

December 11
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Mr. Seville McMillan
Fortune Magazine,
Rockerfeller Center,
New York.

Dear Mr. McMillan:

At the request of a wire from Dallas, received late Sunday, I am sending you herewith a few black and white Navaho pictures, subjects suitable for your forthcoming article. These are all from my present file of work on a book that I hope will be out in a little over a year.

The pictures of the tribal council meetings were made last March at the inauguration of Sam Akeah as Chief of the tribal council. As I did not stay to listen to all that took place I am not certain of the subject matter under discussion when I made the pictures. Land problems, though, were discussed at one time during the meeting. The pictures were made under light difficulties without flash so in some instances there is movement. I include also two pictures from the very poor section of the reservation, though really it is off the reservation proper, in what is called District Seven. There are many land disputes going on here, and the Navahos are being fenced off of their old pasture land. Added to that the drought of last summer has increased their hardship very greatly. They are almost without their usual lively hood of sheep raising, and their water is almost nil. Also you will find two old pictures of mine, which might do for general character. The covered wagon, and the Shepherds, both as typically Navaho as anything I have. These will be included in my book even though they were made some years ago.

I have some color transparencies, but until I have separation negatives of them for print purposes, I cannot sell them. They are not of the subject your particularly which, but subjects of individuals, life, etc.

I hope that you may find something here to fit your need. I shall be going out on the reservation soon again but it may be too late for this article as a telegram always means to me, immediately.

Thanking you for your enquiry, I am
Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. McMillan:-

The telegram which came Sunday evening
was I presume, from Mr. Ross in Dallas. I answered to
Dallas