

Would Give Violins to Eskimos, Indians—

Kansas Subscriber Would Exchange Violins for Ivory

A Tundra Times subscriber from Marquette, Kansas wrote to the TT two weeks ago with an offer to donate several violins to any Native school or community group, or individual "who would appreciate them as a gift from an old man."

Mr. Earl Kelly carves wood and ivory for violin bows. One of his problems is finding enough ivory to carve, a problem he hoped some Tundra Times reader might be able to help him with.

"Most of our young people here are too busy to learn music, especially violins," wrote Mr. Kelly.

He would like to know if any children would appreciate them, especially Indians or Eskimos.

"The violins are free," he wrote. They have cases and

bows and the donor will ship them to any address.

"I also have steel traps No. 1½-2s and No. 4 Newhouse plus two dozen Thompson steel snares and would like to give them to some Indian or Eskimo trapper."

"Perhaps you know someone who will sell me some ivory to make boxes and small stems of," he wrote the Tundra Times.

As part of his work, Mr. Kelly carves the small ivory parts of violins, as well as the larger wood violin bows. He offers top market price for any ivory suitable for carving.

"Dear friends of the North Country," wrote Mr. Kelly to

the editor of the TT. "I have been a subscriber to the Tundra Times for some time and enjoy it very much. Your gallant effort against the big legal machine that tries to destroy everything that nature gave the people even the people themselves—may God always be on your side. It's a shame they cannot see further than the end of their own noses."

Marquette, Kansas, where Mr. Kelly lives, is just 30 miles away from the town where former Secretary of the Interior Walter Hickel was raised—in Claflin, Kansas.

"Seems as though we're neighbors," wrote Mr. Kelly.