



INTENT ON THE pattern, careful with the stitches, Mrs. Mildred Ford, Mrs. Ruth Ford and Mrs. Lil Brown enjoy the quilting bee recently held at St. Paul's United Church.



TYING A CRIB quilt, Mrs. Lynch cuts the yarn end after completing another of the many knots in that style quilt.

Quilting Bee

QUILTING is an old craft that has been practiced the world over but the patchwork quilts have a strong background in Canadiana.

Quilting bees were at one time an important part of Canadian homemaking. Periodically a spare room would be cleared out and the quilting frames set up for a "quilting". Local ladies would gather for an afternoon or sometimes over several days and quickly stitch away in intricate patterns. The sociability of the occasion was not overlooked. Special lunches and tea times were expected of the gracious hostess.

Quilting continues today. Indeed for a number of years ladies have been gathering in a weekly workshop at St. Paul's United Church for quilting.

To share their interest and to display some of the fine quilts that have been made and sold, an Old Fashioned Quilting Bee was held recently. There were more than 27 quilts on display and ladies dropped in for a time of quilting and fellowship. The event was so successful, and the quilts drew so much praise and interest, the ladies are looking forward to a quilt fair or display in the fall.

Quilting is an old craft but it is still very much alive.



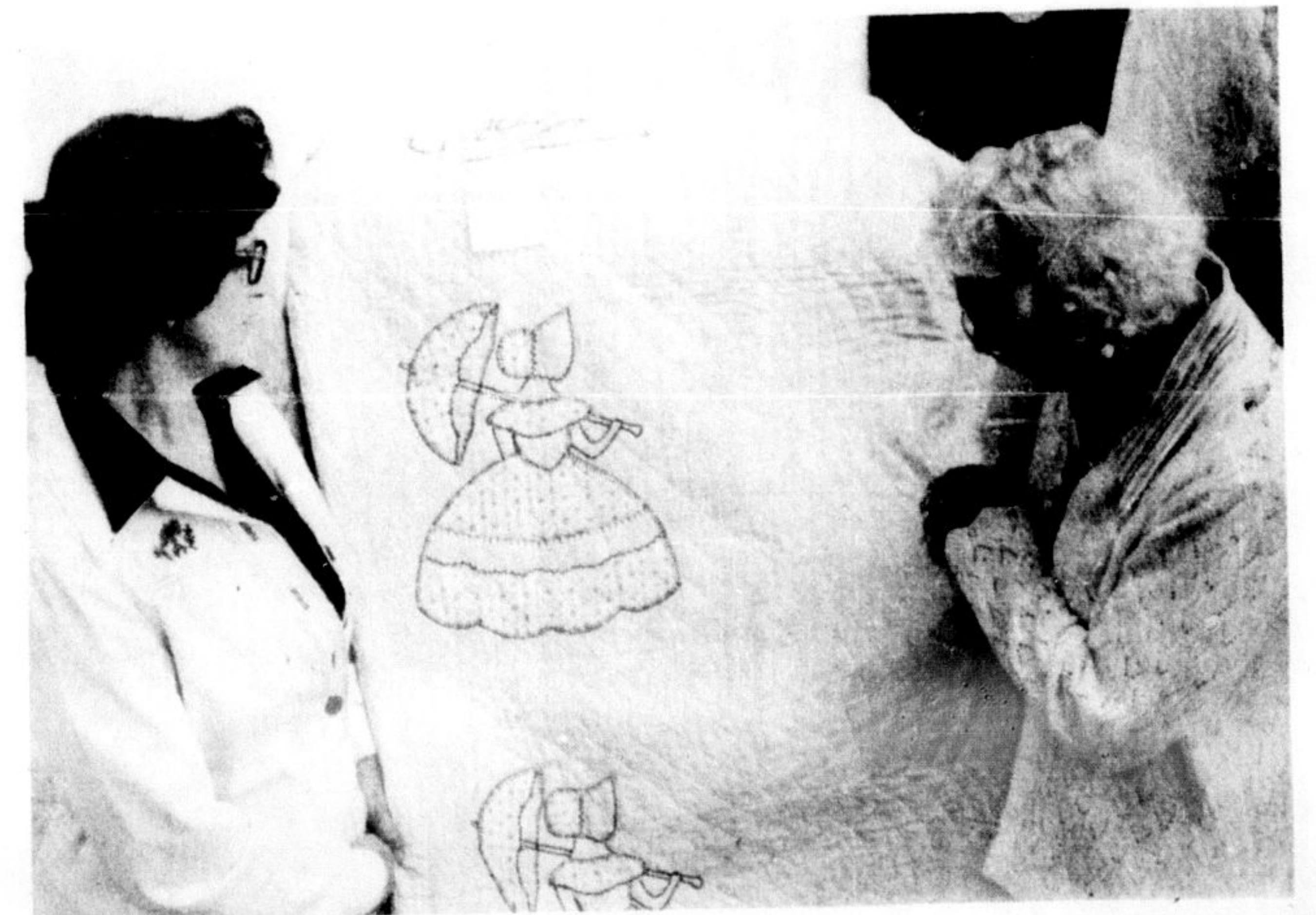
THE FINISHED PRODUCTS, some of the 27 quilts that were displayed at the Old Fashioned Quilting Bee, are admired by Mrs. Galipeau and Mrs. Scisizzi.



ADMIRING THE WORK of the ladies, Mrs. Lois Thomson, and Mrs. Marg Fay watch as Mrs. Price, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. McKinnon, Mrs. Keegan, Mrs. Love and Mrs. Thompson stitch the pattern on the quilt they work around.



PATTERNS vary for the ladies of the workshop but Mrs. Service and Mrs. Sinclair stitch the fine stitches that make quilts prized family possessions.



MARJ OVEREND convened the Old Fashioned Quilting Bee and she is seen here with Mrs. Sinclair examining one of Mrs. Sinclair's quilts that was on display.