

East Waynesville Baptist Church

The Rev. Robert Shope, Jr., Pastor
"I was Glad when they said unto Me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalms-122:1.
SUNDAY-
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. Earl Mashburn, Superintendent.

Barberville Baptist Church

Rev. Paul Mull, Pastor
SUNDAY-
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. John Ruff, Superintendent.

Announcements and Activities
THURSDAY, Jan. 19 — Cottage Prayer meeting.

FRIDAY, Jan. 20 — Choir Practice at the church at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Charles Isley, Music Director of the First Baptist Church, will be present to help with the choir.

TUESDAY, Jan. 24—Bible Study at the home of John Ruff on Boyd Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-
Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The Nursery is open each Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock and for all other services of the church.

The Christian And Missionary Alliance Church Of Canton

"A Bible Church With A Christ Centered Message"
The Rev. David Richardson, Pastor
SUNDAY-
2:15 p.m.—Bible Study.
3:00 p.m.—Afternoon Service.
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.

Olivet Baptist Church

MAGGIE VALLEY
The Rev. John Willis, Jr., Pastor
SUNDAY-
7:30 a.m.—The Gospel Light Hour. Radio station WWIT in Canton, 970 on your dial.

Pigeon Baptist Church

The Rev. F. C. Hicks, Pastor
SUNDAY-
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. Henry F. Teague, Superintendent.

Victory Baptist Church

MAGGIE VALLEY
The Rev. John R. Willis, Jr., Pastor
SUNDAY-
7:30 p.m.—The Gospel Light Hour over Radio Station WWIT—Canton—970 on your dial.

Liberty Baptist Church

The Rev. D. D. Russell, Pastor
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School. Lloyd Teague, Superintendent.

Sunday School Lesson

Parables on Discipleship

CHRIST SHOWS US THE WAY TO BECOME HIS FOLLOWERS

Scripture—Luke 14.

By NEWMAN CAMPBELL
IN THIS LESSON Jesus shows us in parables how we may become followers of Him.

Jesus was invited to dinner on a Sabbath, at the house of a chief Pharisee. As they sat at table, Jesus saw a man who was ill with the dropsy. Turning to His companions, Christ asked if it was lawful to heal on the Sabbath. No one answered Him, so Jesus healed the sick man.

We are not told of the Pharisees' reaction to this miracle, but probably they were angered as they had been on a similar healing in the synagogue. If a beast of their fell into a pit on the Sabbath, Jesus told them, would they not rescue the animal? Still they did not answer.

To teach humility, Jesus said that if a man was invited to a wedding, he would do well to take an inconspicuous place at table—not one of prominence, lest he be later humbled. He had noted how the Pharisees always chose the choicest seats.

If the host came to him and visit, even if we could not invite them to eat with us.

Another parable Jesus told was of a man who "made a great supper," and asked many to come. Entertaining at a fine feast was a common practice in the Orient, as indeed it is with us today.

When the feast was ready to serve the host sent his servant to call his guests to come and eat.

In this case, however, those who apparently had accepted the invitation made excuses. The servant returned to his master and told him about this, and the host naturally was very angry.

He told his servant to go into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in "the poor, the maimed, the halt and the blind."

He did as he was told and then reported that the tables were not yet filled, so the master told him to go into the highways and hedges and compel the people to come, and so the tables were filled.

Lastly, we must consider what it means to become a follower of Christ. What is the cost going to be?

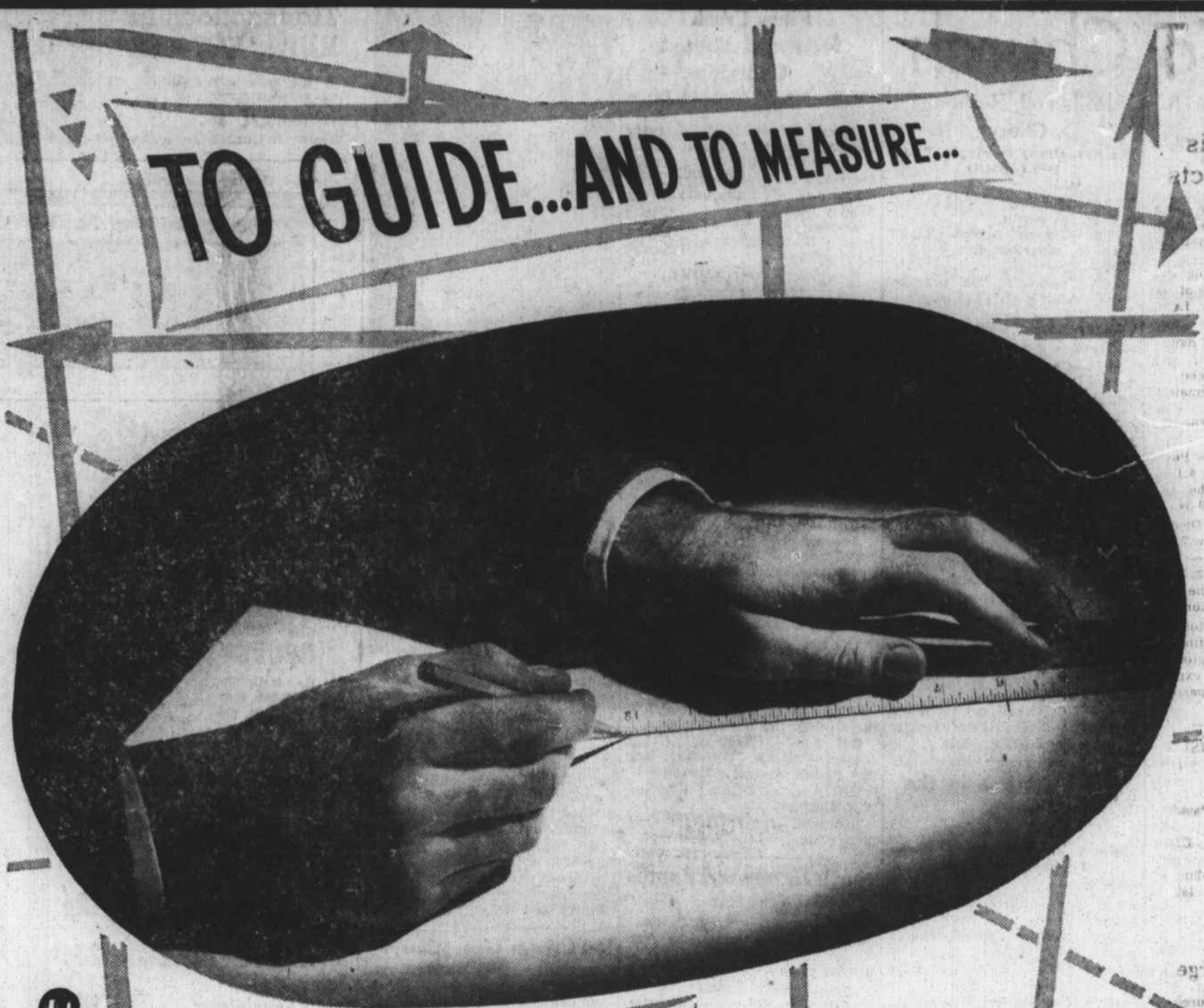
A man who planned to build a house would naturally figure the cost beforehand to see if he would have the funds to finish it. A king would sit down first and consult to see what chances he had before he began to make war upon another king—whether he would be able to defeat the forces that would be sent against him.

"So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be My disciple."

To be compassionate with those who suffer, as Jesus was; to be humble, not excusing our faults, and not looking for faults in others, only in ourselves. To be willing to make sacrifices not only for those close and dear to us, but for all who need it. Thus we will grow more like Christ who made the greatest sacrifice for us.

asked him to a higher table, then he could take it and be honored. We are all tempted to think well of ourselves and our accomplishments or state in life, but none of us should be puffed up by such things, but keep ourselves humble.

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