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In this image we see Manuelito, who was acclaimed head-chief of the Navajo in 1855. Image online via <u>Navajo People</u>.

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:

- <u>Judging lambs</u> at the Cannoncito Fair in the fall of 1932.
- <u>Judging white corn</u> at Navajo Church. (Click on picture 6.)
- Navajo silversmith with examples of his work and tools.
- Medicine man Charlie Turquoise—pictured third-from-right—is leading a group of Navajo dancers.
- A "baby show" at the 1932 Na Dish Kish Fair. (Click on picture 15.)
- The "Best Baby" at Cannoncito Fair. (Click on picture 2.)
- A Navajo women <u>spinning wool</u> into yarn.
- A Navajo family group in Canyon de Chelle.

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

EDITOR'S NOTE: THE LINKS TO NAVAJO PICTURES, AT THE U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES, CAN BE VERY "GLITCHY." SOMETIMES IT TAKES 2-4 TRIES TO ACTIVATE THEM. THEY ARE WORTH THE EXTRA EFFORT.

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