

MP Reed stars in Fiddler on the Roof

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MP Julian Reed took a week off from the parliamentary grind to play Teveye, the lead role in *Fiddler on the Roof* in Kitchener.

Reed performed six shows Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The production was staged at The Centre in the Square by Kitchener Waterloo Musical Productions (KWMP), which started 46 years ago as a community theatre. Some principals, including Reed, were paid, as was the 20-member orchestra. There was a cast of 80 people.

The budget was \$250,000, which made it by far the most elaborate production of *Fiddler on the Roof* he has appeared in, he said.

"This is the third time I have done (the role) for KWMP," Reed said in his dressing room after a matinee performance.

"It's my favorite role, it's the most challenging and it affords the performer the most opportunity to run the emotional gamut. It's such a wonderful story and beautifully written. One thing falls into the next so beautifully."

Reed said he took on the task as a favor to KWMP, because this was the company which gave him his

first professional part in *The King and I* in 1966.

He was asked last March to play Teveye and began doing everybody's "duty time" on Parliament Hill, compulsory time which parliamentarians are required to be in the House of Commons or on standing committees, and built up enough time to take off, he said.

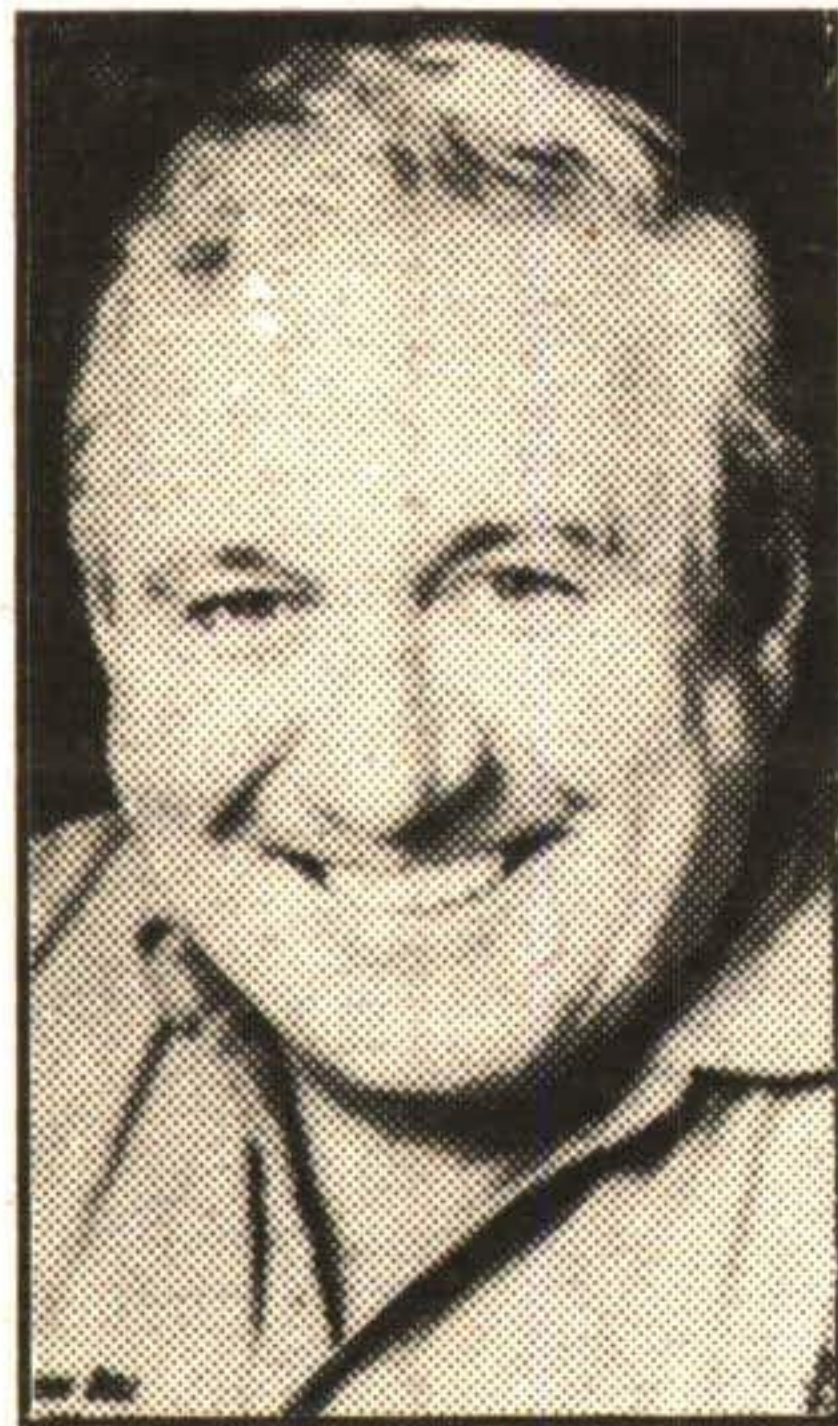
One of the key people, "the real spark plug" in the company, Don Smith died last spring, and Reed said this show was a tribute to him.

His wife, Mary Archer-Smith, played opposite Reed as Teveye's wife, Golde.

The story takes place in Anetevka, a Russian village in 1905, on the eve of the Revolution. Jewish villagers are forced to leave while Teveye, a milk man with five daughters, has to accept that traditions are changing. Three of his daughters chose their own husbands, something which traditionally

has always been the role of the father, with the help of the village matchmaker.

Reed began growing a beard six months ago, and he said this was a great advertisement for the show among his fellow politicians, some of whom attended the performance. Back in Ottawa this week, he may still have the beard, but a more manicured version of it, he said.



MP JULIAN REED

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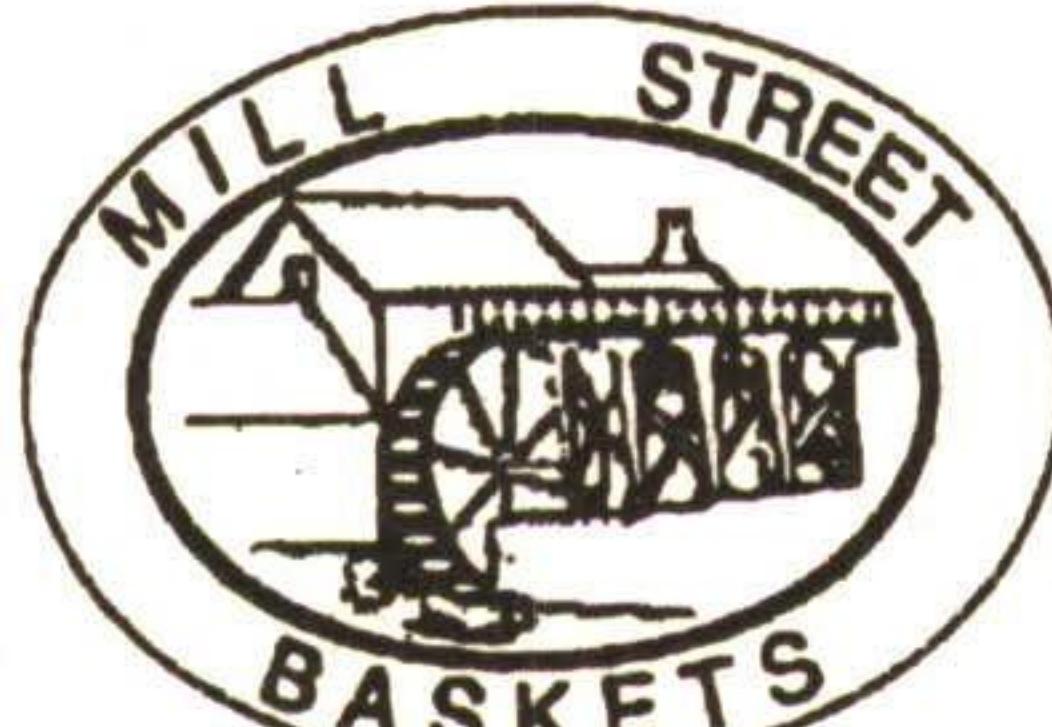
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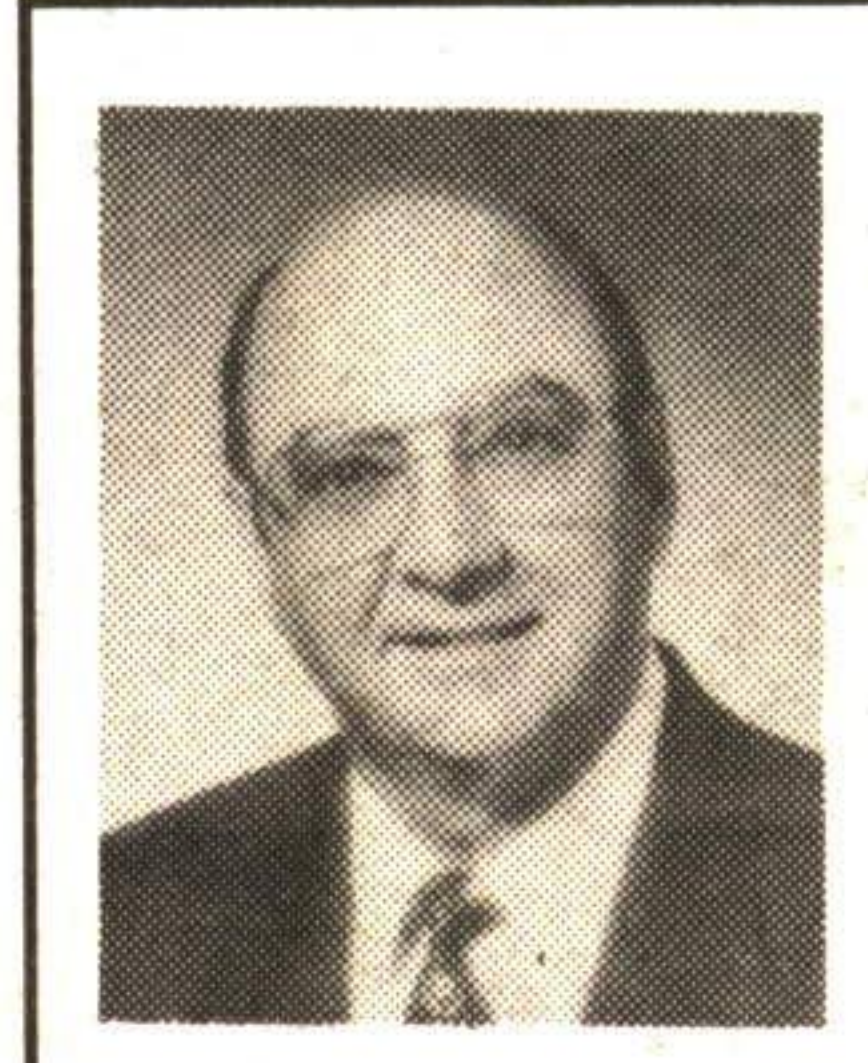
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