





By Mrs. Oma Lee Riddell

Patsy Moon spent last Sunday in Stephenville with her aunt, Flora Bays.

Jeane, Will, and Niki Grimshaw, Tena and Jimmy Dennington, all of De Leon, Tommy, Jane, Luke, and Katie Musick and Leslie Riddell, all of Stephenville, spent Saturday with us. We were celebrating Leslie's birthday early. Will and Niki spent Wednesday night and Thursday. Leslie and Luke spent Friday night.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Ed Looing. His family has our deepest sympathy.

J. C. gave William a real watchdog. He lets us know every time anyone comes on the place. He runs in and crawls under the bed.

Lexie Hogg visited with Lee and Jean Jernigan of Proctor Lake on Saturday afternoon.

F. D. and Janie Hogg, Stephenville visited one day this week with his mother, Renia Hogg.

I once told William that I thought

we should get the kids an encyclopedia. He said, "Let them walk to school same as I did."

One of the neighbors said he knocked two of his wife's teeth out to get her attention. She didn't pay any mind, just said, "Good, it just makes it easier to floss."

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Speakers will include Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas A&M University staff members as well as a swine breeder and several out-of-state authorities on hog production.

Gene Isler, Extension swing specialist with Ohio State University, will discuss "Breeding Programs to Maximize Profits" and "Selection of Animals for Market Hog Shows."

"Influence of Boars on Sow Reproductivity" and "Carcass Results of Barrows at the Houston and San Antonio Livestock Shows" will be discussed by Dr. T. D. Tanksley Jr., Extension swine specialist at Texas A&M.

Billy Clay with the UpJohn Co. of Kalamazoo, Mich., will be on hand to talk about "Use of Prostaglandins to Synchronize Farrowings."

A discussion on "Modifying Farrowing Stalls" will be handled by Ted Friend, associate professor of animal science at Texas A&M.

Health management, a key part of swine production, will be addressed by Dr. Bruce Lawhorn, Extension swine veterinarian at Texas A&M, in his talk, "Using Slaughter Checks to Evaluate Herd Health."

The program will conclude with a discussion on "Evaluation of Production Tested Slaughter Hogs and Replacement Gilts" by Tanksley, Isler, and Sam Sparger, Duroc breeder from De Leon.

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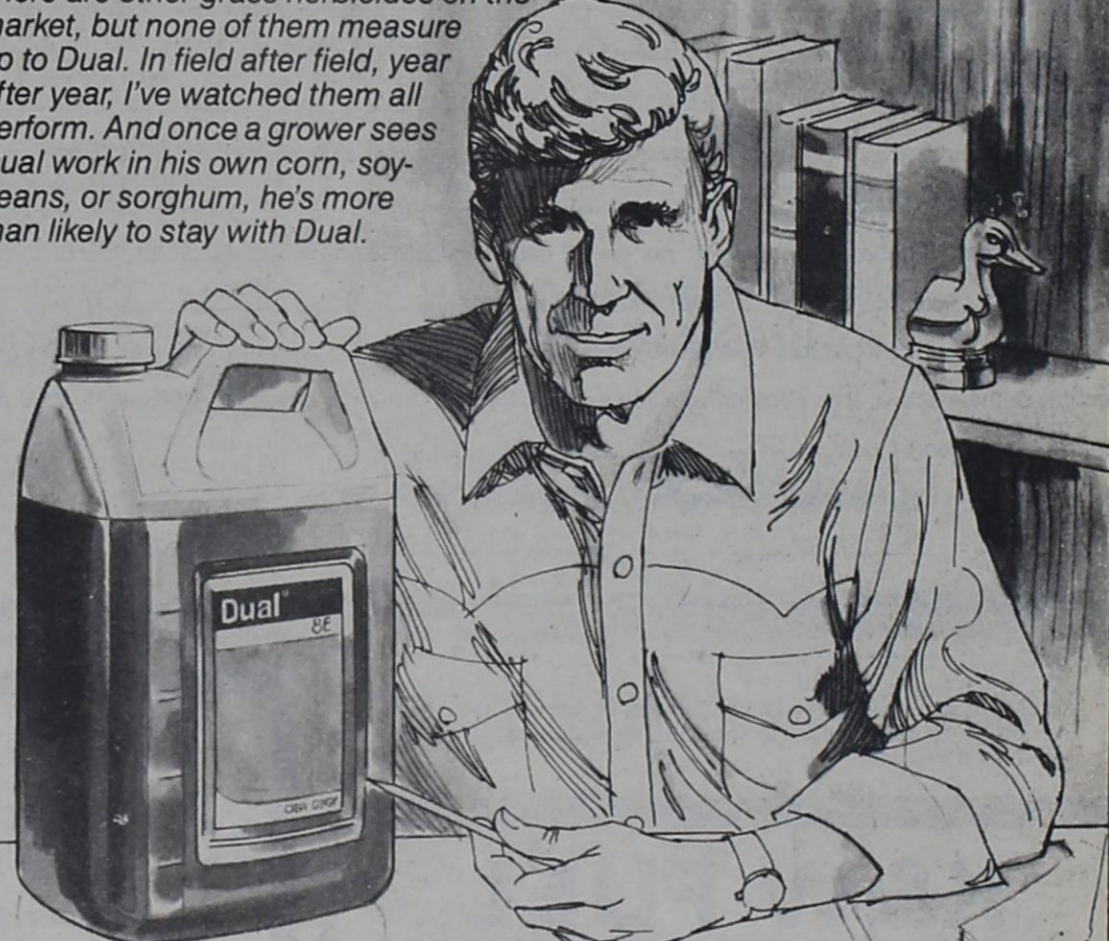
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## NEW FmHA RULE OFFERS ADDITIONAL CREDIT HELP TO FARMERS

New Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) regulations allow commercial banks and other lenders to write down interest rates for farm borrowers who could not otherwise get a production loan for Spring planting according to Texas FmHA State Director J. Lynn Futch.

The regulations, published in the Federal Register Feb. 15, are in addition to earlier rule changes which helped lenders make loans to some farm borrowers who were having trouble making payments on their loans.

The earlier changes, announced last September, offered an FmHA guarantee on a portion of the loan if the lender agreed to write off at least ten percent of the principal. The FmHA guarantee is an agreement that the Federal government will make up part of the loss to the lender if the borrower defaults.

Banks and other lenders told FmHA that they could help more farm borrowers if they could write down interest rates instead of, or in combination with, writing off part of the principal. In response to their requests, FmHA made the rule change allowing the interest write down in exchange in lieu of a write off. The borrower's loan payment must be the same under this option.

Futch said the new rules will enable many lenders to help farmers, those loans are classified as

substandard. "Lenders, who feel this Debt Adjustment Program can help, will review loans they now have with farmers who are having trouble repaying. They will determine whether or not the farmer could make payments if the loan is reduced by at least ten percent. If so, the lender can come to FmHA to get our guarantee on part of the remaining debt.

"With the assurance that a large portion of the debt is guaranteed, the bank or other lender is in a better position to extend credit to farmers for production expenses this Spring," Futch said.

"Even this additional assistance will not reach every farmer who is having economic problems. The farmer must be able to show that debt payments can be made within the expected cash flow. To do this the farmer's expected income from all sources must exceed expenses by ten percent. Expenses include debt payments, tax payments, and family living expenses as well as production.

"With the cooperation of banks, other lenders, and FmHA many good farmers who, for reasons beyond their control, are suffering financial stress will be able to continue their operations," Futch said.

The new regulations are being sent from the national office in

## 4-H PETTING ZOO BIG SUCCESS

4-H Petting Zoo is big success. Over 111 people toured the petting zoo Thursday, March 14th. The zoo had a baby calf brought by the Lewis family, baby pig from the Longs, ewe and lambs by McDonalds, chicks and goat by Allens, rabbits by Rays, and dog and puppies by the Burgesses. The kids were taken through the zoo by Jr. Leaders of Eastland County. They got to pet all the animals and some even got to hold them.

The zoo was a treat for all involved, young and old. Each animal was furnished by Jr. Leaders and their families. We plan on having a petting zoo again next year, so be sure to plan on coming out.

—GP—

Next week is the 4-H County Roundup. 4-H'ers will be competing for a chance to go to district contest in April. The 4-H'ers will compete Saturday, March 23rd, Monday the 25th and Tuesday the 26th for the judging teams in horse, livestock, dairy and rifle. Then Thursday the 28th 4-H'ers will compete in public speaking area: share the fun, demonstrations and illustrated talks. We wish them lots of luck!

Amy McDonald of Ranger is preparing for District 8 leadership retreat. Amy is president of the

Washington to nearly 2,000 local FmHA offices. "Official agency instructions will be sent to local offices, including the 136 county offices in Texas as soon as possible," Futch said.

## UMW MEETS WITH MRS. TOMMY HAILE

The United Methodist Women met in the home of Tommy Haile on Monday, March 25, at 2:30 pm. President Ruby Acree opened the program with prayer.

Lucretia Fairbetter, our Bible Study Leader, gave us the third and last lesson of the study. A study book on Ephesians by Letty M. Russell, Imitators of God. "Therefore by imitators of God, ye beloved children. Ephesians 5:1. Lucretia gave us study of the Ephesians from the Bible. Through the eyes of women, struggle, faith, love, peace, service, and strength.

Don Moorman gave important messages from the six chapters of the Book. One important message for the people around Ephesus. The style of Ephesians is that of a general letter sent to the churches as reflecting the language and theme of Paul's letters. Themes from early Christian worship and teachings.

Ranger 4-H, vice president of Eastland County Council and serves on numerous committees in the county. She is preparing for retreat because she is planning on running for District 8 4-H Chairman. Amy plans to share her recreation skills also while she is at the retreat. She and Stephanie Long will be assisting in the recreation for the retreat. We want to wish Amy lots of luck on her campaign for office.

## STENHOLM INTRODUCES AG RELATED BILLS

WASHINGTON\* D.C.—Two agriculture-related bills have been introduced in the U. S. House of Representatives by Congressman Charles W. Stenholm (D-Texas).

Congressman Stenholm, a member of the Agriculture Committee, has introduced a "Bases and Yields" bill and "Clear Title" legislation. The Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit and Rural Development scheduled a hearing to discuss Stenholm's Clear Title legislation for

Paul gave guidelines for living under the present political and social circumstances. Remind the Christian communities of the story of God's saving and reconciling action in Christ, urge them to live up to their calling as the people of God. We enjoyed the study and shared interpretations—"through the eyes of women." Lucretia closed study with prayer.

Sandwiches, banana chips, peach ice cream, coffee, and tea was served by our hostess, Tommy, to all members present. Lois Taylor, sister of Ruby Vandergriff, was our visitor. We enjoy her visits with us very much.

Our next meeting will be at the church April 15th at 2:30 pm. Bobbie Brown has the program.

Tuesday, March 26, in Washington, D.C.

Under the first proposal, Bases and Yields, it would simplify and standardize the way acreage bases and yields are assigned to producers.

Eight Members of Congress have already signed as co-sponsors of the proposed legislation, which bases yields on actual records, and gives farmers for flexibility than they now have in deciding how much of a given crop they will plant.

The second piece introduced by the Stamford Congressman is House Resolution 1591, or Clear Title. This bill would remove farm products' exceptions from Uniform Commercial Codes and extend clear title to agricultural commodities. Presently, if the seller of the commodity fails to repay the lender, the buyer can be held responsible by the banker, effectively forcing the buyer to pay twice for the same goods. This bill would establish a process through which the liability would be equitably distributed between the three parties.

"I believe these two basic reforms are long overdue," Congressman Stenholm said. "they will serve to rectify injustices inherent in both systems."



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## STENHOLM GIVES VIEWS ON FARM AND HEALTH CARE

WASHINGTON\* D.C. — Congressman Charles W. Stenholm offered his views on the troubled farm and health care industries to President Ronald Reagan during a private meeting at the White House last week.

The 17th District Representative

said the one-on-one discussion proved to be very positive and constructive. Congressman Stenholm said, "I was very pleased to have the opportunity to present our President with some views he had not been exposed to. He was surprised by some of the assertions made, but he

was receptive to constructive alternatives and suggestions. We agreed that our goal is to cut overall spending. We just disagree on how to do it."

On the farm issues, the Stamford Democrat told President Reagan he was not asking for more money. "What I said was that Agriculture will work with fewer dollars, but the funds that are there must be provided in a more productive manner." He said the administration's proposals were not productive, and quite possibly very destructive. "I told him the administration's bill will have a devastating effect on agriculture if it is implemented in its current form. That program would actually cost more than the proposal we're designing in the House."

During the 30-minute meeting, Congressman Stenholm also said he used figures provided by the administration to make his point to the President. "Secretary John Block admitted last week, and again this week to me in direct questioning at a 'House Ag Committee' Hearing, that the administration's program would cause a 20 percent drop in income over two years. It would cause more than 20 to 30 percent of our producing farmers to go bankrupt in the next three years. This is quite a blow to an industry already on its knees. I further said that the strong U.S. dollar is hurting our markets abroad. I don't think he understood that. I think he does now."

Stenholm offered a plan that would freeze spending at Fiscal 1985 current services baseline, make significant reductions from that level, but still maintain an adequate safety net.

The day after the meeting, White House officials requested that Congressman Stenholm return for another meeting with President Reagan and five other invited congressmen, all of whom had agricultural

backgrounds. Reagan asked them to make further suggestions utilizing their agriculture expertise. At a full Agriculture Committee hearing that same day, Secretary Block acknowledged that President Reagan had phoned him and instructed him to further explore Congressman Stenholm's ideas.

Congressman Stenholm said the main reason he requested the initial meeting was to insure positive communication between the administration and the Ag Committee. He said he had a fear that after the veto of the emergency farm credit bill - a "confrontational attitude" was developing. The fourth-term congressman said he had that fear allayed at the meeting.

"We must understand that we're discussing an important issue that affects all of us," he said. "We're not just talking about a farm policy. We're talking about a food policy. This affects the consumer, the banker, the businessman, and you. If you eat, you are involved in agriculture."

While the congressman was at the White House, he took advantage of the meeting to discuss with the President the plight of rural hospitals. He told President Reagan that rural hospitals across the nation are suffering from the recent Medicare reforms that did not take into account sparsely-populated areas. The small town units have been particularly affected by the Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) payments, which are not adjusted properly for rural areas.

The DRG formula pays rural hospitals less than the big city hospitals for the administration of the same health care. The Medicare theory is that rural cost-of-living is cheaper than that of urban areas. However, Congressman Stenholm told the President that the system

## Gorman Seniors To Sponsor Cinderella Contest March 29

The Gorman Seniors will host the 1985 Cinderella Contest. It will be March 29, 1985 at the High School Auditorium. The admission will be by donation. The contest will begin at 7 p. m. There will also be a fashion show that night after the Cinderella Contest.

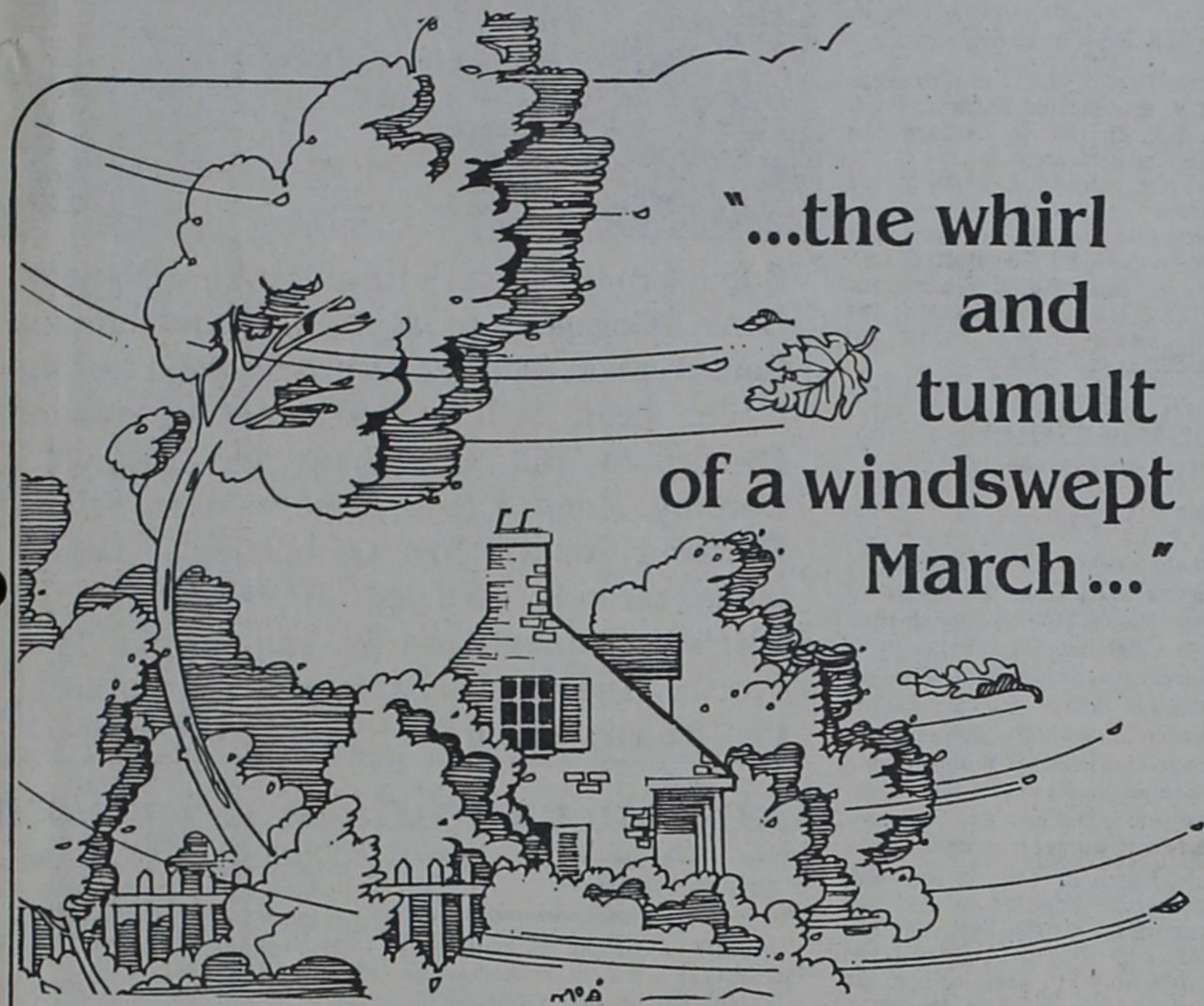
The seniors will be having a Bake Sale March 23 in front of the Post Office. There will be lots of goodies so come on by and see what we have for sale.

The seniors are now taking orders for shrimp. The shrimp is fresh from the coast and will be delivered around the middle of April. The shrimp cost \$5.00 a pound. There are approximately 20-22 shrimp to a one pound box. Please contact anyone of the seniors if you are interested in ordering shrimp. Here are some numbers to call - Lisa Foster 734-2696, Melissa Henry 734-2849, Angie Plaunty 893-6058, Jeff Ripley 734-2375, and Angela Burgess 734-2758.

does not allow for some facts. They include that in order to draw quality care, rural hospitals do not have the advantage of buying goods in bulk like larger units; and that rural areas have a disproportionate percentage of elderly residents, who on the average need more care.

"Those people living in densely populated cities have difficulty understanding the significance of a hospital in a small town," he told the President. "Just because a person lives in such an area does not mean that person is less deserving of quality health care."

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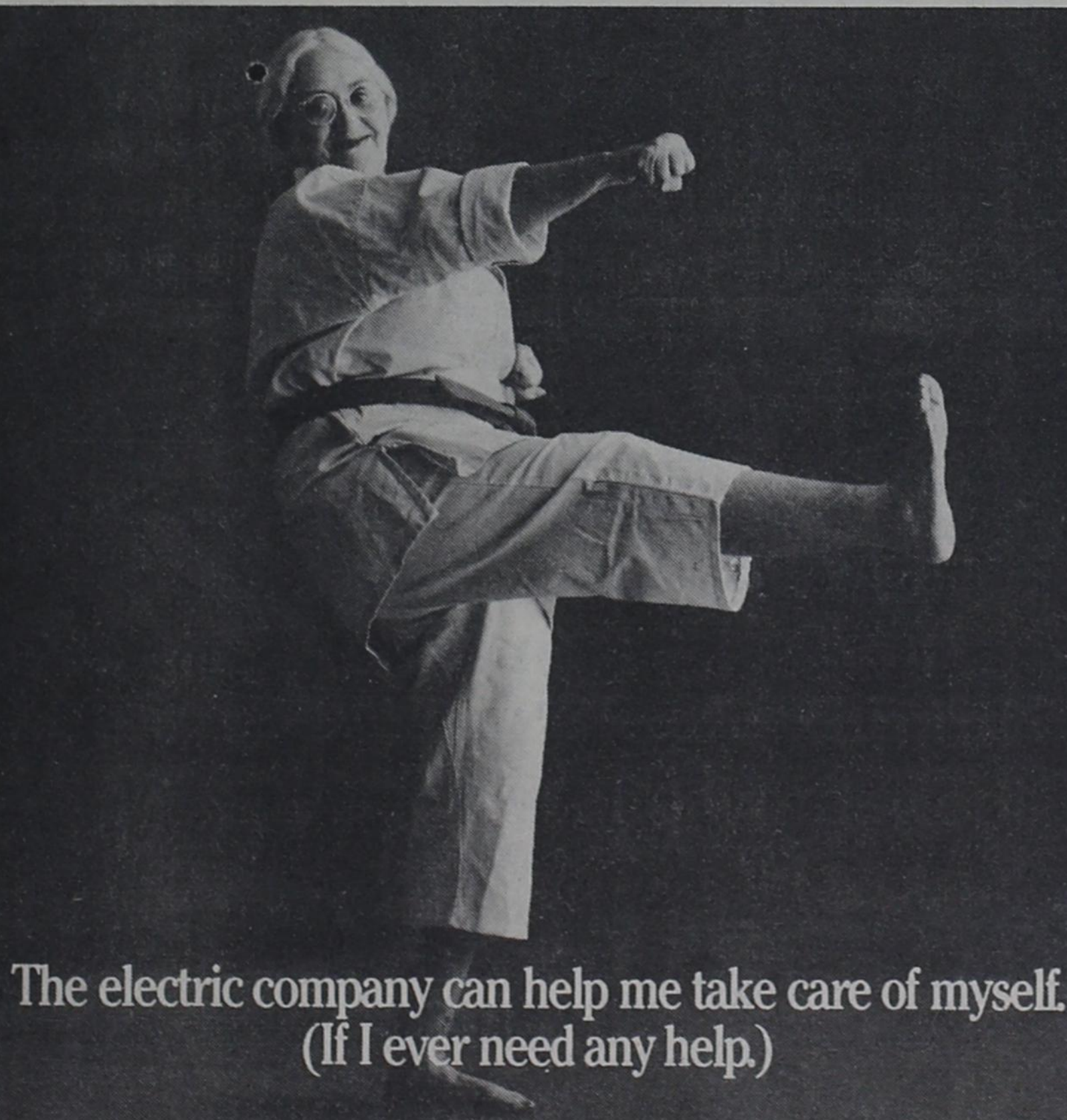
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