

Quilts, quilts and more quilts

There were quilts galore last Wednesday at the Paisley Central School at the Summary Night for the Bruce County Quilters.

Layne Alvaer, supervisor of Home Crafts in the Home Economics Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture presented leaders badges and commented on the work.

A senior quilting training school was held in Paisley last fall and Park Head was host for a needle point school. Two leaders from each Institute group attended the school and returned to their own groups with the hints and knowledge they had gained.

Layne Alvaer said the ladies showed unusual and interesting colour and schemes as well as some original designs.

Barb De Visscher is the Bruce County Home Economists and works out of Walkerton. Barb organizes the quilting training school. She told The Reporter there were 19 groups taking the quilting with a total of 200 people. In the needle point there were 175 participants. The Toronto office prepare a manual on the crafts. These classes are available to anyone, not just Institute groups. If there are six people in your neighbourhood interested in Crafts, just contact Barb and the Walkerton Office.

A programme of entertainment followed with the theme, of course being quilting. Ladies told the story of "A Patchwork Quilt". A quilt from Arnow kept the audience in "Stitches" with her poems about "The Surplus Milk and Petie the Snake."

The Reporter correspondent Mrs. McCannel from Burgoyne presented a poetic story of quilting in Burgoyne. She concluded by addressing the leaders saying "they would keep on a quiltin' and we will show them it has paid."

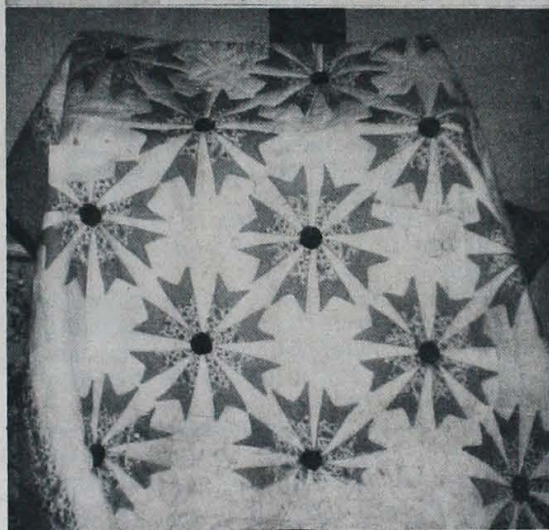
A monologue by Mrs. Nanc MacIntyre of Kairshea was very entertaining. She played in the part of Edith Ann, a young girl. Edith Ann told of her mommy always going quilting and how she was

tired of being left at home but who finally made a visit to a quilting group, deciding from what she

experienced to be a quilter when she grew up. "And that's the Truth".



Paisley Quilters tell story of a patch work quilt.



One of the delightful quilts displayed by the quilters who gathered from all over Bruce County in Paisley last Wednesday.

(In the issue of Nov. 7, 1907, the following story was reprinted from The Saturday Night. The principal of the tale was an early and well known lawyer in the village.)

(From Saturday Night)

Old politicians never fail to recall with pleasure the personality of Mr. Archie McCallum, who for several years has been buried away in New Ontario as District Judge for Manitoulin and the North Shore. A member of the Globe Staff and later practitioner in the town of Paisley, in Bruce County, he was a familiar figure through Ontario as a stump speaker for the Liberal party. He could talk in English or Gaelic with a fluency of denunciation that delighted his listeners in the back townships, and had a happy twist, peculiar to all Bruce County men, in expressing himself. One of the most characteristic stories of him is as follows:

It was in the bitter campaign of 1896 when Archie travelled far and wide in the cause of Laurier. He had been sent from headquarters to address a hamlet near a flag station on the CPR. It was not a regular stop, and the orator expected to run past it eight miles and then drive over. He had progressed a considerable way upon his journey when the conductor came through the train asking for Mr. McCallum.

"I am he," said Archie.

"I have telegraphic orders to stop the train at Smith's Corners and let you off," said the conductor.

The volatile Archie fairly jumped in the air with delight, and then almost collapsed.

"My gawd! Are we so near power as that?" he gasped.

The other story is that one night he was speaking in the little village of Underwood and deemed it good policy to get on the right side of the audience.

The story goes that he tackled the task in characteristic fashion.

"I have just returned," he said, in opening his speech, "from a trip to the far eastern part of the province, where I was addressing the electors on the great questions of the day. At a meeting

down there they asked me where I came from, and I told them from the County of Bruce—from Paisley. So I told them that Paisley was 12 miles from Walkerton, the county town of Bruce. But they had never heard of Walkerton either. Then they said to me, 'You come from Paisley—how far is that from Underwood?'"

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Irene Eby, left, and Marj Doll volunteered to demonstrate quilting at last week's Fiddles and Whimmydiddles at the Bruce County Museum, in Southampton. Held Thursday, July 24, through Saturday, July 26, the 2nd annual event drew over 650 people, quite a few more than last year, said co-ordinator Marnie McIntosh.