



**KISER FAMILY** - Pictured above is the Larkin Kiser family. Front row, left to right, Jesse Kiser, George W. Mauney, Arnold Kiser and Gene Kiser. Sitting in chair, Jacob Kiser and his wife, Mary. Back row, Floyd Kiser and his wife, Laura; Larkin and his daughter Dorothy, Lorena Kiser, Larkin Kiser's sister Lucy, and Mattie Adams, a friend of the family.

## Facts, Fallacies And Fancies



By **JESSE A. KISER**

Celebrations on October 7: Many citizens or families in the third generations will recall the October 7 celebrations in Kings Mountain. Some of the ceremonies were at the Battleground, where the American militia engaged in battle with the British force under the command of Major Patrick Ferguson of the British Army.

Ferguson made his stand on a mountain, part of the Kings

Mountain range, but not the pinnacle named Kings Mountain. The British were defeated by the American Militia, and surrendered. In fact, Ferguson was killed.

This battle marked the turning point of the American independence from the British.

I would like to recall the celebration held on October 7, 1916, when the Honorable William J. Bryan, Secretary of the State under President Woodrow Wilson, gave the speech.

On this occasion, I recall a black and white movie was made. The parade consisted of many floats, organizations and bands. As I recall, Walter S. Dilling, general chairman, made this movie. I can see him directing the traffic at "Midway", where the Southern Railway Company Depot is, across the railroad track, continuing on North Piedmont Avenue to the park on the left side of this avenue and in the front of the Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company.

After the festivities of speeches, bands, etc., a horse tournament was held in the street. Poles were erected with an arm which held a ring. Riders rode their horse with a pole and the one who had rung the most rings was the winner of this event. Some of the men who entered the contest were Gene Neisler, Harvey Williams and Grady Watterson, and others that I do not recall. It began near C.E. Neisler's home and ended at Dr. L.P. Baker's home.

At this time, the streets were not paved, but were good, hard sand-clay, and very smooth. One of the floats—Kiser-Mauney store—consisted of a pair of mules which our dad had purchased from Mike Plonk and Forest Floyd, who operated the Plonk and Floyd establishment.

This pair of mules were real Missouri mules. The new harness decorated their bridles

and the other part of the harness was red, white and blue. So were the wagon wheels, wagon bed—with a seat for the driver—a black man dressed in new overalls, hat and shoes.

My brothers Gene, Arnold, and I were dressed in overalls and straw hats. We stood in the three corners of the wagon bed, with a large banner on supports mounted to the wagon bed and reading: "America First, Kiser-Mauney Next" painted on white cloth and letters in red, white and blue.

Another celebration was held on October 7, 1930, when President Herbert Hoover made the principal address. He was accompanied by his wife. It was said that 75,000 people were here that day.

In fact, as I recall, the Southern Railway ran several special trains to bring the people for the celebration. I had invited two gentlemen from Standard Oil Company, named J.A. Kruse from the New York Office Advertising Department, and Philip F. Grasset, from Paris, France, who was on a training assignment in the manner the oil business operated. I met them at the station and had to drive on U.S. 29 toward Bessemer City before I could bring them to my dad's home on East King Street, where we left the car and walked to the Central High School location on Ridge Street. There a pageant was presented by 200 local citizens and directed by Miss Laura Plonk, depicting the history of Kings Mountain. The men had to board the train in the afternoon to return to Charlotte.

### Cpl. Waters Has Returned From Okinawa

Marine Lance Cpl. Dwayne P. Waters, son of James P. and Helen Waters of 203 Morris St., Kings Mountain, recently returned from a deployment to Okinawa.

He is a member of 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

His battalion spent six months overseas as part of the Marine Corps' unit deployment program. The concept is designed to rotate whole squadrons or battalions at a time instead of individuals at separate intervals. In this way, they retain their unit integrity, as well as shorten the actual time they spend overseas.

During the deployment, his battalion conduct training exercises with the 3rd Marine Division and U.S. 7th Fleet.

A 1979 graduate of Kings Mountain Senior High School, Waters joined the Marine Corps in June 1979.

### Lt. McDaniel In Exercise

Second Lt. Jerry C. McDaniel, son of Edward and Margie L. Lear of 358 Walnut St., Rock Hill, S.C., has participated in the U.S. Readiness Command exercise Gallant Eagle '82, played in the desert environment of California and Nevada.

This year's exercise used a desert environment to test the Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force in command, control and communications; joint suppres-

sion of enemy air defenses; electronic warfare deception operations; tactical intelligence collection; tactical deployment of forces and strategic deployment by sea.

Ground maneuvers were to take place at Fort Irwin and the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at Twenty-Nine Palms, Calif. Air operations were conducted over Fort Irwin and Twenty-Nine Palms and surrounding air space including portions of the Nellis Air Force Base range in Nevada.

McDaniel is with the 1608th Security Police Squadron at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

His wife, Vone, is the daughter of Avery L. and Pat Howard of Rural Route 3, Kings Mountain.

He is a 1980 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

### Hardin On Board Mullinnix

Yeoman Third Class John S. Hardin, son of John and Jackie Hardin of Rt. 5 Kings Mountain, has deployed to The US Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba with his ship, USS MULLINNIX (DD 944).

The Charleston, SC-based destroyer left its homeport May 5 and will be in and around the Guantanamo area until early July conducting refresher training and emergency drills.

Hardin joined the Navy in November 1979 and has been aboard the MULLINNIX since July 1980.

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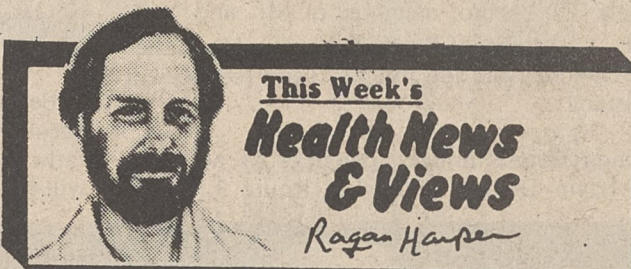
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While bugs bite routinely in June, it's the tick bite that a number of unfortunate victims fear most. About 5 ticks in 100 carry Spotted Fever. Symptoms usually occur 10-14 days after being bitten and include fever, aches, and a rash around wrists and ankles. Failure to get treatment if you contract this disease could be fatal. Consult our pharmacy for bug repellents and bite remedies.



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