

INDIAN CULTURE COMES TO LIFE AT SCHOOL:

All they needed was the offer.

Some Ontario schools grabbed at a chance to study North American Indian history and culture in a phenomenal response to the Royal Ontario Museum's suggestion in January of introductory lectures by Basil Johnston, a Chippewa school teacher.

No sooner was the offer made than Mr. Johnston was booked solid to June 4. He will then have lectured to 7,572 students and teachers from Metro Toronto to North Bay, including many from teachers' colleges and Indian reserve schools.

Next summer he teaches at Cape Croker reserve under the aegis of Georgian College of Applied Arts, Owen Sound.

Some schools are now preparing to incorporate courses in their curricula and attempting to overcome a deficiency in their libraries of books and films pertinent to the subject of Indians.

It appears that Canadian schools need only the spur of an expert to get them into action.

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COURSE ON INDIANS
NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, N.Y.:

An American Indian history course will be offered for the first time at Niagara University.

The course is taught by Dr. Elizabeth Duran and deals with contemporary Indians and their problems as well as culture and heritage. It is one of the few such courses available at institutes of higher learning.

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INDIANS OF TODAY

It is truly amazing how Indians of today all over North America are awake to the challenges and problems that confront them and Indians are meeting the problems and changes face to face. Public recognition is being accorded to Indian Tribes and leaders and in this Canada is not lagging behind. To prove the point here are a few captions from the "Amerindian" (The American Indian Review):

"Chief W. W. Keeler (Cherokee) Elected Chairman of Board of National Manufacturers"

"Indian Chosen To Head Maine Indian Affairs"

"Two Alaska Indians Win Municipal Offices"

"Navajos Plan Navajo Community College"

"Indian Advisor Appointed For Omak, Wash. Public Schools"

"Choctaws Press For Voice To Run Schools"

"Mohegans File Claim"

"Apaches Build Eastern Arizona Highway"

"Indian Advisors for Minneapolis Schools"

"Governor Names Navajo To Human Relations Board"

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