



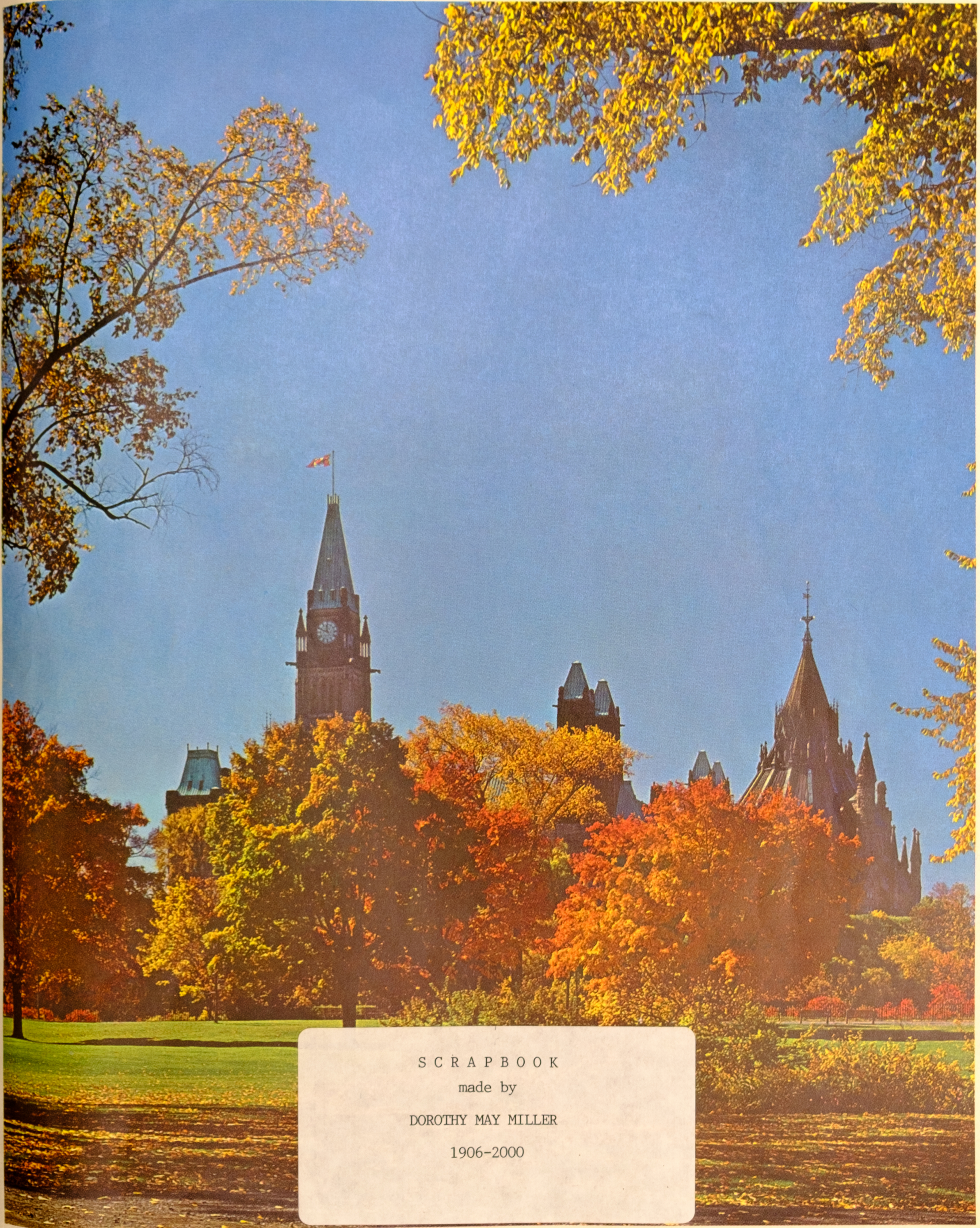
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Old Timers Hold Annual Reunion

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You're a pioneer of Moose Jaw if you can remember:

—when schools were equipped with plank benches;

—when land was assessed at \$500 a quarter section;

—when a man on horseback came around collecting school taxes and if you were a widow you only had to pay half of what was owing and if your crop was hauled out you didn't have to pay anything;

—when women attended the weekly baseball game to build a smudge to keep the mosquitoes away

—when carcasses of animals lying around the town constituted not only an eyesore, but a health problem as well;

—when corner lots were offered as prizes in athletic contests.

DEBT OWNED

You're also a pioneer of Moose Jaw if you attended Wednesday's annual Old Timers' Association banquet and were one of those included in a toast proposed by Don Hill.

"We owe a debt of gratitude we can never repay to this group of hardy people who laid the foundation for Moose Jaw," Mr. Hill said.

More than 300 persons attended the banquet, and about 100 of them have lived in Moose Jaw and district for more than 60 years.

Mrs. Sam McWilliams was born on her parents' homestead 20 miles southeast of Moose Jaw in 1885 — 85 years ago.

She was the earliest district resident in attendance at the annual event, but there were several older persons.

The honors for age went to Mrs. James Carnegie, 93, and James Knox, 89 — both residents of the district since the turn of the century.

HAPPY BUNCH

Mr. Knox, who responded to the toast to the pioneers, recalled the pioneer days of frozen crops and prairie fires, the days when satellites and computers were unheard of, not to mention television, radio and telephone.

"With all our difficulties, homesteaders were a happy bunch," Mr. Knox said. "Our hope for the future and our faith carried us through."

The Moose Jaw pioneer expressed confidence in the present generation. "They'll carry on where we leave off," he said. "The future is in good hands."

Of the 100 "pioneers" attending the banquet, about 25 arrived in the Moose Jaw district before 1900 and five of them before 1890.

Mr. Knox and Mrs. Carnegie, representing this earliest group of settlers, were escorted by Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Drake to the head table where they presided over the Old Timers' Association's 75th anniversary cake.

The entertainment portion of the program included comparisons of the pioneer and modern ways of life through skits and narratives.

COMPARISONS MADE

One comparison was an evening at the home of a young family.

The old time version showed a young man, his wife and child engaged in relaxing family activity which included darn ing socks, the daily diary entry and the inevitable Bible reading.

The modern home had only a child in its crib and a babysitter doing her homework while watching television and talking on the telephone.

Background music for the old time family scene was "Home Sweet Home"; for the modern home, "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head."

Even the moon came in for comparison — from the early days when it served as a weather prognosticator and symbol of romance to the present day and its conquering by man.

A short business meeting during the program resulted in the election of Mrs. Eldon Owens as president of the association, succeeding W. B. Green.

Other executive officers elected were Claude Carefoot, first vice-president; Tom Rogers, second vice-president and Mrs. Forbes Kennedy, secretary-treasurer.

Williams Rites Friday

The funeral service for James S. Williams of 167 Wilton Drive, Moose Jaw, will be in the chapel of the W. J. Jones and Son Funeral Home on Friday at 3:30 p.m. Burial will follow at Rosedale Cemetery. Mr. Williams died Wednesday.

Mr. Williams was born at Croydon, Eng., came to Canada in 1921 and settled in Moose Jaw where he worked for the Imperial Lumber Co. In 1932 he was employed at the Moose Jaw General Hospital and was Superintendent from 1932 until 1956. He then took a position with Richardson and Dracup as accountant and also was accountant at the Swing Inn.

Mr. Williams was a life member of the Canadian Hospital Association, member of the Moose Jaw Masonic Lodge No. 3 AF and AM. He was a past treasurer of the Moose Jaw Canuck Hockey club and the Moose Jaw Regal Base ball club.

Predeceased by his parents Mr. Williams is survived by his wife Mrs. Agnes Williams of 167 Wilton Drive, Moose Jaw and one son Gordon of Prince Albert.

WILLIAMS — Passed away suddenly in a Moose Jaw hospital on Wednesday, October 21, 1970. Mr. James S. Williams, of 167 Wilton Drive, Wellesley Park, Moose Jaw. The funeral service will be conducted by the Reverend H. E. Taylor, minister of St. George's Anglican church on Friday, October 23 at 3:30 p.m. in the W. J. Jones and Son chapel. Interment will follow at Rosedale cemetery. Contributions for the Saskatchewan Training School may be left at the Funeral Home. O22-1c



OLDEST WOMAN, MAN HONORED

About 225 persons attended the annual 1885 Old Timers' Association banquet and dance in the Saskatchewan Technical Institute Tuesday. Seen here are Claude Carefoot, left, and Mrs. J. A. Mahang, 95, the oldest woman at-

tending the banquet. The oldest man attending was W. G. Knox, 92. The program included entertainment by Dr. Lloyd Bray's male voice choir and the Brownlee orchestra. Officers elected were Lloyd Dalgarno, president; Charles Sto-

kins, first vice - president; Ray Patterson, second vice - president; and Mrs. Forbes McKenzie, secretary - treasurer. Tom Rogers is retiring president.

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JAMES KNOX AND MRS. JAMES CARNEGIE
... Mr. And Mrs. Old-Timer

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