

Witnesses Set Meeting

The Gastonia Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses West Unit will serve as the host congregation for a three-day Bible seminar to be held in the Hunter Huss High School Auditorium December 19-21, announced Herbert W. Elam, presiding minister of the local congregation.

The semi-annual event will attract upwards of 800 ministers representing 15 congregations from western North Carolina and the north central sector of South Carolina. It will be sponsored by the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society of Brooklyn, New York, the governing agency of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Mr. Elam further noted that the entire assembly program will be prepared and given with the underlying thought of "Right Kind of Ministers" which will be the central theme of the convention.

"The purpose of the seminar is to equip dedicated men, women and children with progressive knowledge and training for ministerial work. Instruction, training and exhortation will be presented in the form of Bible discourses, demonstrations, round-table discussions, interviews and experiences. This then will enable Witnesses and others attending to apply Bible principles more fully in their everyday lives. The educational benefits received can in turn be more effectively extended to the entire community," Mr. Elam said.

"Our delegates are mostly family groups," he added. "We find a place for them to lodge. We see to it that they have a convenient place to eat, and while they are in assembly they live as a comfortable self-contained community."

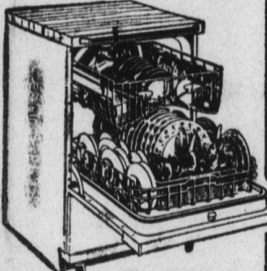
Some of the local ministers of Jehovah's Witnesses are scheduled to speak during the three-days. Highlighting the convention will be a widely advertised lecture "True Worship Versus the Fake". It will be given by a special representative of the Watchtower Society, Joseph Saia, at 2 p.m. Sunday December 21.

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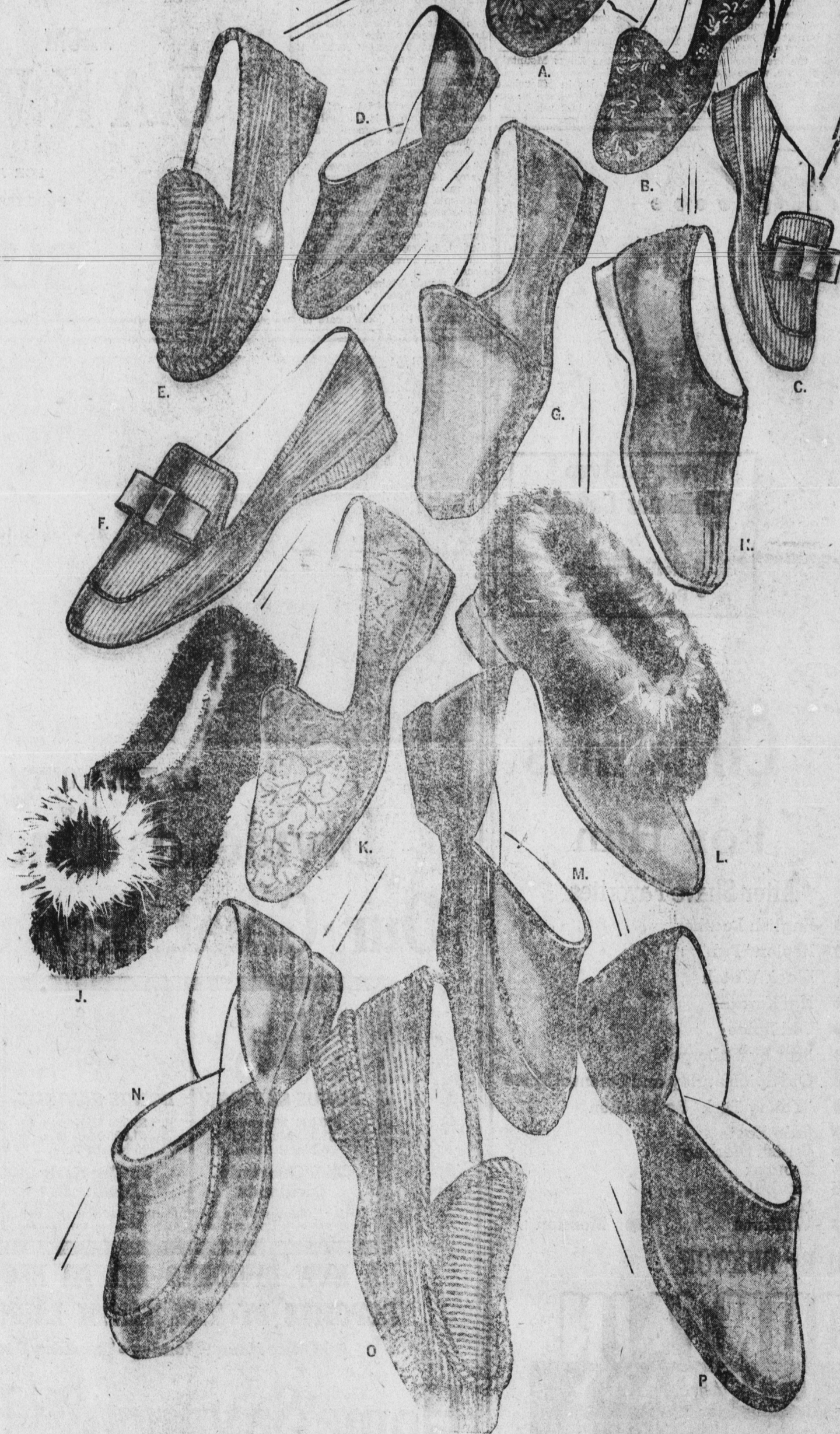


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