

Tape #634

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Navajo
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Side 1

Q. You are on Social Security now?

A. Yes.

Q. What about welfare?

A. My wife she

Q. She gets welfare for the kids? And you are on Social Security? Where did you work, before?

A. For the railroad.

Q. Oh, for the railroad? How long were you with them?

A. I started working in '47....

Q. In '47?

A. Retired in '65.

Q. Do you get railroad retirement at all?

A. No.

Q. You don't get money from the railroad? Social Security and your wife gets the welfare? You live right around in here?

A. I live right over there in the canyon, over there.....

Q. Yeah, how long have you lived in this area? All your life?

A. That is right, I was born here, and raised here. I went over seas for three years....

Q. Service?

A. I was in Kansas. I went into the hospital.

Q. Is that why you had to retire, you got sick? What happened to you? You get hurt or.....?

- A. No, it is just that my left hand wouldn't work.....
- Q. Arthritis?
- A. No, they told me that I had the flu or paralyzed, I don't know.....
- Q. Yeah, yeah....
- A. Still now, I don't use on my left.... my leg and my eyes....
- Q. Yeah....that is why you had to quit then?
- A. I can't win, in the winter it is too cold to work....
- Q. Yeah..... What about the other people that live around here, do they have money problems, not enough welfare..... what is the problem?
- A. I don't know..... Navajo language
- Q. What about food stamps, do you get food stamps?
- A. No. We used to get them but they cut them off.
- Q. Why did they cut them off because of your social security.....
- A. My wife, she gets oil money.....
- Q. Oh she gets oil money?
- A. Yeah.
- Q. Then you are not eligible for food stamps. Do you have enough money then to get by on.....? ^UWith the oil money and the social security.
- A. My wife, she got money.
- Q. Where do you trade in Cuba, or here?
- A. Here.
- Q. You trade right here, this trader?
- A. Too high everything.....
- Q. Over here it is too high? You have to trade here anyway, you don't have to go to Cuba.
- A. Over there they won't loan me any money.....
- Q. Over here they loan you money?

- A. No, just trade.... but if you want to borrow some money you have to pawn something.
- Q. Jewelry or something?
- A. Yeah, or blankets.... and my shoes..... ha ha!
- Q. Really, they will take your shoes?
- A. Yeah, my good boots.
- Q. Boots?
- A. No more boots.... I don't think we get anything from being in the army?
- Q. You don't get anything huh?
- A. Yeah, he don't. For I don't know how many years. I was in the overseas for two years, three years in Germany.....
- Q. Oh, in Germany...
- A. When Hitler was alive....
- Q. And then you went to work for the railroad after that?
- A. Yeah, I come back '47, I went on the railroad in '47.
- Q. What about the store in Cuba? Trader in Cuba, are their prices pretty fair there? Do a lot of people seem to trade in Cuba?
- A. I don't know, I really can't tell you. I don't trade overthere. I trade here. Really high prices here.

Navajo language

- Q. What about the Tinian trading post, do you.....
- A. It is the same. I don't know about White Horse, it might be different. For gas over there, it is 39 cents.
- Q. Regualr gas?
- A. Yeah, ethyl is 42.

Navajo language

- Q. Do you have any sheep or do you ride horses?
- A. What?

- Q. Do you have any horses or sheep?
- A. I have some horse, cow, little bit not much, I have about 13 sheep. A lot of them got sick. I can't make it. I can't walk too fast that is why I had to quit.
- Q. You can't have as many sheep as you used to have, the government.....
- A. They loan me 100 but.....
- Q. 100 sheep?
- A. All together, sheep were always crowded.... in a group.
- Q. Do you have an allotment or do you own your land?
- A. No my wife.....
- Q. She has got an allotment? How many acres do you have?
- A. Oh..... She has got it, not me.
- Q. 24 acres..... Do you plant any corn or anything?
- A. I tried to but it got too dry....
- Q. No water huh?
- A. Maybe we should dance for rain.
- Q. Do you dance for rain?
- A. Yeah, at Jemez they do and then they get to water.
- Q. That is about the only way here..... the rain..... you have got no irrigation at all?
- A. I think that we needs a lot of water, but we don't have any water around here. Right Bob?
- Q. But a lot of people plant corn, don't they? In fact, there is someone planting some down there.
- A. We shouldn't depend on the rain, everytime we plant some corn, they just dry upawful right Bob?
- Navajo language
- A. Even though he takes everything you still have to trade with him.

Q. You have to huh?

A. Yes, there is no way to pay my bill.

Navajo language

Q. How old is Frank Sandoval?

A. 65.

Navajo language

A. He is 65, I don't know why he don't get help either way from welfare from state from Crownpoint....

Q. No welfare? What about food stamps?

Navajo language

Q. He doesn't get any stamps himself, where does he live, right around here?

Navajo language

A. He is looking for a horse.

Navajo language.

A. His father's name was Bedah Sandoval.... no, Lupe Sandoval.

Navajo language

A. His father was 93 years old

Navajo language

A. He said that pretty soon he is going to get the welfare. He is 65, too late to apply for railroad or something like that.

Q. Did he work on the railroad?

Navajo language

A. One of his brothers had the trouble too, his name is Manuel. Kind of sick everytime. He lives down in Ventana you know where that trading post is?

Q. Is he working on the railroad?

Navajo language

A. Yeah, he has been working on it for a long.....

Navajo language

A. Chee Sandoval is his name, his brother.....

Navajo language

A. He is about 40 or 50.

Q. And he worked on the railroad?

A. Yes, he has been working all the time.... I told him about applying for the railroad money and.....

Q. Social security?

A. Yeah, they offered him social security.

Navajo language

A. The only place that Chee worked is over here, Gib....

Q. Yeah....

Navajo language

A. In the country store down in Cuba, down at Cosmo's store, Safeway.

Q. Do you go into Cuba, Frank?

A. Safeway is alright.

Q. Safeway?

Navajo language

Q. David who?

A. David MacCanne.

Q. MacCanne, ??? Do they help the people?

Navajo language

A. Yeah, they help them....but this Marmon, they don't help. Just this one over here at Tinian.

Q. How does he help what does he do?

Navajo language

A. Sometimes you want to go to Crownpoint or this way.....

Q. Does he give them a ride?

A. Yeah.....

Q. What about clothes?

Navajo language

A. No, he don't got no clothes.

Q. But he does help them?

A. Yes. It is pretty good.

Q. The Mormons don't offer a ride?

Navajo language

A. No.

Navajo language

A. We go to church sometime.....on Sunday.....

Q. He does?

A. Yeah. The Navajos go.

Q. They go to the Baptist church at Tinian?

A. Yeah.

Navajo language

A. One horse.

Q. How much land? Got an allotment, does he own his land.

Navajo language

A. He has got a lot of land, down in Ventada. 26 he says that it belongs to his.....

Navajo language

A. He says that it belongs to his daughter, he has got a lot of friends....

Q. How about electricity in his house?

Navajo language

A. No..... no money to pay.

Q. How much does it cost?

Navajo language

Q. What about oil?

Navajo language

A. He waters his horse close to Tinian.....

Navajo language

A. He gets his water from over at Ojo Encino.

Navajo language

Q. What do you bring it in a truck or a wagon? Does truck come and bring it, how much? How about oil or gas money?

Navajo language

A. No more..... they used to get it but it is all over, they don't have it anymore, we don't have any oil money anymore.

Q. They are not paying them huh? What about chapter meetings, do they have them every now and then?

Navajo language

A. He goes to Ventada and he goes to Torreon.

Q. They don't have chapter meetings at Tinian though?

A. No, they don't have.

Navajo language

A. That is the only time that he goes over there to Ojo Encino.

Q. Yeah.

Navajo language

A. This guy's from Tinian, he is the one that takes the checks to the Navajos.

Q. What's his name?

Navajo language

A. Morris, Morris is his name.

Q. Morris Tanner.

A. Same way at Torreon, he owns that trading post.

Q. Is he taking sheep from people around here?

Navajo language

A. Not the sheep, just the check.

Q. Oh he takes the check.

A. That is the way that I heard it.

Navajo language

A. He told me that a lot of people.....

Navajo language

A. But he doesn't cheat them but still.....

Q. But still the prices are pretty high?

Navajo language

A. Oh the flour.... a big sack cost about \$4.

Navajo language

A. His father is.... you know that Morris still has a father, he is still living I think, he talks perfect Navajo.

Q. Morris's father?

A. Yeah.

Navajo language

A. Better off living on the reservation, cause if you live on the reservation a lot of Navajo are going to fight. A lot of people drink..... No good!

Navajo language

A. He really don't know, but someone just told him.

Q. Are they still holding dances around here sometimes?

A. Who?

Q. The Navajos?

Navajo language

A. No, not right now, they don't have anything.

Q. Do the missionaries, do the Baptist, the Mormons do they say anything about the dances.....?

Navajo language

A. No, they don't care about anything like that.... No, I think that is all right with them.

Q. With both of them huh?

A. The Mormone and Baptist church.

Navajo language

A. I'll tell you, he had to go to Santa Fe, about a week ago.....

Navajo language

Q. Well, what do this kids do around here from the families, do they stay here or do they go to school or go away to work?

Navajo language

A. Yeah, they go to work.....

Navajo language

A. Different places, I think that sometimes during the summer these students they come back from school and they have got a job for them here at Torreon, they....

Q. Doing what, what do they do?

A. Paint....yeah, they do that, work inside, school paint and all, repair work, that is what they do. And then the tribe pay them. Windowrock.....

Navajo language

A. They pay, \$33.

Q. A month, huh?

Navajo language

A. They get \$52.00.

Q. That is with Food stamps?

A. Yeah. He pays \$32.00.

Navajo language

A. Oh he pays \$62 for the stamps, right?

Navajo language

A. Oh he pays \$62 for the stamps, right?

Navajo language

A. Something like \$126.00.....

Q. Dollars?

A. Stamps. He pays \$62.00, too much right?

Navajo language

Q. What about welfare, and social security?

Navajo language

A. He gets \$91.00.

Navajo language

A. He gets \$91.00 for social security.

Q. From working?

A. No. From the railroad.

Navajo language

A. He says that he gets from welfare, \$126.00, his wife gets \$63.00.

Navajo language

Q. Now let's see, how much does he get \$21 social security.

A. No, don't count that.... he gets \$66, no \$126.00

Navajo language

A. He has got a lot of kids there.

Q. Where, at Torreon?

A. Yeah, he is seven years old.

Navajo language

A. His wife's sister.....

Navajo language

A. Mostly those sheep belong to this kids and his son-in-law. He just takes care of it, nobody herds it.

Navajo language

A. He gets a ride with Winston over there, he trade over there with him, he cash his social security over there.

Q. At the Torreon post?

A. Yeah, they get along with him, just to trade with him.

Navajo language

A. Sometimes he doesn't have too much bill and so he gets some money from him.

Navajo language

A. They get along all right.

Navajo language

A. He don't have time to go to church, but the kids always go down there.

Q. Do they?

A. They always go to church down there.

Q. Do they?

A. They always go to church down there.

Navajo language

A. He don't know the place, just around here.....

Q. He was born and raised here huh?

Navajo language

A. Sometimes he goes down to Albuquerque.

Q. What about chapter meetings, is he a chapter officer?

Navajo language

A. There is business at Alameda, he goes down there, they have a meeting down there.

Q. A meeting near Albuquerque, in Alameda? What for is that?

A. He just trade down there, with the other people.

Q. Is he chapter officer?

A. No.

Q. What about the chapter meetings.....?

Navajo language

A. He goes down there.

Q. What are these, chapter meetings?

A. Yeah.

Q. Do they get much done there, do they accomplish anything?

Navajo language

A. Yeah, it is all right, no complain.....

Q. What are some of the things that need to be done in this area?

Navajo language

A. Well they need some water.

Navajo language

A. The main thing is about this water, we have a little water here but a lot of people got water down that way, they have dams and pumps.....

Navajo language

Q. What about the schools here, the day school.....?

A. The day school?

Navajo language

A. The small one, I think they call it the pre-school, I think they doing all right.

Q. The big kids go into Cuba huh?

Navajo language

A. I don't know when they are going to close the school.

Q. In Cuba.....?

A. No, here.

Q. Are they going to close them?

A. The kids come home.....

Q. Oh, for the summer?

A. Yeah, for the summer.

Q. Did he go to school, to a boarding school in Crownpoint?

Navajo language

A. He went to Albuquerque a long time ago.

Q. Oh, to the Indian school down there.

Navajo language

A. Three years he was there, long time ago.

Navajo language

A. A lot of kids they were fighting and they were spanking them.....

Navajo language

Q. Why did a they fight?

A. Oh, you know, a lot of guys they fight among themselves and that time they didn't have any discipline.

Q. Yeah.

A. And during that time people didn't have any kind of discipline for kids, during that time people were just any old way.

Q. What did they teach there at the Indian School?

Navajo language

A. Oh they just learned how to read and thats all.

Q. Did he like it?

Navajo language

A. He only had two years there, and he will never go back....

Q. Didn't like it huh?

A. I don't know.

Q. Did they, did the teachers mistreat the Indian children, spanking them.....
or beat them?

Navajo language

A. No...he was....he weighs about 100....135, he was just waiting to go into
ther service at that time. That was First World War, I think, but he didn't
get a chance to go.

Q. Why not.....

Navajo language

A. That time they just told them to go into the army, I mean they finally
found out at Durango and sent him to Fort Wingate, but by that he was 45
years old and so he just had to work there.

Navajo language

A. They told him to work at Fort Wingate for six months. So he don't have to
go to army.

Q. Oh, instead of going to the army?

Navajo language

Q. How much land does he have then?

Navajo language

A. That land belongs to his mother, one mile, that is the same as a quarter
section.

Navajo language

A. Frank Toledo, that is his brother to.

Navajo language

A. They call it place... I don't know the English name of that place...

Q. Where is it?

Navajo language

A. Grants.... close to there.

Q. Oh yes, Grants.

Navajo language

A. Yeah they have a been doing that, but not anymore, they are busy now.

Navajo language

A. I think long time ago they used to quarrel about something, but right now, I think that they are getting along all right....

Q. When did they used to fight?

Navajo language

A. I don't know a long time ago. I have never heard it before, long time ago.

Q. What about the apaches and the Utes?

Navajo language

Q. Jicarilla?

A. Yes Jicarilla Apaches.

Navajo language

Q. Utes?

Navajo language

A. No, never heard....

Navajo language

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