

problems. In this way they will help the soldiers now, and help them too when they return home.

New Principal Arrives at Tuba

Mr. Walter F. Gray arrived at Tuba City in November as the new Principal. He comes from Chilocco where he worked for 17 years.

Mrs. Gray lived at Shiprock in 1909 when she was a little girl. Her father was Charles W. Higham. He was chief clerk for Mr. Shelton there.

Mrs. Gray says that things are much better now than they were when she was here as a little girl. Her father taught school first at Keams Canyon, when there was only a day school at Keams Canyon. It took two days to travel in a wagon from Holbrook to Keams Canyon. They took this trip only twice a year. Now it takes only two hours in an automobile on a good road.

In the fall they would buy enough food to last all year. There were no telephones. Mail was brought once a week by a runner. Now it is much better.

About 1909, Mr. Higham and his family moved to Shiprock. In those days, they used to go to Farmington by stage coach. They would start at five o'clock in the morning. Near the hogback, the road was so narrow that the people would get out and walk.

When they wanted to go to Toadlena from Shiprock, they would cross the San Juan River in a row boat. The whirlpools in the river were dangerous too. Then they would go by horse and buggy to Toadlena. Sometimes they would get lost. Then the teachers would come with a lantern to meet them. Now these things are all much better.

Once there was a great flood on the San Juan. All of the houses were washed away. The people had to stay on the high ground.

Now Mr. Higham is an old man. He has just retired from work. But his daughter, Mrs. Gray, remembers these things. She is glad to find things much better. She is happy to return to live here with the Navajo people at Tuba City.

Stay on the Job Every Day

Many Navajos are working in war work. Navajos make good workers. War workers must stay on the job every day, just as soldiers must stay on the job every day. If soldiers did not stay on the job the enemy might attack us. If war workers do not stay on the job every day the soldiers will not get all the guns and shells, and ships and planes they need to fight the enemy. Soldiers cannot quit for pinon picking or dances. They cannot go home any time they want to go. They must stay on the job every day. War workers slow up the war when they do not stay on the job. All should be like our Navajo soldiers - stay on the job.