

# Actor, musician, farmer Reed carries Liberal banner

Julian Reed, 39, a descendant of one of the original settlers of Norval, is carrying the Liberal banner in the Halton-Burlington riding in the upcoming election.

His great-grandfather Robert Noble operated saw, grist and woolen mills from 1868 until 1923, and Julian still lives with his family - wife Deanna, and three children Christopher 14, Robert 11, and Melanie 5, in the 150-

year-old farmhouse on the original Noble farm.

In addition to raising livestock and growing fruits and vegetables, on the 100 acre farm, he is planning to become more self-sufficient by producing his own hydro-electric power from the Credit River which wanders through the farm. He has almost completed his own generating station.

There is an "All in the Family" touch, to many of

the commercials, where frequently the whole Reed family appears.

He is also an accomplished singer and musician, and has appeared in many professional musical productions, his latest being Fiddler on the Roof, where he played the leading role.

Known in the Norval and Georgetown area for many years, his fame spread farther afield, when at first singlehandedly he sparked the battle to keep Norval school. Later joined by every resident of Norval he and the Norval Community Association fought the battle right up to the Premier of Ontario.

Defeated in this battle, he and the Association fought to lease the school as a community centre. This battle too, seems to have been lost, but negotiations have started again.

Mr. Reed says it was the fight that pushed him into the political arena. "When I was told by the Minister of Education, there was no recourse to the decision to close the school except through the ballot box, I guess that started the idea festering in my mind."

He says other examples of government ignoring the wishes of the people helped

push him along, until suddenly the decision was made.

"The thrust of government must come up from the people not down from government to the people," says the actor, musician-farmer.

Mr. Reed attended Norval public school when it was a two room school, and later graduated from Milton High school. He graduated from

Ontario Agricultural College, (now University of Guelph) in Animal Husbandry in 1956, and now puts his knowledge to good use on the farm.

After graduating from O.A.C., he was Eastern Ontario salesman for Maple Leaf Milling Co. for 10 years, then later was sales representative for Hogg-Dawes Laboratories, who produce chemicals for feed fortification.

Always involved in a amateur theatrical productions, he took the big jump into professional acting at the urging of an agent who heard him sing. He made his professional debut in light

opera in a Gilbert and Sullivan production.

He also had his own orchestra for some time, only disbanding it two years ago, when the farm and television work crowded it out. Bill Sykes a former member of the bank, and son of Halton Hills Councillor Ernie Sykes, is handling publicity for the Reed campaign.

Julian Reed began singing when he was eight years old as a member of Norval United Church choir. He continued church singing as a soloist in many churches around the area, and occasionally acted as choir

director.

Scouting has been a big part of his life, and he was the founding skipper of the 2nd Norval Rover Crew. He was the first Norval resident to be awarded Queen's Scout honors.

His mother, Mrs. Marion Reed, who was head of the language department at Acton High school until her retirement, lives in an apartment in the Noble homestead farm in Norval.

Julian's father, Egbert C. Reed, well-known artist and writer died in 1956. His grandfather Alex Noble, who served as a Lieutenant Colonel of the 20th Halton Rifles, now the Lorne Scots, died in 1966, at the age of 96.

# Liberals challenge \$100 million corridor

A Liberal government would freeze action on the Bradley-Georgetown hydro power corridor until after an independent study on the need was completed. Liberal MPP for Huron-Bruce Murray Gaunt made that statement during the Halton-Burlington riding nomination meeting in Milton Thursday night.

"I know that the environmental hearing board has completed hearings on that line a matter of several weeks ago, but the fact remains that the purpose of the line is somewhat baffling.

South or north?

"According to hydro, the line is designed to bring power from the Bruce generating station at Douglas Point to Toronto and the high consumption areas of Southern Ontario. The facts from Hydro's own people at the environmental hearing are that there are 1,000 megawatts going to the north at the present time and that the Douglas Point production capacity with the facilities already approved is in the neighborhood of 1,200 megawatts, which by the time construction is complete will be needed in its entirety in northern Ontario.

"The question still remains, why do we need that power corridor? I say we don't. My leader has said that if a Liberal government is elected, that line will be frozen and an independent study conducted as to the need and location because we believe that Hydro has made a serious error in this respect, but no-one wants to admit it, least of all Ontario Hydro because they are scared of losing face. Meanwhile a line costing \$100 million dollars is being defended by Hydro as being necessary.

"Monolithic"

"Essentially Hydro is an insensitive monolithic government corporation that is beyond control. It's time

the government undertook its planning rather than have Hydro do it for them. What sense does it make to have Hydro decide to build power plants in the south with its attendant industrial development, and then send the power up north at the same time the government is talking

about developing the north? The answer is obvious. None.

"Hydro is going to have to become more sensitive to the needs of the people, and the needs of the government, and the needs of this province. A Liberal government is committed to that objective," he promised.



IT'S ALL IN THE FAMILY when Julian Reed enters politics. Here, Christopher, 14, wife Deanna, Robert 11, and Melanie 5, get in the act

after Dad is nominated Liberal candidate for Halton-Burlington riding.

# Gaunt attacks Tory spending

Government spending and financial mismanagement came under attack Thursday night when MPP Murray Gaunt told over 150 Halton-Burlington Liberals a change is needed. Gaunt was speaking at Julian Reed's nomination meeting. Reed and Gaunt are former classmates at the Ontario Agricultural College.

Gaunt said the Ontario government has a much greater impact on the economy of Ontario and Canada than any corporation.

"Since becoming premier, Bill Davis' government has spent \$5.3 billion more than it has taken in in taxes. In five years Bill Davis' government has more than doubled the net debt of Ontario incurred since Confederation."

Davis has no financial program for his province, except deficits. In good times he has a deficit. In bad times he has a bigger deficit," he grinned.

"Now with the accumulated debt in 1975 Ontario is paying out \$682 million in interest on its net debt which is \$1.9 million per day in interest alone. Paying the interest on Ontario's debt is now the fourth largest expenditure in the budget—after health and education and social services.

"At this rate the first natural resource to be exhausted will be the Ontario taxpayer. There is something fundamentally wrong with a government that has saddled us with that kind of debt in prosperous times," he charged.

that in Halton, local spending was up 29 percent and general government was up by 142 percent in regional government's first year of operation.



MURRAY GAUNT, MPP for Huron-Bruce was guest speaker



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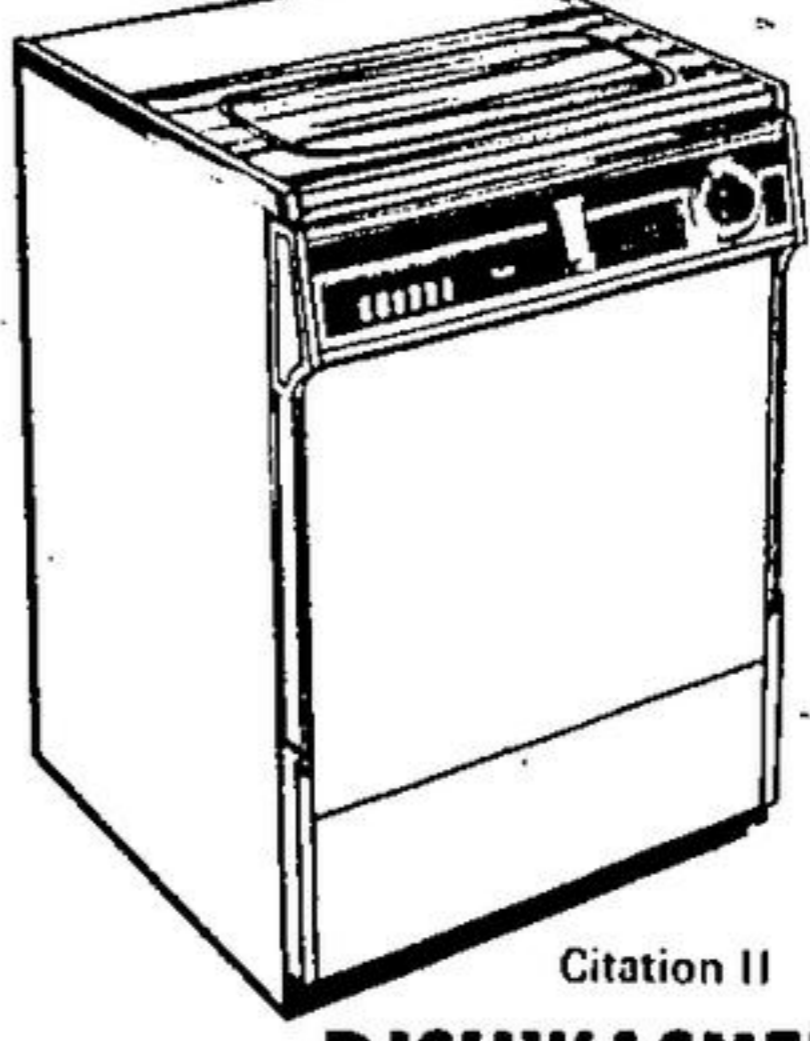
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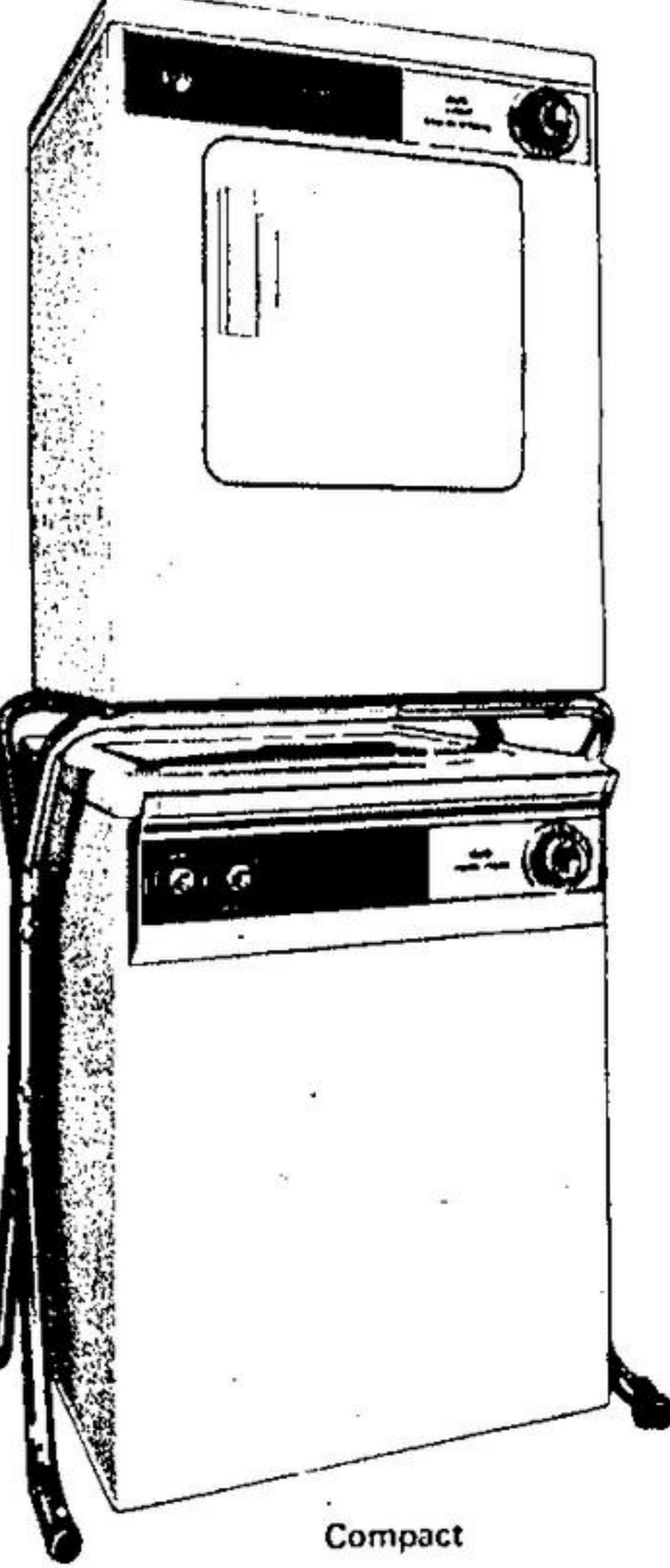
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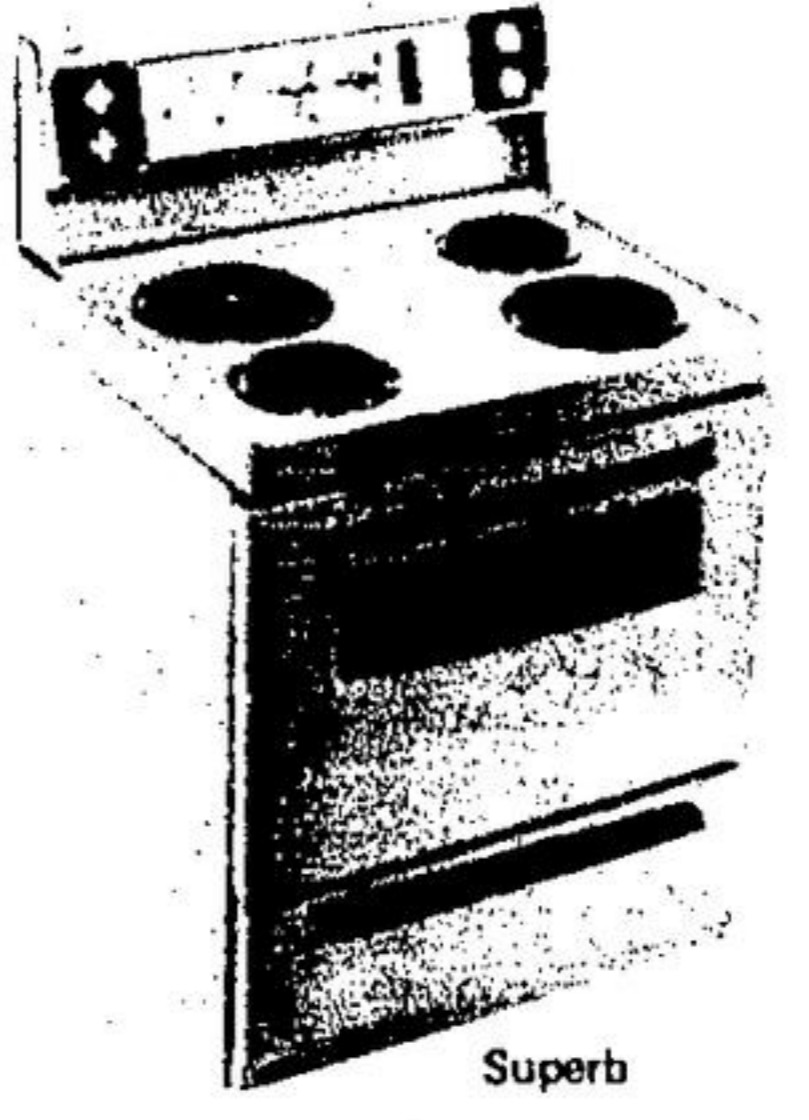
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