."

"Policies for ensuring financial stability must come from the members of regional council," Mr. Forhan said.

He singled out welfare budget as one area of concern and promised to "co-operate with the provincial and federal governments in any budget restraint program which is instituted."

When nominations were called, Mr. Forhan's name was the only one put forward. He was nominated by Markham Mayor Tony Roman with Eldred King, Mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville, the second.

Mr. Forhan was sworn in by County Court Judge Donald Shearer. The prayer of invocation was given by Rev. Robert Leckie of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Newmarket.

# Hooked on rugs

By Jim Irving STOUFFVILLE — "Parrots and Cherries No. 2, Ontario ... free adaptation."

It's part of a colorful selection of hooked rugs on display until the end of the month at Latcham Gallery in the Public Library.

The rugs, whose motif throughout, is one of birds, ducks, rabbits, horses and other barnyard stock, plus various birds, go all the way back to 1884, right up to 1980. Guessing which came first, however, "Two Rabbits, 1884," or "Anna, 1980," without a program, is, it would seem, next to impossible; the designs and styles on the works are timeless.

The themes are all from a more hectic time, too. Birds coo beak to beak; two rabbits line up opposite each other in a kind of mating dance stance, and a duck floats serenely by, while hearts casually fill out the corners in both of the latter gentle works from 1884-85, by Perth County's Maria Warning.

If the works have a familiar ring to them, it's probably because you have something the same in your own house, or have seen the like in that of a relative's or a friend's.

Just another indication that art is universal.

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