

# TIGER SCARE

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Chargo got the idea he was looking for.

It was a new opening for his radio show.

"Something awful has happened tonight."

"A circus train, caught in the South Dakota blizzards, stopped in Willmar tonight to get hay and meat for the animals."

"One of the cages fell down and busted. Three tigers got out and the railroad detective, Emil Grams, killed two of them but he used up all his ammunition and one got away."

"Grams is in the hospital with seven broken ribs and a broken leg and enough stitches in him to make a circus tent."

That ought to cheer up Grams, Chargo said to himself. Might even attract a little attention. Just to make sure he threw in a few more details.

"A gorilla weighing about 500 pounds is loose. Turn out all the lights in your house, even the basement and attic and garages, because these animals aren't used to the cold and will try to seek shelter. Get your children off the streets."

## TOWN GOES WILD

At that point a local dairy caught fire, the fire siren tore loose and the town went wild.

A man with a loaded gun burst into the local police station and yelled: "Which way did they go?"

Parents raced about town, yanking their youngsters off skating rinks and dashing for home.

A meeting of 250 people broke up when the chairman announced what had happened.

Phones started ringing at the police station, the radio station and Chargo's home — and were still ringing early the next morning.

## SOME STILL UPSET

Willmar yesterday was divided into two camps. Some were beginning to think the whole thing was pretty funny. Others were still upset.

Police Chief Joseph C. Jacobson said he'd like to prosecute Chargo.

"But I don't know what I could charge him with," Jacobson admitted. "I've told the owners of the station that they shouldn't let him on the air again and I'm sure they feel the same about it."

Station officials said they didn't expect to take any action.

"We considered taking him off the air but don't believe that will be necessary," they said. "But we will certainly insist he stick to the script from now on."

In St. Paul, officials of the federal communications commission said their hands were tied.

"Punishing Chargo," they said, "would be censorship and we don't censor radio programs."

## CHARGO'S UNHAPPY

Chargo himself said, "It's been just terrible. I haven't been able to eat or sleep since it happened."

But worst of all, said Chargo, was the effect the whole thing might have on his wife who took their three children last fall and went to live with her folks at 801 Girard avenue N.

"She never liked it much when people laughed at me," he said. "That's always been my trouble. I guess I'm really in the dog-house now."

Both the Chargos were born in Russia. She came to the United States when she was a year old. Chargo, now 41, arrived when he

# TRUMAN 'WON'T HELP' DEWEY TO MEND GOP

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Truman Thursday declined to advise Gov. Thomas E. Dewey how to mend what Dewey called a "wide open split" in the Republican party. When Mr. Truman was asked at his news conference about Dewey's statement, he replied with a broad grin that he had given his New York opponent all the advice he possibly could in the last campaign.

was 16—and has never been able to get rid of his accent.

**PEOPLE DO LISTEN**  
Mrs. Chargo last night didn't want to say much of anything about her husband's latest exploit.

"I know him well enough to believe it," she admitted. "When it comes to imagination nobody can beat him."

But so far as she was concerned, things hadn't changed any.

The two boys, Edward, 14, and Harvey, 8, were off at the library and their sister, Joan, 11, at a Girl Scout meeting. They weren't sure yet what to think of the whole thing either.

In fact, Chargo could be sure of only one thing last night. People do listen to his program.

# WIND, SNOW

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bureau reported a storm center now moving eastward from the western states may send a cold wave, with snow and strong northerly winds, over western North Dakota and northwest South Dakota by tonight.

Before the advent of the cold wave, South Dakota temperatures will climb upward to as high as 30 or 40 above. Skies will be mostly cloudy.

Western North Dakota is expected to experience northerly winds tonight reaching a top speed of 40 miles an hour. A 35-mile-an-hour southwesterly wind will whip up snow in eastern North Dakota.

The Wisconsin outlook differs. Much colder weather, which entered the state last night, was to give way to rising temperatures today and tonight.

**'Doctor' Charged in Illegal Operation**  
Martin Schmit, 49, 127 E. Fourteenth street, was charged Thursday with performing an illegal operation on a University of Minnesota co-ed now in critical condition in University hospitals.

Posing as a doctor, Schmit is suspected of performing hundreds of such operations for \$200 each in Minnesota and South Dakota, police said.

# TRUMAN

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steel situation will ease materially this year.

He declined to tell the joint economic committee what he thinks about the suggestion in President Truman's state of the nation speech that the government consider going into the steel industry.

**Secretary Brannan was given credit by Sen. Elmer Thomas (D., Okla.), chairman of the senate agriculture committee, for stopping the decline in prices of farm commodities.**

Thomas praised Brannan for "changing the psychology" of the markets.

"We need high prices until we get rid of our tremendous national debt," Thomas declared. "There must be a high national income if people are to pay these high taxes."

Brannan avoided discussing what program of farm supports he will recommend to congress, but did point out that unless congress changes present law farm supports will be lower in 1950 than in 1949.

## FEARS IMBALANCE

He added that "with farm prices coming down faster than non-farm prices, we must protect ourselves against imbalance in the economy."

Brannan also said that the present commodity exchange act provides "a considerable measure of protection against outright price manipulation, corners and sharp practices in certain commodities" and he urged that this be extended to all farm products in which there is futures trading.

"But neither the commodity exchange act, nor any other present authority can be exercised to curb the speculative fevers that sweep over these markets at times," he said.

He suggested regulating the amount of down payment required for speculative trades in commodities futures.

The drastic price support proposals put forward Wednesday by Thomas found little support. Thomas wanted the Commodity Credit Corp. to become a member of grain exchanges and trade in futures as a means of pushing prices up.

Senate Democratic Leader Scott Lucas (D., Ill.) took indirect exception to this suggestion by declaring he thought attacks on the CCC are unjustified. Brannan held the CCC has a sufficiently powerful position in the markets now.



**BULGARIA CHARGES AMERICANS, BRITON AS SPY CONTACTS**  
From left: Bishop Paul Garber; Prof. Cyril Black, Dr. J. Hutchinson Cockburn

# BULGARIA

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tary, economic and political secrets.

The defendants also were accused of spreading slander, false rumors and insulting assertions in order to create distrust at home and abroad.

The Americans and Englishmen named included:

● Cyril Black, professor of history at Princeton who has been adviser to the United States delegation in the Balkan commission.

● John Everts Horner, former United States acting political representative at Sofia.

● Louis Beck, present United States commercial representative.

● Dr. J. Hutchinson Cockburn, director of reconstruction and inter-

church aid of the World Council of Churches, former moderator of the Church of Scotland.

● Bishop Paul Garber, Methodist bishop representing the church's Board of Foreign Missions, former dean of the divinity school at Duke University.

In New York, a Methodist lay source said the board's only contacts with Bulgaria had been "for religious and relief purposes only."

## Poles Free Prelate, Arrest 34 Priests

**WARSAW, POLAND**—(AP)—Usually reliable sources reported Thursday the release of the head of the Polish Independent Orthodox church after 10 months under house arrest. Others said 34 Roman Catholic priests have been arrested in southern Poland.

Official confirmation was lacking on both cases.

# SCHOOL FUND

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ducted in Minnesota public schools when school is in session.

He said a student may receive such instruction outside the school on released time up to three hours a week at the parents' request or any religious denomination may ask the school board to use the building for denomination instruction after school hours or on Saturdays or Sundays.

T. J. Berning, Schweickhard's assistant, was consultant and Marie I. Robinson, director of field service for Minnesota Educational association, was moderator.

Rep. E. B. Hereth, Kittson county, said there are 7,500 school districts in Minnesota at the present time and only two or three other states have more and a lot of states have about one-seventh that number.

"We cannot get away from the fact that the problem is confined to Minnesota alone; other states have found a re-districting movement necessary," Hereth said. There are 2,600 Minnesota school districts that are not open at the present time, which means 2,600 school districts are not serving the purpose for which they were originally established, he said.

Dr. A. E. Jacobson, Thief River Falls, Minn., president of the school board association, opened the annual meeting by describing the lack of suitable buildings as the big stumbling block in the way of reorganizing Minnesota's sprawling school district system.

He said Minnesota, because of its building predicament, should give serious thought to favoring

legislation that provides federal aid for school construction.

Election of officers is scheduled today and a closing dinner will be held in the Lowry hotel ballroom tonight with Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, Raleigh, N. C., superintendent of public instruction in North Carolina, as speaker.

At an evening panel discussion, details of the 1947 school district reorganization act and the amendments to it no where proposed were discussed by 11 persons closely identified with the movement.

Clyde A. Erwin, superintendent of public instruction in North Carolina, prefaced the discussion with an outline of the 14 years of progress of reorganization in his state. Under it, the southern state has cut more than 10,000 districts to what Erwin termed 1,400 "larger and more powerful units."

J. S. Jones, secretary of Minnesota's Farm Bureau federation, staunchly defended the Farm Bureau's support for reorganiza-

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tion as having been democratically arrived at. He acted as moderator for the discussion.  
History of the reorganization movement was traced by its foremost sponsor in the 1947 legislature, former representative Joseph Daun, St. Peter.

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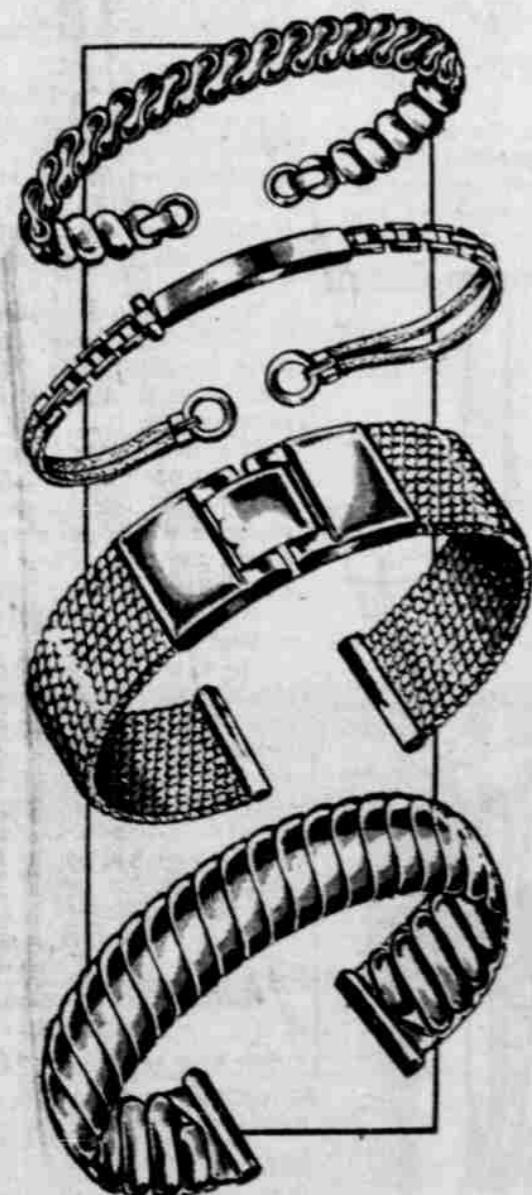
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