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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE
 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind. Ephesians 4:23.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE
 By MARTIN HARMON

"To the dead Democrats, from the live Republicans," the inscription read. I didn't know the wreath was there. Bill Beatty called before I left for work to remind me that he had told me Skipper Bowles and Nick Galifianakis had been upset by their Republican opponents, which, indeed, they had been. Bill and I were still conversing when the doorbell rang. I excused myself momentarily and Grier Sipes, my good neighbor, was there, with a quite concerned look on his face. He asked, "Anything wrong? What's this wreath doing on your door?"

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I started laughing and told Grier, "Some of my Republican friends are sympathizing with me. I lost an election yesterday, just like you did." Grier replied, "I sure did."

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The greenery was draped with a wreath and at later that Ollie Harris and Lee Roberts had been honorary honored. And Lee and Bill had decided I should get the same treatment. I left it there on purpose, thought my friends should get a laugh, too. A bit tough on my wife who found the wreath beaded door in the afternoon and could imagine all kinds of tragic happenings.

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I and other volunteers joined the West Kings Mountain precinct officials for the counting chore and we were all done (and all in) a shade shy of 2 a.m. One of the major chores was unfolding ballots. None of the ballot box slots were big enough to accept a ballot unfolded.

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There were only two difficult ballots to count, the state ticket and the one on the constitutional amendments, the latter being the hardest. (Much easier to tally names than numbers.) Collaborating on this chore were Mrs. Bob (Mary Wade) Smith, Jake Dixon and Mickey Powers. On the other toughie were Bob Maner, caller, and Mrs. Jerrie Werner, Howard Bryant, Mrs. Bob Cox, and Mrs. Ken Cook tallies. Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Smith had begun their day at the polls at 6 a.m.

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At the Armory, where 1563 votes were cast, including 22 military and 31 civilian absentees, only 28 failed to vote for a president, according to President Nixon 1108, Senator McGovern 409, Representative Schmitz 18. One voter used his ballot to write-in Humphrey-Jackson, and another to give a write-in for George Wallace in the Democratic slot. Another used his presidential ballot to write, "I cannot support either nominee for president of the United States of America. Mr. Nixon is a crook and Mr. McGovern's views do not in the least reflect mine."

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Another used his county ballot, where there were no contests, to write: "What damn good does this ballot do? It serves no choice."

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At East Kings Mountain, 990 votes were cast, including 20 civilian and 17 military absentees, only 14 failed to cast presidential ballots. It was Nixon 725, McGovern 232, Schmitz 14. Of the five write-ins, Gov. George Wallace got four, Senator Ted Kennedy one.

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Collaborating with me on the unfolding and separating chore was a neat, bright young man who knew me. I hate to admit I don't know someone, but I finally asked, "What's your name?" He replied, "Johnny Bumgardner." No wonder I didn't know him. He's grown up on me. He recalled and I remembered we'd first got acquainted about ten years ago at Wright's Barber Shop. Johnny is a student at Gardner-Webb, may transfer to Wake Forest for his final two years.

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Mrs. Hazel Herndon Fryer, the other election workers and voters got a fright when Dorus Littlejohn, the veteran West KM Republican judge, fainted. Says Hazel, "I felt something brush my sleeve, turned my head, and there was Mr. Littlejohn lying on the floor." Nothing serious, happily.

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Poll openers (first voters) were Charles J. Oliver, at East KM, and Tommy Barnette, at West. Backbreakers (last voters) were Judge Clavon Kelly at East, and Robert C. Dawkins at West.

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Mrs. Nell Cranford (East), Mrs. J. H. Arthur (West), and Mrs. Jim Conner (Bethweare) are veteran registrars and manage their precincts well. In spite of the large vote, voters spent little time in exercising their voting prerogative.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

HANOI'S DEADLINE
 Predictably, President Nixon is being pressured by Madam Binh, Moscow, Peking, Hanoi and a few folks at home to sign the peace agreement, today, and ram it down the throat of President Thieu.

It won't happen. And while there is every reason for the President to want to bring the Vietnam business to a conclusion, there are plenty of good reasons for not meeting today's Hanoi-demanded deadline. Not the least reason is the deadline probably is one final Hanoi test of U. S. nerve, the kind of trap that is easy to fall into when a much-desired objective appears to be in view.

Presidential Adviser Kissinger said last week that the U. S. will not sign the agreement until it believes it has a clear understanding with Hanoi of the agreement's terms. He was less adamant about also having the assent of President Thieu, but while it might have been impolitic to say so clearly, the administration obviously would like to have at least some form of approval from the South.

There will be those who will argue, perhaps, that the U. S. heel-dragging is dangerous and foolhardy when an acceptable agreement that could end U. S. military involvement is ready for the signing. But, in fact, it probably is neither.

First of all, there would not have been any draft agreement had not Hanoi finally decided, only a few weeks ago, that it wanted to make a deal. Such decisions, when the great cost of war has been paid, are not made lightly. They were dictated by objective conditions that Hanoi apparently saw no possibility of changing.

The objective situation that the Hanoi leadership had to face was that its Easter offensive in the South had been a costly failure in terms of achieving even minimal military objectives. There was no longer solid backing from Moscow and Peking. The prospects for a military conquest of the Saigon regime were anything but bright. So Hanoi apparently decided to try to make the best deal it could make — one that would allow it to leave its troops in place in the South to help in a political contest — while the American President was experiencing the pressures of an election campaign.

The thing that should be kept in mind is that the objective conditions that have brought the two sides close to agreement are not likely to change dramatically if the signing is delayed a few days, or even a few weeks. Indeed, the Vietcong started to back away from the deadline in their statement in Paris yesterday, though still insisting that the agreement was complete and must be forced upon Saigon.

Since the U. S. has paid a large price, too, to get to the point it would be profligate to act in haste during the closing stages. The U. S. is indeed tired of the whole business, but it now has at least a fair chance to achieve the Vietnam stability it has long sought with no further cost in American lives and very little, relatively, in American wealth.

Vietnam must remain partly an American problem for sometime to come, but if it is dealt with carefully it can now be approached with constructive, rather than destructive, measures. An essential requirement for the stability that will be necessary before constructive measures can begin will be a viable government in Saigon. For all his failings, President Thieu appears to be supplying such a government. It thus would be a mistake for the U. S. to endanger his position by rushing in to a settlement that might appear to take no account of his views and interests.

Of course, President Thieu cannot be allowed to sabotage a good agreement. But if undue haste should make it appear that he has not received a fair hearing, it would be neither exemplary treatment for a government that the U. S. has classed as an ally nor a good omen for the future. One point that Dr. Kissinger wants settled is an understanding that a new National Council of National Reconciliation and Concord, which would have Communist representation, would not be a "government" in the South. It is a point that indeed should be clear.

While nothing in the real world is without risk, it's unlikely that attempts to clarify such matters will cause the agreement to be withdrawn. The objective conditions for an agreement, principally Hanoi's willingness, now exist whereas they did not prior to Oct. 8. At this point the task is to make it an agreement that will work.

Wall Street Journal

Veterans Training At High Mark

VETERANS TRAINING
 Veterans training under the Vietnam Era GI Bill are expected to pass the two million mark in 1972. H. W. Johnson, Director of the Winston-Salem Veterans Administration Regional Office, reported today.

The estimate is based on a statistical report that revealed that 1.9 million veterans and service-men used GI Bill education benefits during fiscal year 1972, an 18 percent gain over the previous year.

Johnson pointed out that 3.4 million trainees had used their benefits as of the end of August. During the first six years of the Bill, the number of trainees had exceeded the 13 year total for the Korean Conflict GI Bill by almost a million, Johnson pointed out.

During 12 years of the World War II GI Bill, 7.8 million of the 15.3 million World War II veterans, or 45.3 percent, received some form of training. About 13.8 percent attended college compared to 21.9 percent among Vietnam Era veterans and 20.1 percent for Korean Conflict veterans.

These additional enrollment statistics were revealed in the VA report.

Veterans in colleges and universities rose by 16 percent over the previous year — from 917,000 to 1,066,000.

Below college level enrollment rose by 22 percent — from 522,000 to 638,000.

On-the-job training, through which most trainees are preparing for trade and industrial occupations, rose by 11 percent — from 146,000 to 162,000.

Vocational rehabilitation training for service disabled veterans rose four percent — from 30,500 to 31,700.

Dependent's educational assistance — for wives, widows and children of certain veterans and servicemen — rose by almost nine percent — from 8,800 to 9,600 for wives (nine percent) and from 50,700 to 55,000 for children (8.4 percent).

Eligibility for GI Education Assistance extends to veterans with 180 days active military service provided, any part of it was served after January 31, 1955.

Hindsight Prescience

Hindsight prescience being vastly superior to the foresight brand, newspaper editors, television commentators, and other voters can comment on the 1972 election with firm opinions not too likely to be contradicted.

Ten years ago, Governor Terry Sanford was asked his analysis of the apparent Republican resurgence in North Carolina. The Governor replied, "I doubt that any of you (a group of newspaper editors) can name the Republican candidate for governor in 1928. But he got 45 percent of the vote." It was the Sanford opinion that the incidence of Republicanism in North Carolina was merely returning to normal status, after the ravages the Great Depression, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Harry S. Truman had dealt the Grand Old Party. Governor Sanford continued, "You know the growing majority of today's voters don't know anything about the depression except what their fathers and grandfathers tell them, and that doesn't make too much impression."

campaign plan which wins for a candidate one election will lose for him the next, and vice versa. Thus in the recent campaign the Bowles money cost him some votes — yet did not react to the disfavor of Senate winner Jesse Helms who spent as much as Bowles and likely more.

Another factor for Holshouser was the continuing plea to the voters that North Carolina would have greatly improved government via a strong two-party political system.

This and the other factors were the ones which provided Holshouser with his 48,000 victory margin.

THE NIXON VICTORY

President Nixon has won re-election, which was freely predicted, by the greatest electoral vote majority since the Alf Landon debacle in 1936, when Mr. Landon won only Maine and Vermont for eight elector votes. Senator McGovern garnered 17 from Massachusetts and the District of Columbia.

It is axiomatic since 1900 that an incumbent is hard to dislodge. Teddy Roosevelt's Bull Moose party defeated President Taft and elected Wilson. And the Great Depression slayed President Hoover's re-election.

President Nixon had some minuses which a stronger candidate might have used to more advantage than did McGovern, the ITT and Watergate affairs, the secrecy on campaign contributions that grain deal to Russia where a few fat cats grew fatter. But he had some pluses, too. The nation generally applauded his role in foreign affairs and efforts to establish greater rapport with China and Russia. They liked the idea of getting "our boys home from Vietnam". Meantime, Senator McGovern had to pay some debts for his takeover of the Democratic convention, with a motley array of delegates who could not hope of offer the heft of the old line managers and money-raisers in a national election. The majority of the people were "afraid" of what McGovern would do.

Democratic regulars are already saying its time to make the necessary overtures to Governor George Wallace to return him to the party and to through out the stupid rules, of which McGovern was the architect, but which, in enfranchising some minorities, created new minorities in the Democratic party.

HELMS VICTORY

The Jesse Helms - Nick Galifianakis contest was figured to be the closest of the state-wide contests of those the Republicans had a chance to win. It wasn't. Helms started with a good base in Eastern North Carolina, where his conservative editorial comment via WRAL-TV, Raleigh, was a long-time diet for Eastern North Carolinians, and a diet his listeners relished. His campaign money, sent down from Washington GOP headquarters, was unlimited, and he used communications media in the Piedmont and West to get exposure. Even though Senator B. Everett Jordan gave firm endorsement to Galifianakis, winner over Jordan in the primary, bitterness remained among many Jordan supporters who liked not one whit some of the Galifianakis propaganda, particularly references to Jordan's age and health. Galifianakis was as under-financed as Helms was over-financed. The face-to-face campaigning which had won three close campaigns for the Greek lawyer from Durham was sufficient in a House of Representatives contest, but insufficient in a state-wide race when the other guy was going that extra expensive, but necessary, advertising route.

HOLSHOUSER PROBLEM

Does North Carolina face a static four years under a Republican governor, when it's lieutenant-governor, council of state, and General Assembly is under control of the opposition Democrats?

Only time will tell whether the majority of the opposition will treat Jim Holshouser as Lyndon Johnson, then Senate majority leader treated President Dwight Eisenhower, or play peanut politics, as the Democrats did Herbert Hoover.

With 48,200-plus votes his margin, Governor Holshouser can claim no great mandate from the people.

It is likely he can establish some fair-minded rapport with the Democrats from the Piedmont, but what about those Eastern Democrats in the General Assembly, who make politics a business at which they work 365 days every year and 366 days in leap years?

Hopefully, for the benefit of the state, the General Assembly majority, the council of state, and the lieutenant-governor will be willing for rapport — going with the enemy governor when he's right, reserving their "nay" power for use when the Governors off-base.

If this does not occur, the state is in store for a stagnate four years, which North Carolina can ill afford.

HOLSHOUSER VICTORY

To Tar Heel Democrats, the most shocking loss on Tuesday was the governorship, with Jim Holshouser defeating Skipper Bowles.

Until Tuesday, no Republican had been elected governor in 76 years. That gentleman was D. L. Russell, of Brunswick County. He was elected in a fusion movement between the Republicans and farmers, who, in effect, were saying at the ballot box they wanted some services in return for their taxes. After the state got rid of the carpet-baggers, the Democrats found the policy of white supremacy and cussing Yankees sure-fire tickets to victory.

The anti-McGovern feeling in the state and throughout the South had to contribute to the Bowles demise by 48,200-odd votes. Republican resurgence, which gained in the Eisenhower years, was another Holshouser plus. The George Wallace vote, it is apparent, went to Holshouser.

Another factor was Bowles' heavy campaign spending. There can be no hard-and-fast rules in politics, for the

Cansler Area Project

Final approval of the Cansler street area urban renewal project is more good news for Kings Mountain.

Mayor John Henry Moss' statement that the area is Kings Mountain's most blighted will elicit agreement from any who care to tour the several block area.

Replacement of derelict and sub-standard residences with modern ones will enhance the welfare of the citizens involved and, for that matter, the whole city.

Kings Mountain appreciates the aid of U. S. Representatives James T. Broyhill in obtaining final approval of this project.

Over 72 Are Getting Social Security

Over one-third of all people getting monthly social security checks are 72 years old or over, according to social security officials here.

"Social security pays monthly retirement disability or survivors benefits to over 28 million people a month," a spokesman said. "About 10 million of the beneficiaries are 72 or over."

Of the 10 million, 6 1/2 million get retirement payments based on their own work under social security. About 1 million get payments as dependent wives or husbands, about 2 million as the widows and widowers of workers, and about 500,000 as people 72 or over who are covered under a special provision of the law because they had very little opportunity to earn social security credit during their working years.

"Beneficiaries age 72 and over can keep working, earn any amount, and still get the full social security check they're entitled to every month," the spokesman noted.

Beneficiaries under 72 will lose some benefits if they earn over \$1,680 in a year. "But no matter how much they earn in a year, they can be paid the full benefit they're entitled to for any month in which they neither earn wages or are covered under a special provision of the law because they had very little opportunity to earn social security credit during their working years."

The average social security benefit paid to a retired worker 72 or over is about \$161 a month. A total of 1 1/2 million retired workers, 62 and over, get social security benefits, and the overall average payment is \$160 a month.

The Veterans Administration says about 2.2 million veterans with service connected disabilities received 10 percent on their September compensation checks as a result of Public Law 92-328.

Miss Alexander Program Speaker

Miss Cindy Alexander, sophomore student at Gardner-Webb College at Bowling Springs, will present a patriotic program at the second annual Cleveland County Gold Star Mothers Luncheon Sunday at noon at Hotel Charles Dining Room, Shelby.

Miss Alexander will also be assisted by Larry Wood, youth director at Temple Baptist church.

Daughter of Postmaster and Mrs. Charles Alexander, Miss Alexander was a member of the Good News Singers of America on their summer tour of the Soviet Union two years ago. She is active in the youth work and music program of First Baptist church.

Mr. Wood is a graduate of Gardner-Webb college.

Program chairman for the luncheon is Elizabeth Stewart, president of Otis D. Green Post 155 Auxiliary of Kings Mountain, co-hostess for the event with members of Shelby Auxiliary to Post 152.

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log
 VISITING HOURS
 Daily 10:30 to 11:30 A.M.
 3 to 4 P.M. and 7 to 8 P.M.

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 Mrs. Charles F. Carpenter
 Mack Lee Conner
 Mrs. John Dunbar
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 Ross Gregory
 Mrs. Bessie G. Hannah
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ADMITTED THURSDAY
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ADMITTED MONDAY
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 Mrs. Manda R. Barber, 107 Wateroak St., City.
 Mrs. Edward W. Bibbs, Stinnettes Trailer Park, Bessemer City.

Birth Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Kirkpatrick, 502 West Robison St., Dallas, announce the birth of a son, Thursday, November 2, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Jones, 207 Valley Avenue, Clover, S. C., announce the birth of a son, Monday, November 6, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve L. Evans, 2537 Melton Street, Gastonia, announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, November 7, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel T. Hyde, Route 4, Shelby, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, November 7, Kings Mountain hospital.

Liberty Declares New Dividends

GREENVILLE, S. C. — The Liberty Corp. board of directors today approved regular quarterly dividends of 5 cents per share on common stock and 10 cents per share on preferred stock. Both will be payable Dec. 29 to shareholders of record Dec. 14.

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