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"Be careful with that," I felt the need to instruct the fifth grade boys. All the children were excited about the new TV donated by sponsors. Now they could see movies on their own level. The staff gathered around and words of appreciation filled the room. An older grandmother told of attending this same school and living in the dorm as these children did.

"When I was a kid, we had a movie every Tuesday night," she said. "We had to pay twenty-five cents to see it. If one child was naughty, we were all punished, the movie was cancelled. We loved John Wayne westerns. We were always on the side of the cowboys and against the Indians. We would shout encouraging words for the cowboys to win. Then one day, to our surprise, we found out we were Indians. We laughed at ourselves. We felt so silly that we didn't even know what we were."

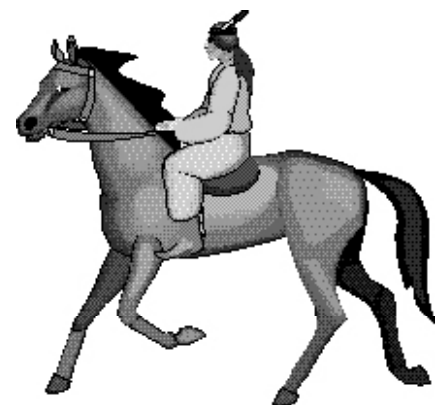
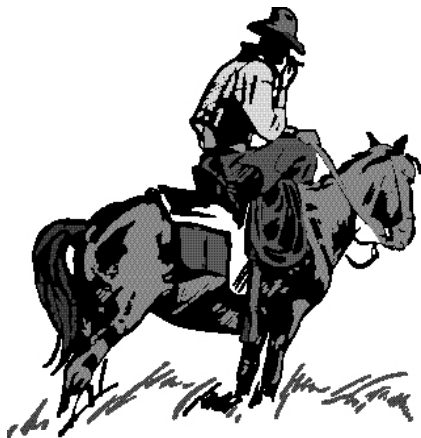
I enjoy hearing the stories the people tell. Navajo's are known for their story telling. By tradition,

it is done in the wintertime around the fire. It is called "grandpa time." This is the only time a male can express himself in the hogan. The hogan (home) belongs to the mother. Recently one of the children asked grandpa why there is war. A beloved uncle was far away at the place called war. Grandpa's answer, "Mother earth is tired of her children hat-

ing each other. She wants them to learn a lesson, but they don't learn." "What lesson grandpa?", the child asked. "Well, people don't pray right," answered grandpa. "They ask the same thing over and over. They want rain so they beg and beg. Then the floods came. But they got

what they asked for, just too much of it. The more you ask, the stronger the answer will be."

A sponsor asked me how many more years I intend to be on the reservation. Thirty-nine years is a long time they reminded me. My answer, "God has Blessed me stronger than I deserve. Here because of Him."



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