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In this image we see Manuelito, who was acclaimed head-chief of the Navajo in 1855. Image online via [Navajo People](#).

Although life was hard for the Navajo people, just before the outbreak of World War II, they still found time to have fun - especially after the fall harvest. Fairs were important to them, as depicted in these photographs taken in the 1930s:

- [Judging lambs](#) at the Stony Butte Fair in the fall of 1932.
- [Preparing lunch](#) for everyone at the Stony Butte Fair.
- [Judging corn](#) at the Star Lake Fair.
- Who has the [best white corn](#) at Navajo Church?
- A "[baby show](#)" at the 1932 Na Dish Kish Fair.
- The "[Best Baby](#)" at Cannoncito Fair.
- Navajo women [preparing](#) broiled mutton-tortillos at Na Dish Kish Fair.
- Displaying part of the [harvest](#) at White Horse Fair.

How were the Navajo educated before World War II? How were they governed? How prepared would the Code Talkers be to undertake one of the most important responsibilities ever given to any soldier during any war?

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Navajo Head Chief - Manuelito

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