

for humour for her autobiographical book *True Confections*, the story of a Jewish girl growing up in Winnipeg. In previous publications Mrs. Gotlieb, an Ottawa social figure, has specialized in food, with *The Gourmet's Canada* and *Cross-Country Cooking*. The award was presented June 23 at Orillia, home of humorist Stephen Leacock after whom it is named. There is also a \$2,000-cash prize provided by Hudson's Bay Co.

The Canadian Mime Theatre has announced that the mimes have been disbanded and that it will not reopen the Royal George Theatre, at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, owing to financial and management problems. The recently restored Edwardian theatre on the town's main thoroughfare was left vacant until Victor Sutton launched his one-man show, *Yukon Gold* at the theatre on June 16.

Leon Major is leaving Toronto Arts Productions (TAP) at the end of next season. Mr. Major, 46, was the founding general director and has been its artistic director since 1970. Mr. Major has already agreed to direct at least two operas in Vancouver and Portland, Oregon. His last season at TAP will include: *Bakconville*, by Canadian playwright David Fennario; *A Man's A Man*, by Bertolt Brecht; *The Matchmaker*, by Thornton Wilder; *A Mad World, My Masters*, by Barrie Keeffe; and *Born Yesterday*, by Garson Kanin.

The next Montreal International Competition will be held from May 30 to June 17, 1980. The competition will be open to pianists born between May 30, 1950 and May 30 1964. The winners will share the total of \$22,000 as follows: first prize, \$10,000; second prize, \$5,000; third prize, \$2,500; fourth prize, \$1,500; fifth prize, \$1,000; and four prizes of \$500. The final date for enrolment is March 1, 1980. Contact Montreal International Competition, 106 Dulwich Ave., St. Lambert, Quebec, Canada, J4P 2Y7.

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News briefs

The Queen Mother visited the Ontario Legislature on July 1 for ceremonies marking Canada's birthday. Performances by Portuguese, Polish and Croatian dancers, a circus act and a concert by The Canadian Brass were planned.

The Nova Scotia government will inject an additional \$50 million into the fisheries development fund, bringing to \$100 million the amount available annually for loans to fishermen replacing or upgrading boats and equipment.

Edper Equities Limited of Toronto has successfully completed its bid of \$28 per share for five million shares of Brascan Limited, giving it a 50 per cent ownership.

The consumer price index rose in May to 189.7 (1971=100) Statistics Canada reports. Food prices rose at an annual rate of 13.4 per cent, compared with 16.5 per cent in April.

The Export Development Corporation approved loans, surety and export credits insurance totalling \$324.8 million to support prospective export sales of \$449 million to ten countries: Abu Dhabi, Algeria, Cameroun, Greece, Jordan, New Zealand, Nigeria, Senegal, Spain and Venezuela. Export sales which would result if commercial sales are finalized will create or maintain 12,504 man-years of employment in Canada, involving 77 exporters and major suppliers in Canada. The transactions involve such goods and services as a computer analog control system, valves, spare parts and related services, aluminum concrete forming systems, and aircraft.

The petroleum industry paid \$21.7 million to the Alberta government in a sale of Crown petroleum and natural gas rights. The industry paid \$17.4 million for 12 licences and \$4.3 million for 62 leases. Among licence sales, Focus Resources Ltd., Westcoast Petroleum Ltd. and Scurry-Rainbow Oil Ltd. combined to pay the highest per-acre price, \$583, for a 640-acre parcel about 80 kilometres northwest of Red Deer. Total price was \$360,000.

The real gross national product rose at an annual rate of 6.8 per cent in the first quarter of 1979, compared with 2 per cent in the fourth quarter of 1978, Statistics Canada reports. It was the largest increase in three years.

Noranda Sales Corporation Limited has raised its domestic copper price by 5 cents to \$1.06 per pound. Its U.S. price has been increased by 4 cents (U.S.) to 90 cents per pound.

Five ethnic journalists were presented with Merit Certificate awards by the Canadian Ethnic Journalists Club recently. Winners of the awards were: George Bonavia, editor of *Kaleidoscope Canada*, and former editor of the Maltese paper *Malta News*; Rev. Petro Chomyn, editor of *Hasha Meta* and *Niwa*; Milo Kominek, editor of *Nase Hlasy*; Prokop Naumchuk, producer of the radio show, *Song of the Ukraine*; and Professor Florian Smieja, director of the TV program, *London Mosaic*.

A Saskatchewan delegation of eight has returned from an 18-day mission to Japan. The trip led by the province's Industry and Commerce Minister Norman Vickar and Agriculture Minister Edgar Kaeding, laid the groundwork for future economic activity between Saskatchewan and Japan.

The Conservative government of Brian Peckford was returned to power in the recent Newfoundland election. The Conservatives increased their nine-seat majority as they beat the Liberals under their new leader Don Jamieson. Mr. Jamieson, former Secretary of State for External Affairs in the federal Liberal Government won personal victory, but New Democratic Party leader, John Greene, lost his bid for election.

Sidbec International Incorporated reports the sale of more than \$20-million worth of reduced iron pellets to Spain and Italy.

The Federal Government has broadened its home insulation program to provide grants of up to \$500 for insulating any house built before 1961.

A container of 2,500 bees was blamed for skyjacking the baggage of about 40 Ottawa passengers on an Air Canada flight last month. They escaped in the cargo compartment of a flight from London, Ontario, to Ottawa and Montreal and, rather than hold Montreal passengers in Ottawa until a beekeeper could be found, Air Canada flew bees and baggage to Montreal. There, a station agent and three baggage handlers dressed in coveralls and gloves greeted them. The skyjacked baggage then made a beeline back to Ottawa on the next flight.