

During the past thirty years, it has been more and more necessary for both young men and women to seek employment off the reservation. Those who had learned to speak English were the first to do so. Now, both ^{both} and Union Pacific Railroads have employed for many years the Santa Fe ~~Railroad~~ ^{Arizona, California} many Young Navaho men for maintenance work along their lines. Others go into other parts of New Mexico, into Utah and Colorado for seasonal crop harvesting. A good many young women find employment of various kinds in the towns adjacent to the reservation. Many have taken the place of former typists in the Indian service at Window Rock, where they have proven to be efficient and skilled secretaries and office workers. Some go farth r afield, to California, to Colorado, to Albuquerque and Santa Fe where they have found satisfactory work for their livelihood.

As many of the new projects on the reservation have developed, work for Navaho people has arisen, such as road building, work in the oil fields, the uranium mines, the sawmill project. It is interesting to see the skill with which Navaho boys handle big machinery. ^h Mechanical ability seems to be natural to them and they are quick to learn all sorts of new techniques. Many Navaho young men are employed in the uranium processing plants. I spent a morning visiting the Kerr-Magee plant at Shiprock where I made a number of photographs of the Navaho ^{boys at work.} ~~workers~~ and satisfactory. The manager told me that he found them excellent workers. I found also that this manager had the wisdom to allow these Navaho young men to go to important ceremonials in the neighborhood. The result was loyal and steady work. Of-course there aresome drop outs, but by and large when they are properly treated, they are efficient and good workmen, and either have or are learning the value of steady employment.