

# Bruce W.I. members tour England

By Irene Patterson

One of the highlights of the exchange visit of 32 W.I. members from Bruce County to England was the Civic Reception in the Council Chambers, Stafford. Another highlight was the tea given by the Mayor and Deputy Mayoress of Stafford Borough, in the

Mayor's parlours. We found the mayor a very charming lady and the occasion very special.

Following the visit, last September, of 32 English ladies to Bruce County, the Committee - Mrs. Irene Patterson, Mrs. Leona Diebel, Mrs. Margaret MacInnis, Mrs. Audrey Wilken and

Mrs. Charlotte Wilson (Chairman) laid the groundwork with the committee in England over the winter months for the return visit to Staffordshire, England this May.

The two-week visit passed very quickly, filled with such events as: a day in London with a tour of the

Parliament Buildings, a tour of the city seeing such places as Buckingham Palace, Tower Bridge, London Bridge, homes of Famous people, the Tower of London and the Jewel House, in which the Crown Jewels are displayed, and concluding the day with shopping time at Harrods, -

a day in York, a city dating back to the time of the Vikings. We walked on the city wall, built by the Romans, saw York Cathedral, and a museum that showed a life lived centuries ago. Many other events ensued with a lot of touring on broad motorways, and narrow country lanes bordered by

hedges, ranging from city areas to country dales and farms, and even into Wales.

We found our hostesses warm hearted and generous, going the second mile to give us a once-in-a-lifetime, wonderful two weeks in the midlands of England.

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## Raspberries in bloom

It has been a strange year, weather-wise with the accompanying picture being just one more example. These raspberries were picked last week by Chesley gardener Milton Addison. He said it is not unusual to see one or two berries at this time of year, but he has never seen so many. He has both Columbian berries and the spreading variety in his garden and both were bearing good bunches of fruit last week. "They taste just like fresh berries," Mr. Addison said.

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Staffordshire Women's Institute members with their Canadian counterpart, top, at a reception for the visitors at the County Buildings, Stafford. Above, Vice-chairman of Staffordshire County Council, Mr. John O'Leary, touring the County Buildings with the Chairman of the Canadian Women's Institute's overseas exchange, Mrs. Charlotte Wilson (left), and Staffordshire County W.I. Chairman, Mrs. Margaret Kelly.

### Gillies Hill W.I.

The leaders of the senior club of Gillies Hill W.I., Mrs. Keith Weeden and Mrs. Annetta Maurer conducted a course on home-decor beginning in the morning. Following the lunch break, the regular meeting of the Gillies Hill W.I. began with a reading "a quote exercise" by Mrs. Gordon Legge, president. Roll call was answered by naming a vitamin and the food that supplies it. Mrs. Ross

Zeigler, secretary-treasurer, read the provincial president's letter informing members of various aspects on constitutional and business matters.

The district directors' meeting is March 10, at Bradley. There will be a craft show at the Garden Festival in Toronto, February 8-16, which will be discussed further. Crafts are to be donated to the Lee Home, also jams, etc. for June. Donations will be given to Chesley and Paisley Fall Fair boards.

4-H club plans were made. The consumer report was given by Mrs. Russell Halliday, the current events by Mrs. Wm. Davey.

The new memorial plaque was hung in the council chamber. The next meeting will include a further course on home-decor.



Photos and caption above show how the press in England dealt with the story of Bruce County W.I. members touring their country. W.I. members from across the county took part in the two-week tour, which included a civic reception in Stafford.

South Bruce Women's Institute comes to Teeswater once every 14 years for their District Annual. Back row, left to right: Mrs. Cecil Humphrey, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Russell McGuire, 1st vice president;

Mrs. Charles Murray, 2nd vice president. Front row: left to right - Largaret McInnes, president and Mrs. Fred Friar, Provincial Board Director.