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Obituary

William Bird dead at 86

William Herbert Bird passed away at Englehart and District Hospital April 7. He had been a resident of Northland Lodge, Englehart for the last 10 years.

Born in Chinguacousy Township, Peel County on Dec. 11, 1903. He was the fourth son of James Henry and Annie (Cook) Bird.

The family moved to the Meadow-vale area in 1908 and then to Lot 6, Concession 6 in Esquesing Township in 1915. From 1929 to 1933 he resided in the Prairie River area of Saskatchewan.

On his return to Ontario, he assisted his brother Wilfrid of Georgetown and Jack Snow of Ballinafad in the operation of their steam engines for custom threshing.

Later he took over the chopping and feed mill in Acton, and in December 1935, he purchased the feed mill in Palermo.

In May of 1956, he homesteaded in the Tarzwell area and later moved to the hamlet of Tarzwell. He worked locally as a carpenter as well as for Imperial Oil and the Northland Railway until his retirement.

He was predeceased by his parents, sister Alma (Mrs. Thomas Brownridge) and brothers Wilfrid, Howard, Arthur and Lorne. He is survived by nieces and nephews and their families.

The funeral service and committal were held at the McDonald Funeral Home in Engelhart April 10. Reverend Michael Shute officiated. Spring internment at Englehart Cemetery.

The service was attended by neighbours and friends from Tarzwell, Englehart and Capreol as well as neices and nephews Doris and John McNabb and Ward and Betty Brownridge of Georgetown, Jim and Violet Bird of Stratford, Donald and Eileen Bird of Deep River, and Elmer and Nina Bird of Erin.

IODE sends school supplies to Labrador

Regent Marie Clements conducted the April meeting of the John Milton Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire (IODE) at the home of May Johnson.

Sue Henderson reported that a box of school supplies was sent to our adopted school in Davis Inlet, Labrador, and she displayed a letter from its Grade 1 teacher as well as pictures of some of the

Jessie Devlin read an article on citizenship.

We learned with regret of the death of our honorary regent, Mrs. Jessie Morley, in her 100th year.

Joyce Haines was appointed to the office of second vice regent, following the resignation of Jean Ratchelous due to health problems. We are sorry to lose Jean's membership.

The guest speaker was Paddy Townson, public relations co-ordinator for Milton Community and Information Services (MCIS).

MCIS is an umbrella organization for a number of support agencies in Milton as Big Brothers, Big Sisters, YMCA, March of Dimes and Cherish Parent-Child Centre.

Paddy gave a slide presenof MCIS, which was most informative and interesting. She also explained the Good Neighbours program, a pilot project in Halton.

A social hour followed.