

Six Nations News Con'tOperation Ojibway

A Presbyterian Young Peoples Society of Hamilton, sponsored by the synods of Hamilton, and London have a novel and selfless way of spending their summer vacation. They conduct "Operation Ojibway" a three in one summer program on the outlying Reserves of Shoal Lake and Whitefish Bay in Northern Ontario. Their head quarters are at the Cecilia Jeffery Indian School at Kenora.

The group of 15 young people conduct a Vacation Bible School., Day Camp, and Adult Education Program for the Indian People. This program was well received by the parents and their children last year, so it is being repeated this year. Fifteen enthusiastic young people from Hamilton Presbyterian Y.P.S. spend their vacation for two weeks with the Indians. Meeting place is at the Reserve Schools. Shoal Lake Reserve is more remote, on an island in Lake of the Woods area and can only be reached by boat. The program is as follows:

Mornings 9-12 Bible School

Afternoons 1-3 Arts and crafts.

3-4 All go for a swim

evenings Films & program for adults. In charge of "Operation Ojibway" are Messrs. Don Gowin and Edward Dowdles. Dan Jamieson of Ohsweken has again been invited to accompany the group. They probably feel safer with a husky Indian brave in their midst. On the final week end of their project the group will take off and spend a care-free few days in Winnipeg Manitoba before returning to Hamilton and home.

The group also plan a picnic at Woodland Park on their return, followed by a visit to the Indian Pageant. The wee-end of July 6th they visited the Indian Center in Toronto.

Elm Ave. Young Peoples Conduct Services

Members of the Young Peoples Society of Elm Ave. United Church Brantford conducted the services at Grand River and Delaware on Sunday. Mr. Don Reid was in charge and he had the assistance of Bruce Gullen and Claire Brooks. The new minister Rev. K. J. Welch is on vacation.

Test books leave gaps in the History of Indians

Ontario children are studying text books that leave enormous gaps in the information on Canadian Indians, a study by the University Women's Club here indicates. The club examined 36 text books from grades 2 to 8. Indians are not mentioned in any Grade 1 Books. "As we listen to Indians, it becomes clear that they are upset not only because the children of Euro-Canadians are being given false ideas, but also because Indian children, who use the same text books are getting the same false ideas about their own heritage," says the report on the study.

The study concludes:

1. The original social and political organization of the various Indian groups is not adequately covered in text books.
2. There is almost no material on Indian religion, values, ethics or esthetics.
3. No where is there a complete description of even one Indian Culture.
4. The omission of any factual material on the situation of the Canadian Indian today is equally serious. (Hamilton Spectator) Indian History has been inadequately and enormously covered by Canadian History Texts & social study books. Most Canadians today don't know anything about Indians.

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Special Announcement

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