

# VISTA Girl Buys Eskimo Art Book for Adult Education Use

VISTA Volunteer, Carolyn Simeone, who, along with her husband William, are serving their tour of duty at St. Michael near the mouth of the Yukon River, wrote and bought the book, "Graphic Arts of the Alaskan Eskimo" authored by Dorothy Jean Ray.

"I am a VISTA Volunteer in St. Michael," she said, "and plan to use this book in my adult education class and I would be greatly appreciative if you could send the book as soon as possible."

The Graphic Arts is a singularly well done work by the author

and could well be used as part of the curricula in schools especially those in the outlying areas.

It is profusely illustrated with pictures of the works of many Alaskan Eskimo artists each in their own original style.

The book said of the author: "Dorothy Jean Ray, anthropologist and author, is widely recognized as one of the foremost American scholars of Alaskan Eskimo culture and history."

In his introduction of the book Vincent Price, world famed actor and chairman of the Interior Department's Indian Arts and Crafts Board, wrote in part:

"... Eskimo art is simplicity itself. It is the uncomplicated statement of observation, wedded to sensitivity, uncluttered by technical erudition. It may be among the last pictorial truths of the human adult, yet it is never childish, for its directness negates

any coyness.

"It is the literal visual history of the people, rather than their imaginatively manipulated tales, and as such requires from the novice viewer an honesty of looking that sometimes does not come without honest effort."

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