

THE DINEH
(The People)

Space--Sky--Distance unlimited; Canyons--Desert-- Rocks, majestic in their contour and hugeness; Wind--Dust--Storm; Bitter Cold--Blazing Heat-- Serenity; Color-- Land-forms beautiful beyond belief-- These are the elements of this magnificent land. Moving about in loneliness, though never lonely, in dignity and happiness, with song in their hearts and on their lips, in harmony with the great forces of nature, are the Navaho---People of the earth.

Two salient qualities of these people are dignity and happiness. Both spring from their vital traditional faith,- faith in nature-faith in themselves as a part of nature-faith in their place in the universe, deep-rooted faith, born of their distant oriental origin, moulded and strengthened by the land in which they live. There is fine quality in the Navaho People; in their simple direct manner of thought and speech, in their judgement, their action, their manual dexterity and skill. They bring to their everyday living, dignity, vitality, realism, acceptance of things as they are. Con-
^{Traditional}forming to the pattern of their ~~religion and to their tra-~~
~~ditional behavior~~, they are none the less individualists. They have character, they have the ordinary run of human weaknesses, they have humor and a great sense of fun, they have their own code of honor. They love sports of all kinds, they love games of chance and will laugh at losing as well as winning. They are tenacious, they are practical to the

utmost degree in their use of objects. They are capable of long hours of steady work, and they are equally capable of inactivity. There are good Navaho people and bad, dependable and undependable, strong and weak. Their powers of observation are photographic. They can be shrewd-they can be inscrutable. And through all runs a vein of kindness, of inherent good manners, and some special quality for which ^{it is difficult to find} I ~~cannot find~~ the right word.* Above everything they are adaptable. All this is what they have been, and many are to-day. But as they acquire more and more of our way of life, as they assimilate our education-(and many are doing so at remarkable speed) will they retain the fine qualities of their inheritance? They are taking from our civilization what they wish of it and making it their own, ^{though} many are finding themselves against a wall of psychological frustration and have not yet found the way around it. Barred at first by language, many have now acquired a remarkable degree of education and are intelligent, capable people judged by any standards. The hope of their future lies in their unique adaptability and their desire and quickness to learn. It is my belief that the Navaho People as a whole will find their sure place in our American Democracy and that some will fill ^{that place} ~~it~~ with distinction.

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* Perhaps "integrated personality is the attribute, for there is a quiet "oneness" about these people.