

The Fiddler's Corner

Full name: Elmo Harlan Wick

Nickname: fiddler

Birthplace:

Sunburg, Minnesota

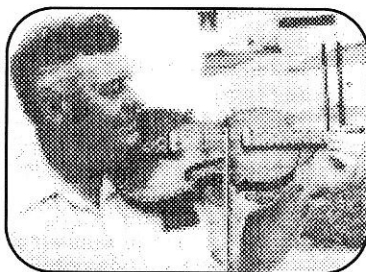
Marital status:

Married to Melba for 52
years

Children:

Nine

Personal heroes: My Uncle Johnny



Major accomplishments: Restoring antique cars and old fiddles. Helped organized the MSFA in 1986 with the help of Lloyd Eisert and Gilmore Lee. Also, I worked full-time for 36 years for the Kandiyohi County Highway Department.

A really great evening for me is: playing my fiddles

My friends like me because: I like people.

Nobody would believe it if they saw me: making a speech.

The best time of my life: was when I rented a meeting room at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud in October, 1986, after sending letters to all the fiddlers that I knew to come to a meeting to start a fiddlers' association for the state of Minnesota.

Favorite childhood memory: living in our farm home and playing music with my father, mother, and sister.

My most humbling experience: playing for many thousands of people in St. Paul for the grand opening of the new Minnesota History Center.

My favorite performer is: Jan Murray

I wish I could stop: eating so much.

I have never been able to: listen to rap music.

I knew I was grown-up when: I was 20 years old and got married.

My fantasy is: to be young again.

My most irrational act was: having a string break on my fiddle when playing solo at the fair with the South Dakota fiddlers.

My favorite tune is: Rag-time Annie

Tell about how you learned to fiddle :

I learned from my father and grandfather.