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### WEEKLY BIBLE THOUGHT

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### CITY PEOPLE REALLY DO NEED GOOD RURAL ROADS

Governor Scott, in advocacy of his \$200,000,000 Good Roads Bond Issue, and the \$25,000,000 School Building Bond Issue, told an inquiring newspaper reporter in reply to questions about "critical articles" appearing in the Charlotte press that Mecklenburg County would have to pay more on the bond issues than they would get out of them, remarked:

"I don't quite see how they figure that. I just let them have some money out of the July highway appropriation to finish up a project right through Charlotte. That city shouldn't take the position that it can build a wall around itself. It's made up of people who left the country years ago. What makes Charlotte is the back country. They can't take that position and be fair on it. The city needs good rural roads, both to get buyers into its stores and to get goods and services in and out of it."

The Governor is making a good fight for his Good Roads Bond Issue, and is perfectly right, as The Journal sees it, in his statement that the city folks were not being fair if they try to cut off his secondary road program, not even to themselves.

Many of us remember the howl that went up when Governor Morrison asked for \$60 million to pull North Carolina out of the mud and mire, and traffic and fast vehicle movement was then in its infancy. A vote for the \$200 million dollar bond issue for roads will be a vote for North Carolina progress, and all of our citizens will in the long run, be beneficiaries. So, here's to success for the movement. Charlotte draws trade from a wide area, and much of it comes from those served to a degree by rural roads "until they hit the main highway — so Charlotte business houses are bound to be greatly benefitted from a sales stand point.

### THE ROOSEVELTS HAVE TO BE RECKONED WITH

With all the political combinations, including the Tammany Hall machine, arrayed against him, and with campaign orators of a varied array harranguing a constituency composed of Irish-Americans, Puerto Ricans, Jews, Negroes—and others—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., came out victorious in his race for the seat in Congress of Sol Bloom, who recently passed away, and who had held the seat for over 20 years. Roosevelt ran under the banner of the New York State's Liberal Party and the Four Freedom's Party. Of course, those campaigning against Roosevelt dug down in the muck barrel, and

went into the family closet to dig up the skeletons and even went into the grave to pick the bones of his father, and left his mother not out of the picture. But all of no avail, as there seems to be a charm to the name of Roosevelt, especially Franklin D. Sr., and even "Teddy" (the "Big Stick"), that the "ordinary" American citizen does not forget. Of course no one expects him to turn the world over in Congress, but The Journal will venture to say that he will be heard from before very long.

His father handed Tammany Hall a defeat early in his political career, 35 years ago, and young Roosevelt, the first one of his family to run for office has again handed it another defeat. He said in acknowledging his election. "I am deeply grateful to the people of the 20th Congressional district and I will do my utmost to serve them well. This is not a personal victory but rather belongs to the hundreds of volunteers who worked so tirelessly and unselfishly in this good fight for honest, clean government and liberal principles."

To show the pulling power of the Roosevelt name, and of the man, he received 41,146 votes against his nearest competitor, a Tammany Democrat, who got 24,352. The Journal is going to venture the statement that Organized Labor has won a friend in his election.

### LABOR SHOULD NOT FORGET

The editor and publisher of the Charlotte Labor Jour-

nal is in receipt of a Legislative Report from President C. A. Fink of the N. C. State A. F. of L., which gives a brief resume of his activities in Raleigh during the 1949 session of our Legislature. The report, is of course, more or less confidential and for the information of state locals, shows that the majority of the members of both House and Senate were not very favorable to labor legislation, but on most of the important bills, concerning labor, a list of names of those voting for and against Labor are listed. It would be wise for all A. F. of L., and all Labor, to keep the names of those hostile to organized Labor ever before them and when election time rolls around Use the Ballot.

### THANKS DUE GOV. SCOTT OF N. C.

All over the United States good citizens are feeling grateful to Governor Scott of North Carolina for his appointment of Dr. Frank A. Graham to be United States Senator from North Carolina.

The 1942 elections and the 1946 elections lowered the general quality of the Senate to the lowest point in United States history. In 1948 the people undid the worst of their mistakes of 1942. It will not be until 1952 that the people will have a chance to restore the Senate to its traditional dignity and to a position as one of the greatest legislative bodies in the world when the unfortunate accident of 1946 can be eliminated—South Carolina Labor News.

### POPULAR A. F. OF L. ORGANIZER PASSES

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Brother Kemp's death was a shock to the many friends he had made here and local labor extends its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved widow. The remains were sent to Elmyra, Ohio, his home, for burial.

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