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John Kindler was born in St. Cloud September 4th, 1879, son of Julius and Katherine (Rausch) Kindler. He received common school education and upon graduation entered his father's shop to learn the harness and leather trade. He served as an apprentice to his father and brother Joe until Mr. Kindler died in 1899 and Joe died in 1911. He took over the business at this time and employed his brother Charles as an apprentice and he operated the business successfully to date. Upon interviewing Mr. Kindler he stated many memories of earlier days. Leather work was much in demand in those days. They had to make all their harnesses and etc. by hand. In fact they still make all their own harness and halters, but with the aid of a sewing machine now. This is one of the few shops left that still make their own leather goods.

He also stated that he could remember the Indians very well. It seems as if they liked to watch the harness maker and used to trade various articles for halters for their horses. The Kindler shop used to be full of Buffalo hides. John said all the settlers used to bring their hides in and have them tanned and robes made from them.

He ended his remarks by saying, "I am still in business and will continue to be until I die. This year (1936) I have done more business than in the last seven years. I guess the horse is eventually coming back to be of value to the farmer. Anyway the depression did not affect my business."

Mr. Kindler is 52 years old and still very active and progressive.

Interviewed: Mr. John Kindler
Date: May 6, 1936
By: Dean Nelson

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FOR THE JOHN KINDLER BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. John Kindler	Sept. 4, 1879	St. Cloud	Julius Kinder	

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Catherine		A	377	46	

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Julius Kindler Died October 5th, 1899
Son of Julius and Mary Kindler of Germany
Age 51 years