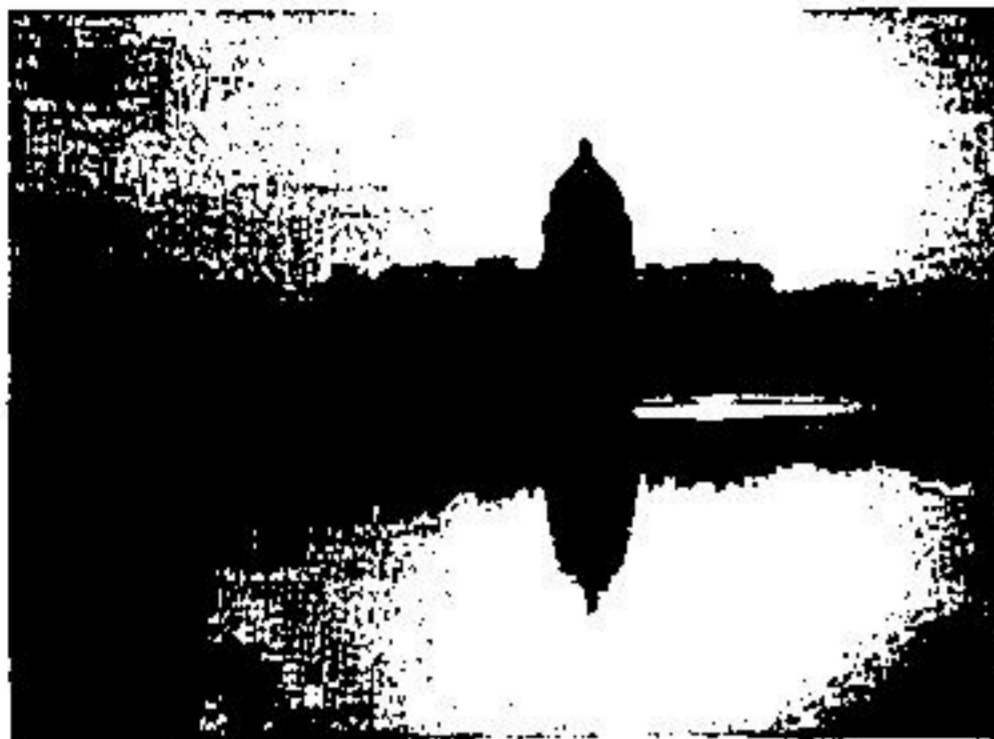


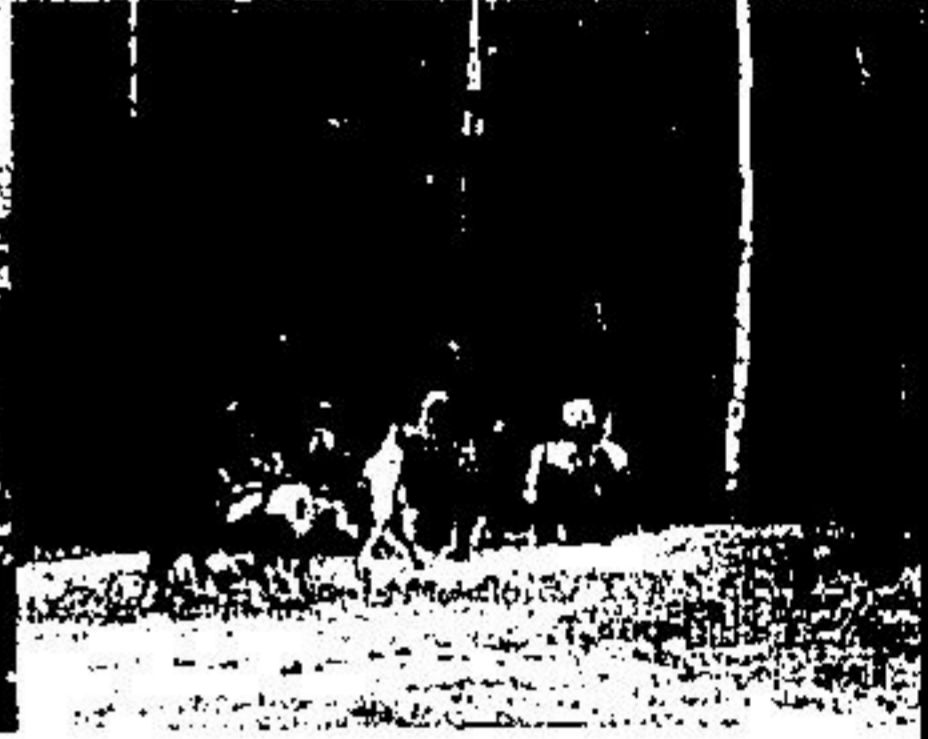
## Saskatchewan



Parliament Buildings, Regina.



Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.



Prince Albert National Park.

## You can help us celebrate

by Rosemary McDonald

Saskatchewan marks its 75th birthday in 1980 with a full year of celebrations. There are three themes: Visions, Heritage and Celebrate.

### Visions '80

Visions '80 is intended to remind everyone who lives in the province that their personal visions will affect the future of the province in the next 75 years. Residents are supposed to act on whatever good intention they think is appropriate: plant a tree, begin saving energy, take a course, start a hobby, whatever. This is the year to become involved in a government or service club project, or to speak out on some public issue. In short, do something which will improve the heritage of future generations.

### Heritage '80

Today, Saskatchewan has 45 per cent of the country's cultivated land and generates 25 per cent of its agricultural income. It also enjoys the benefits of developing oil and mineral resources. Over 950,000 people live primarily in the southern half of the province. In addition to the descendants of the original homesteaders, fur traders and other immigrants, there are 85,000 Métis and a large Indian population.

In 1905 there were 250,000 people in the fledgling province. It's first legislature opened in Regina on March 29, 1906. It was just a decade earlier in 1896 that the federal government opened up this vast territory for settlement. They came from eastern Canada, the United States, Brit-

ain, France, Germany and eastern Europe - the Doukhobors, the Mennonites and Ukrainians among them. For \$10, any male over 18 could by a quarter section of land (160 acres) if he promised to live on it part time and break 30 acres in three years. As more and more people settled on the land, the economy was totally dependent on wheat. Through drought and hail, hard winters and locusts, good prices and bad, railways, towns and grain elevators steadily increased.

There are more than 100 historic sites, museums and art galleries to commemorate the early settlement of the land, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and natural history. Following is a brief sampler.

The Heritage Trail, with its centre at North Battleford, takes the visitor to Frenchman Butte, site of one of the last battles of the 1885 Rebellion, when Louis Riel led the struggle for Métis rights. The first trading post was established at the confluence of the Battleford and North Saskatchewan Rivers in 1786. Fort Battleford was built by the North West Mounted Police in 1876 and was, for a short time, capital of the Northwest Territories. A visit to Fox Valley provides an opportunity to see the Great Sand Hills and a Hutterite colony.

At Cypress Hills Provincial Park, visitors can explore Fort Walsh, a re-creation of Mountie life in the 1880s. In the Swift Current area, oil derricks mingle with fields of grain. Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park affords a view of Indian graves and teepee rings. Near Moose Jaw, there are many deserted pioneer

homesteads. At Yorkton, the Western Development Museum depicts the life of various ethnic groups in the early 1900s.

Prince Albert and Greenwater Lake Provincial Parks offer a wilderness view of Saskatchewan and opportunities for hiking, canoeing and fishing.

Regina offers all the activities of a provincial capital. Among its attractions are the RCMP Museum and training depot, the Museum of Natural History, which is dedicated to the province's pioneers, and the Diefenbaker Homestead House.

### Celebrate '80

The Celebrate Saskatchewan logo is a wheat sheaf in warm multi-tones, a symbol of prairie hues and cultural diversity. In addition to planned provincial, regional and local activities, individuals and groups in Saskatchewan are invited to join in with their own projects. The summer calendar will be particularly crowded as many districts plan homecomings and celebration days. June 21-22 marks North Battleford's Celebration Days. On October 4, there is the Moose Jaw Arts and Crafts Festival. Between these dates there are celebrations planned in most localities. A complete list of events for each area can be obtained from the Celebrate Saskatchewan head office in Regina.

Saskatchewan has something for everyone. Join the party in 1980 and "Celebrate Saskatchewan"! For further information, write Celebrate Saskatchewan, 3475 Albert Street, Box 1980, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4P 3E1. □