



Orchard Park's Margaret Randall

After thirty odd years in the profession, Margaret Randall is retiring from teaching - but only at Orchard Park. She has no intention of 'sitting around and growing old' as she put it, and plans to teach in Africa or Asia at a mission school. On Thursday, June 1,

from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Orchard Park School intends to honour her long years of service by holding a retirement tea. All former students, friends, and colleagues are invited to attend. Annegret Lamure

Retiring teacher won't quit

STOUFFVILLE — Thirty years of teaching are not enough for Margaret Randall. The dainty, 65-year-old lady plans to carry right on after her retirement from Orchard Park School at the end of the school year. Mrs. Randall has been teaching in this area for 20 years, the last eight at Orchard Park.

"I have no idea of retiring," she stated firmly, "I don't want to just sit around and get old."

Retirement is mandatory at age 65 in York County Schools, but Mrs. Randall knows that there are many challenging jobs waiting in the rest of the world. She's hoping to be teaching in an Asian or African mission school by mid-summer.

Mrs. Randall, who has taught grade 1-8 and sometimes all simultaneously, has seen many changes in the school system.

"I've seen them throw out concepts, ideas and principles, and then I've seen them come back in," she laughed, "but you can't prove these things workable unless you try them." She feels teachers should be flexible and innovative to

stimulate the children. "You have to pull a lot of rabbits out of your hat — you have to be inventive," she pointed out enthusiastically.

Unlike a lot of teachers, she admits that difficult children hold a special place in her heart.

"The ones I remember the most are the ones that had the greatest difficulty and achieved the greatest results. I'll never forget them," she stated firmly and then added, "the talented ones are

sometimes a disappointment," she said reflectively, "they often don't develop their full potential."

She feels her special interest in difficult children probably stems from youth. "I had a hard childhood," she confessed, "I had a difficult disposition and made my own trouble. Maybe that's why I understand these kiddies."

Mrs. Randall is firmly convinced that teaching is the most rewarding profession in

the world. "Children are so appreciative — so much more than adults," she explained, "It's better than your pay cheque. Your cheque may pay the bills, but the children are your reward."

Although Mr. Paxton

Tax bylaw

UXBRIDGE — At a special Uxbridge council meeting last Thursday, councillors passed the 1978 tax levy bylaw that will bring the three former municipalities a little closer to equal tax payments.

That's good news to Goodwood residents, who for years have had to pay the highest taxes in Uxbridge.

The bylaw spells out the mill rate levy for the township, regional and school purposes. However, Uxbridge council has control over only the township tax levy.

Although people in the former township, which includes Goodwood, still have the highest mill rates in the three categories for farm and residential uses, the township levy has been made more equal.

As Goodwood councillor John Paxton explained, "council has only jurisdiction over the township levy, so the clerk was asked to adjust the mill rate to balance the percentage increase in taxes to make it equal across the three former municipalities."

The result was that for farm and residential use Goodwood has a 43.86 mill rate; Scott township, 39.83 and Uxbridge a 61.15 mill rate, an increase of 2.59 mills for the town.

This means the taxes will be up 9.06 per cent in Goodwood, 9.15 in Scott and 9.18 in Uxbridge.

Mr. Paxton admitted this still doesn't "iron out" all the tax inequities, but it "does show an attempt by council to adjust the township levy to show some good faith and to try to treat the people equally."

was grateful for council's attempts, he was still not happy about the other two areas for tax levy.

The school taxes, set by the school boards, are the highest in Goodwood, and because of this Mr. Paxton commented, "We should be getting the best school system, but we don't. It looks like there was no attempt by the school board to deal with the inequities."

He also had harsh words for the regional levy, saying "those taxes are again the highest in Goodwood, but what regional services do we get? Besides the regional road, I don't know." The regional mill rate is 39.21 in Uxbridge township, 32.84 in Scott township, and 34.38 in the town of Uxbridge.

Because of the time factor, the first tax installment is in June, council had no time to ask for a review of the school and regional taxes, Mr. Paxton said.

However, he pointed out that a review of next year's taxes would certainly be in order.

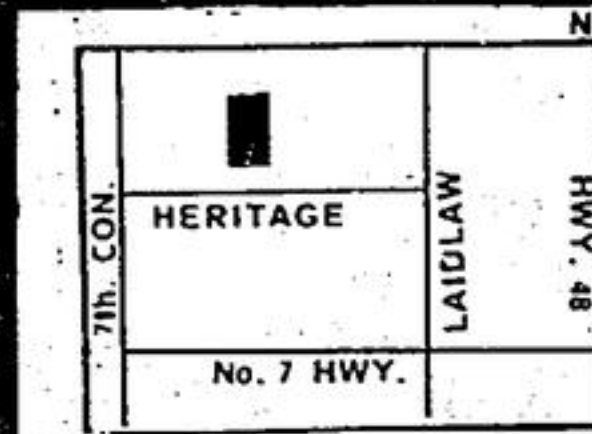
He might not get the chance though, because the assessment situation may change in 1979.

Real value assessment may be instituted next year, an assessment based on the value of the individual homes, and not a random pick. Many believe real assessment will do a great deal to equalize taxes in the township.

Mr. Paxton feels real value is coming because he pointed out that the province is offering a subsidy to reimburse taxpayers who have overpaid in the 1978 year. Almost \$50,000 has been set aside for that purpose.

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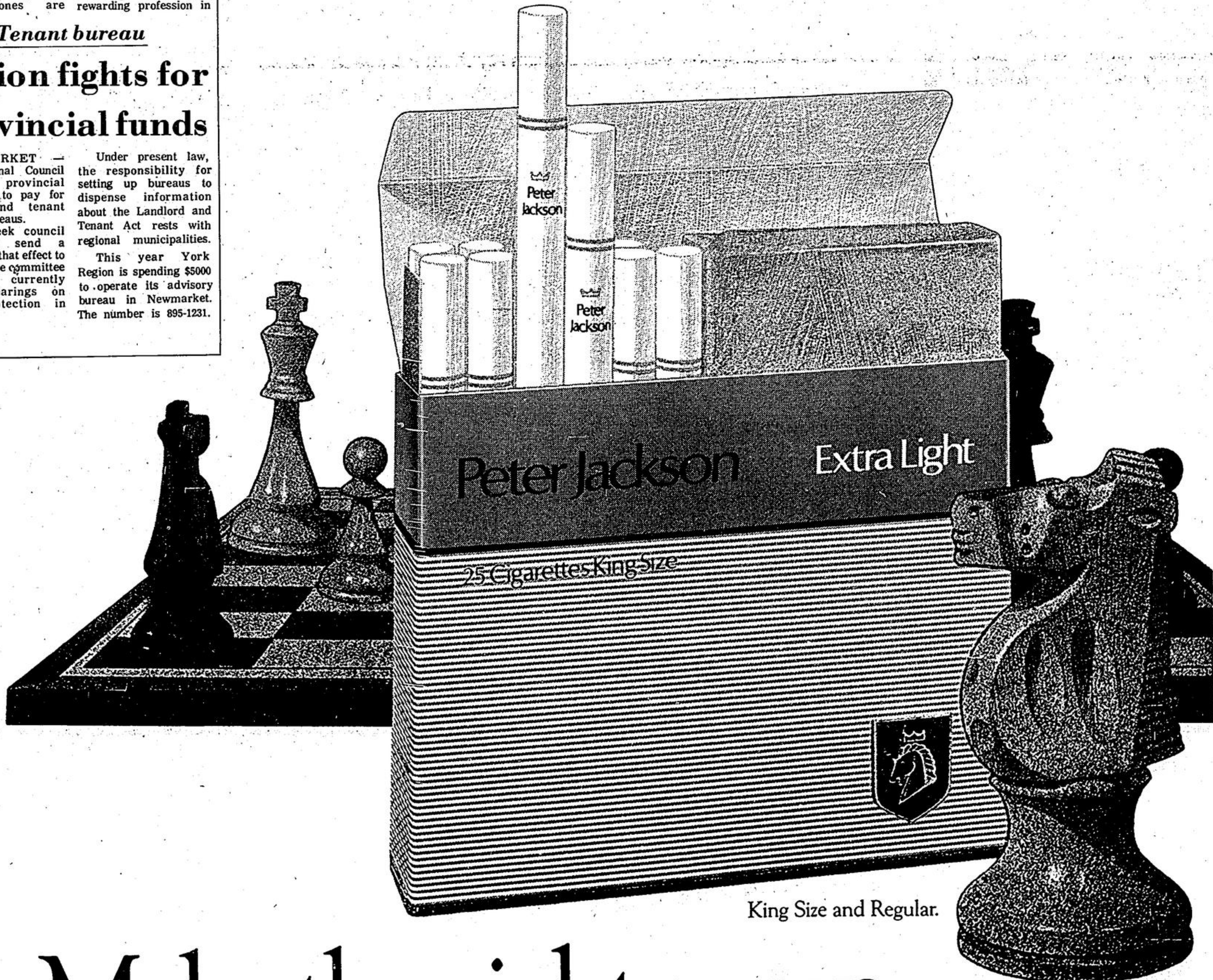
Tenant bureau Region fights for provincial funds

NEWMARKET — Under present law, the responsibility for setting up bureaus to dispense information about the Landlord and Tenant Act rests with regional municipalities.

This year York Region is spending \$5000 to operate its advisory bureau in Newmarket. The number is 895-1231.

York Regional Council wants the provincial government to pay for landlord and tenant advisory bureaus.

Last week council agreed to send a resolution to that effect to the legislature committee which is currently holding hearings on tenant protection in Toronto.



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