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There is little evidence here in New Bern that voters will switch from Nixon to McGovern because of the Watergate affair. The average citizen has grown cynical and considers both major parties politically crooked.

No longer can the Senator from South Dakota, or any other candidate, adopt a pious pose, and successfully point the finger of scorn at his opponent. Americans, better informed than ever, simply won't buy it.

Certainly Nixon's Administration has not been without its pollution, but we are finding it hard to believe that anyone high up in White House circles was stupid enough to initiate the Watergate crime.

That Republicans and Democrats alike do all the snooping they feel is profitable to their cause is an assumption few will dispute. Let's face it, was bugging at Watergate a project worth undertaking?

Not only Nixon and his closest associates, but the general public, can be characterized as well informed about the current state of Democratic headquarters in Washington. Democrats themselves insist it is a place of poverty.

No one accused the burglars of stealing any money. If indeed there was cold cash on hand, it possibly was hidden under all those unpaid telephone bills that inspire much of the party's poor mouthing.

It is ironical that Senator Ted Kennedy, of all people, is pressing for full disclosure of all that happened at Watergate, and deploring the secrecy surrounding those who possibly were involved.

Can it be that Kennedy has had a change of heart about covering up things since he deserted a drowning girl in his company one night, took great steps to hide the fact, and hasn't, so far as we know, explained why no autopsy was performed.

Isn't this also the same Ted Kennedy, now so devoted to revealing all, who was involved in a hit and run accident in Washington, and later arrested and convicted for fleeing from the scene?

Kennedy's shortcomings don't make the Watergate burglary less a crime, but they do afford fairly recent evidence that Republicans, high and low, have no monopoly on disgraceful behavior while in public office.

As for Mr. McGovern, his memory is hazy and his knowledge of history woefully limited, when he denounces Nixon's Administration as the most corrupt ever saddled upon the nation.

Conveniently, he makes no mention of Bobby Baker, who turned out to be a decided liability in the Johnson Administration; Billie Sol Estes, who sprouted in John F. Kennedy's Administration; and Sherman Adams, who made Eisenhower rather unhappy.

Best remembered by most of us who are well along in years are the scandals of the Harding

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**A WONDERFUL WORLD**—Any season is a happy one for four year old Michael Homer Miller, Jr., of Newport News, Va., whose paternal grandmother, Mrs. Mildred Miller, lives in New Bern. Mac, as he is nicknamed, has the same easy going disposition that his father, a native New Bernian, is blessed with. Michael, Sr., before moving to Virginia from

Greenville, had already gained quite a reputation for designing floral arrangements, and his creative talent has made him well known in Newport News. Michael's wife is the former Barbara Allen of Greenville, where the maternal grandparents, the Howard Allens, reside.