

J. Maurice McCabe, at present Director of Business Administration, is a thoroughly dedicated person in the service of his people. He has a great sense of order, one of the basic ~~xxxxxx~~ qualities of Navaho life, now transformed into modern ~~xxxxxx~~ methods. At the beginning of Sam Ahkeah's second term, in 1951, Maurice was appointed Treasurer of the Tribe, a position he held for many years. As the Tribal Government developed he became more and more absorbed in Tribal work. Though he won a scholarship award given by the John Hay Whitney Foundation for further study in business administration, he finally declined the scholarship, due to the need for his ~~xxxxxxx~~ work for the tribe.

Maurice McCabe was born at Tohatachi, New Mexico October 18th, 1923. He is a direct decendant of Barboncito, one of the great early leaders of the Navaho People and one of the signers of the Treaty of 1868. Maurice received his elementary education at the school at Tohatachi, at the Mission School at Ganado, Arizona, and at the ~~xxxxxxx~~ Mission School at ~~Farringtonxxxxxix~~ Rehoboth, New Mexico. He graduated from the Methodist Mission High School in 1941. Shortly thereafter it was discovered that he had tuberculosis and was sent to a hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. Though bed ridden for about two years, he studied business and business law, and when he was able to be up and about, entered a business college, finding employment as a bookkeeper on the side. In 1946 he was promoted to the position of office manager for the chemical company where he had been employed.

Following the election of Paul Jones as Chairman of the Tribal Council, Maurice was asked to continue his services ~~and~~ as Treasurer and to assist Mr. Jones in the affairs of the Tribe which had greatly accelerated following the the uranium, and oil and gas developments as the need for expert business administration became increasingly demanding.

In 1957 Maurice was appointed as Secretary-Treasurer of the Tribe, and later, Executive Secretary.

In addition to his regular work, he has many other outside interests, such as the Boy and Girl Scout development on the reservation, and very recently the Youth Camp

In 1957, by resolution of the Council, Maurice's position was changed to Executive Secretary with special designation of duties and specific directions^{ve} to propose a reorganization of the Tribal Staff to meet the increasing executive demands of the Tribal business. To meet this demand, he sought the assistance of a Remington Rand expert to establish the most efficient record system for the increasing files of the Tribe. He ~~xxxxxxx~~^{When} ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~^{xixx} ~~xxxxxxx~~^{an emergency stock feeding program was} needed in a time of extreme drought, and the U.S.Government sent large quantities of grain to small Navaho stockmen who were threatened with high losses,~~xxxxxx~~, Maurice procured IBM machines to keep complete records in accordance with the Government regulations.

The reorganization of the Tribal Offices ~~xxxxxx~~ has now been accomplished, and under the direction of Maurice McCabe continues in a the most efficient manner.

Maurice has been most active in other matters concerning the Navaho People. He was a leader in the movement to establish the Tribal Scholarship Fund. Other interests have been the development of the Boy and Girl Scout organizations on the reservation, and most recently the establishment of the Navaho Youth Camp, now under construction and organization which will benefit not only Navaho boys and girls but boy and girl organizations which are in need of such benefits.