



KOWCHEE AND ARTISTRY—Ralph Kowchee, White Mountain, is showing his own distinctive art style. Ralph says his work has been selling before each art item is finished. He is also a talented cartoonist. Some of his cartoons have appeared in the Tundra Times.

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One of the most promising young Alaskan artists is Ralph M. Kowchee of McGrath, Alaska. During the past year, Kowchee has sold drawings and paintings in places as far afield as Wash-

ington, D. C. and Los Angeles, California.

Several of the larger art shops in Anchorage are displaying his work. Kowchee has also drawn cartoons for the TUNDRA TIMES and the NOME NUGGET in the past.

An Eskimo, Ralph Kowchee was born 30 years ago at White Mountain, a little southeast of Nome, where his parents still reside. He was educated at Mt. Edgecumbe and holds an Associate Degree in Electronic Technology from the University of Alaska.

Currently employed as an electronic technician by the Federal Aviation Administration at McGrath, Kowchee lives in this Kuskokwim River town with his wife, Evelyn, and their four children.

Evidence of this young native Alaskan's versatility is the fact that, in addition to his professional work with the FAA and his artistic accomplishments, he still finds time to engage in his hobby of flying.

Kowchee is planning an art exhibition in Anchorage some time in the near future. However, he complains of the fact that his pictures sell too fast for him to accumulate a collection large enough to exhibit.