

Large in stature, vigorous and strong in both body and mind, Annie
Wauneka is a most dynamic personality. ~~She is the~~ Daughter of Chee
Dodge, the first Tribal Council chairman, Annie was born April 10, 1916.
receiving her early education in the reservation schools. In 1951,
Annie was elected to the Tribal Council, the first woman to ~~serve~~
serve in this capacity. ~~She~~ As her interest was ~~in the~~ health
~~and welfare~~, she was named as chairman of ~~the~~ the Council' Committee
on health and welfare, a position she still holds. Here, her achieve-
ment has been tremendous, the force of her determinatidn and purpose,
carrying out the program for Navaho health plamed in colaboration
with the U.S.Public Health Service. The first problem to be under-
taken was in the field of tuberculosis, for there were many Navaho in-
flicted with this dread disease. Contagion and germs were two totally
unkown words, and Annie undertook an educational program to instruct
the majority of her people the meaning of these words and to win their
co-operation in combatting ~~this~~ ^{the} further spread of this disease.
The Public Health Service arranged with T.B. hospitals in many of the
western states, to ~~accept~~ ^{include} Navaho patients. She persuaded many to
accept this offer, ~~and~~ ^{my} visited every hospital personally to talk to
all the patients, urging them to learn how to prevent contagion, how
to accept ~~the~~ rest cure and the words and wisdom of the white doctors.
She served as a liaison personage between the ~~white~~ doctors and the
patients and helped produce a motion picture illustrating ^{the disease} ~~what the~~
~~disease was~~, ^{how} ~~and what to do~~ to prevent further ~~spreading~~ contagion,
both on and
Many of the Navaho patients in hospitals ~~away~~ from the reservation ~~xx~~
~~will~~ became homesick and ran away. Annie brought them back
^{teaching} ~~making~~ ^{to} them understand the necessity for their convalescence. All
^{she} this was an heroic task and ^{she} persued it vigorously, using her own
knowledge and determination to win these many Navaho into acceptance of

Which was shown in schools all over the reservation.

Annie Wauneka has received numerous awards for her achievement. From the Arizona Public Health Association, a ~~pin~~ ^{pin} an award as ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{xxxxxx} "out standing ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{xxxxxx} worker in public health". ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{xxxxxx} the Josephine B. Hughes Memorial Award given by the Arizona Press Women's Association. the Indian Achievement Award, and others. To crown them all she was one of three women ~~in~~ named by President Kennedy on July 4, 1963 to receive the Medal of Freedom which was presented to her by President Johnson in the WhiteHouse ceremony on Dec. 6th, ~~1963~~ ^{of that year}

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