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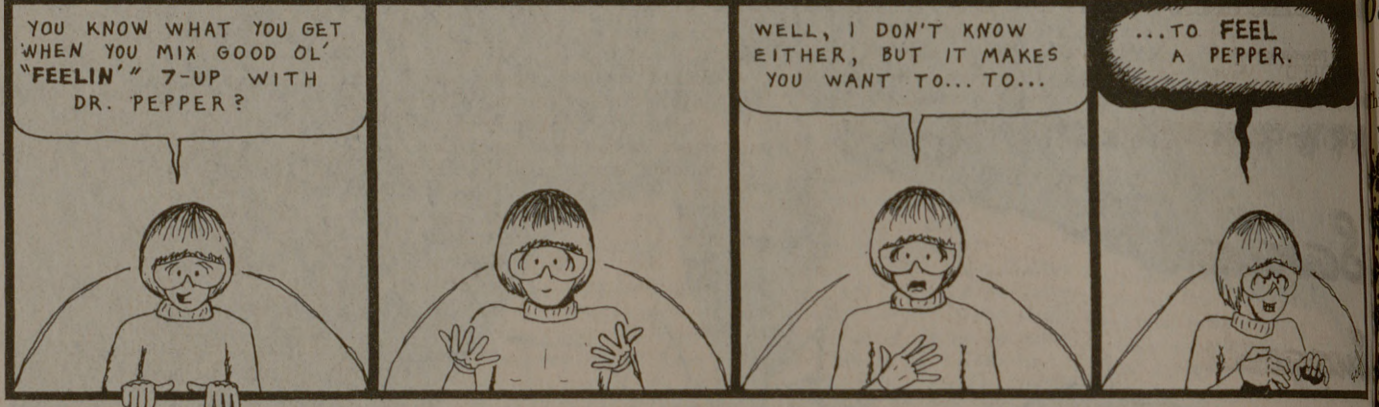
United Press International
FORT WORTH, Texas — Dale King, 28, says the rented wheelchair he is using is too small for his 6-foot-5-inch body, and he hopes to have found his customized chair will return it.
The chair fell out the back of a

friend's pickup truck Friday. "The tailgate wasn't up, but we didn't know that," said King, who has been in a wheelchair since a 1971 shooting.
"Somebody (in another car) pointed to the back of the truck and that's how we knew it was

gone," he said.
They circled back over their route two times, but the large, black manually operated chair with air tires could not be found.
"I think someone picked it up and is looking for me," King said.

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By Scott McCullar

Nuclear attack report presented

Sacrifice elderly, study says

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Survivors of a nuclear attack should send the old, instead of the young, for food and water to reduce the delayed effect of radiation cancer deaths, a government study recommends.

The Energy Department study was presented at a news conference Tuesday by the Gray Panthers, an activist organization for the aged, and the Center for Defense Information, an independent re-

search group.
"One means of reducing the delayed (radiation) effect on the population is to reduce the exposure of the younger people," the study said.

"Older people will come to the end of their natural life spans before reaching the end of the risk plateau. Thus the same exposure may produce fewer total excess cancers in this group than within a younger segment of the popula-

tion."
The news conference sponsors cited the study, published in the September issue of the periodical Health Physics, as proof the Reagan administration believes a nuclear war can be won and that there will be survivors.

Maggie Kuhn, national leader of the Gray Panthers and a delegate at the current White House Conference on the Aging, said the study shows the old would be sac-

rificed for the young in ensuring the survivability of those who lived through a nuclear war.

The study was sponsored by the Energy Department under contract with Union Carbide Corp. and co-authored by Dr. Kathleen Gant and Dr. Conrad Chester of the research staff of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory paper in Tennessee. It was received by Health Physics in September 1980 and published a year later.

If enough warning were given and most of the population evacuated to safe shelters away from target cities, the authors said, casualties could be reduced from about 80 percent of the population to about 10 percent.

The survivors might be held up in the shelters, which would be pre-stocked with provisions, for as long as two years before it would be safe for them to emerge, the study said.

But other food, water and materials would be required during that period as contamination on site decreased.

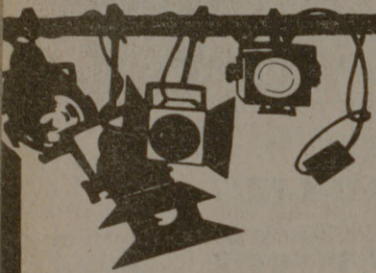
The study assumed that the older portion of the population would leave the shelters exposing themselves to a given amount of radiation. The remainder of the population would remain in shelter later, in decontaminated areas equivalent to being in shelters the first two years.

None of the speakers claim the study was government plot but that it was inhuman to think sacrificing the old for the young a nuclear war.

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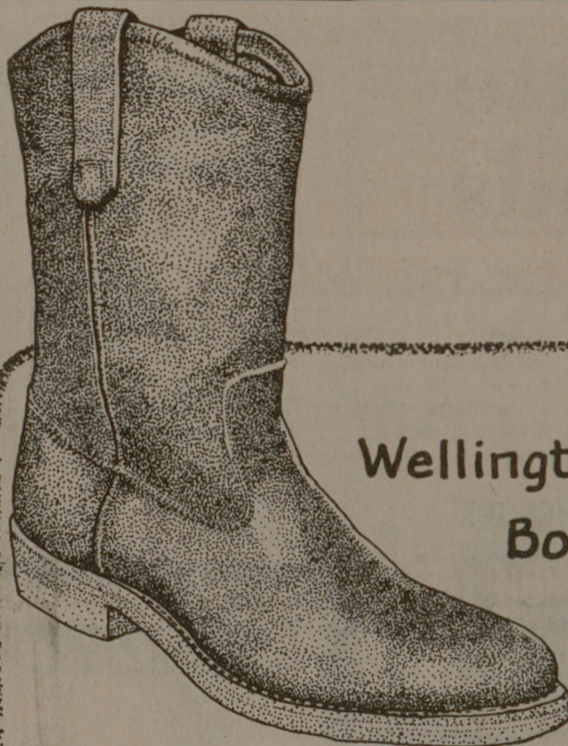
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