

## ELDER OF THE WEEK



### Julius Cook

**Married:** Elda Benedict Cook

**Children:** Beverly Cook Jackson, Raymond Cook

**Parents:** Louie Cook and Elizabeth Herne Cook

**Occupation:** Retired Ironworker, Silversmith

#### **The River:**

"A good example of how clear the water was before the Seaway...My brother Phil, my brother-in-law Ernie Benedict and I went spear fishing at night...Ernie had a twelve foot pole with a spear on the end...He was in front of the boat and we were over near Ernie's Bay over on Cornwall Island, in the back water. He saw a sturgeon down at the bottom, I was along side of him and I saw the same sturgeon...He got his twelve foot pole and lowered that pole down till about 3 feet was out of the water, and he had hold of the end of it, and (then) he jabbed at the sturgeon and he never touched him. He almost fell into the river, because he couldn't hit bottom. That tells us we could see over twelve feet, because the pole was twelve foot," Julius says. But today, no one can look down that far. He says that in one little life time the river changed from something beautiful to something ugly.

#### **Camp Counselor Pledge:**

I pledge allegiance to true Indianhood and will never allow the good names of our ancestors to be trampled into the dust. We turn back five centuries for our examples and act according to the uprightness displayed by our forefathers at that time. Let us honor and revere the memory of them by setting a good example." He adds with conviction, "And that last sentence is what our people need." Julius was repeating a pledge he had learned when he was part of the Mohawk Camp Counselors.

## ST. REGIS PARISH NEWS

**Spring Fund Raiser** - Do you have your membership yet? For the low cost of \$20 Can. or Am. you can be eligible for 10 drawing for \$100. each. First drawing will be Sat. April 29th and continue each Sat. through July 1st. Stop by the Rectory or Kateri Hall this week to purchase yours. Thanks in advance for your support.

**Baptisms for April** have been postponed from April 23rd to April 30th. Thank you to families for their cooperation and understanding the need for a date change with all the festivities scheduled for the Kateri Celebration.

**Kateri Celebration:** In honor of Blessed Kateri's Feast Day a Mass will be celebrated Sat., April

22nd, 1995 at 4 p.m. (There will be no 7 p.m. anticipated mass on that day.) It will be held at St. Regis Church. Presiding will be Fr. Milton McWatch from Garden River Reserve area. Also assisting will be Deacon Ron Boyer from Kahnawake. There will be a meal after the mass at the Kanatakon Recreation Center. To purchase advance tickets for this roast beef dinner (\$5. American or \$7 Canadian per person) contact any of the Altar Rosary Society members, Kateri Circle members, or Elaine at the Rectory. Members from the NAITC will be on hand to sing and dance at the social.

**Rental of Kateri Hall** - All rentals and/or using of

Kateri Hall must be cleared and reserved through the office at 518-358-2931. The official calendar at the Hall is the only calendar concerning use of the Hall. All groups/individuals including parish organizations, must request or assign someone to be responsible for contacting the Hall on a monthly basis to check availability for meetings or sessions to be held there. The Hall is available for rental for community members for dinners, wakes, showers, or parties, etc. When the Hall is not being used by religious instruction programs, Debbie or Lucille will be happy to schedule any functions if dates are open and available. So before making any plans or announcements be sure

to clear it with the girls at the Hall.

**Confirmation Candidates:** All candidates are expected to attend Youth Alive 95 to be held next weekend April 28-29 in Massena. Candidates will be expected to be at St. Mary's Social Hall on Sycamore St. from 7-10 p.m. Friday evening and they will be going to a concert at the Church. Saturday candidates will need to be at Sacred Heart Church at 9 a.m. Their retreat day will include a keynote address by Mr. Steve Angrisano from Dallas, Texas, over 14 workshops from which they will participate in two and Mass celebrated by Bishop LoVerde later in the afternoon. They will be free to leave at 7

p.m., however, they are welcome to stay from 7-10 p.m. for a dance at the social hall. Any questions, please contact Debbie at the Hall. Registration forms with the \$25. need to be turned in by Mon. April 24th at the latest.

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