

### Aggie Journalists Speak to Newsmen In Austin Saturday

Three Aggie journalism students participated in a panel discussion at the Mid-Winter meeting of Texas Press Assn. in Austin, Jan. 23-24.

On the panel were Joe Buser, editor of The Battalion, David Stoker, news editor of The Battalion; and Robert Kerr, editor of The

Commentator.

Also on the panel moderated by William A. Berger, publisher of the Hondo Anvil-Herald, were Miss Nancy Hendricks, teenage columnist for the Mount Pleasant Daily Times, and Miss Gretchen Niebuhr, of Cost, who represented TPA at the Ford Motor Company Teen Age

Press Conference in Detroit.

Newspapermen and the reading public who thought that teenagers would rather rock and roll than read the news in their local publications had their eyes opened during the two-day convention in the Commodore Perry Hotel.

### Former Circus Clown Loses Weight; Drops to 477 Pounds, 72-Inch Waist

CORPUS CHRISTI (CP)—Need to lose about 12 inches around the waist?

E. R. Chalmers did, but his method of dropping from 556 pounds to 477 and to a 74-inch waist is not recommended for many.

"I've been sick and off my feed for the past few years," he said.

Chalmers was known as "Freddie the Clown" when he was with the circus. Now he is a boarder at the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission.

In the old days, as Freddie recounts it, a breakfast consisted of five dozen eggs. A dinner included five barbecued chickens, 3 1/2 dozen hot buns, a pound of butter, three pounds of salad and two gallons of milk.

Financial-Health Reasons

The mission fare is not so sumptuous, but Chalmers doesn't mind. "I had to cut down for financial and health reasons" he said.

With a chuckle he said, "Of course, if I had the money, I might spread it on every now and then."

By losing 12 inches in his waist, his trousers show a great slack. But he keeps them up with two belts stitched together. (See picture at left.)

Freddie comes by his size naturally. His father was a circus giant with the Hagenback and Wallace Circus. He stood 7 feet, 10 inches and weighed 504 pounds, Freddie said. His mother was wardrobe mistress for the show.

Born in Circus

Freddie was born in the circus in Grant County, Ind., in 1900.

He was a circus helper until he was 9 and then became a clown. He said he was billed as "the world's youngest clown" until he grew and grew and grew, and then he was billed as "the world's fattest clown."

In 1949 he became ill and spent nearly five years in hospitals.

"I don't do much clowning any more," he said. "I just don't feel up to it. I work when I can find it, but nothing strenuous. No more tumbling acts or falling flat on my face. Occasionally I play for a birthday party or walk the streets with a sign."

Freddie came to Corpus Christi two months ago, and then became ill. Through special donations a room was rented or him near the mission, where he takes his meals.

His biggest problem at the moment is shoes. He wears size 13-EE, and they're hard to find.



Dieting Gets Results

E. R. Chalmers, who has managed to reduce his weight from 556 to 477 pounds, demonstrates how dieting has trimmed his waistline. He used to be 86 inches around his tummy, now he measures only 74 inches. Chalmers credits the fare at Good Samaritan Rescue Mission in Corpus Christi, where he is now living, with helping him to slenderize his figure. He used to be in a circus, billed as the "world's fattest clown." (AP Photo)

### Keese Appointed Irrigation Engineer

Carroll Wayne Keese, '52, instructor in the Department of Agricultural Engineering, has been appointed to fill the position of agricultural engineer-irrigation on the headquarters staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

According to the announcement by Extension Director John E. Hutchison, Keese will take over his new assignment on Feb. 1. He has served in his present position since September, 1954. His appointment, Hutchison said, fills the position left open when R. V. Thurmond resigned several months ago.

### Lecturer to Give Topic on Healing

The present availability of divine healing will be the topic of a public lecture to be given in Anderson Sunday by James Watt of Washington, D. C.

On extended tour as a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, Watt will speak in the Anderson School Auditorium on Highway 90 at 3 p. m., under the auspices of the Christian Science Society. His subject will be "Christian Science: The Healing Science of the Christ."

Former Manager of the Washington, D. C., Office of the Christian Science Committee on Publication, Watt has traveled widely.

During World War II he served as a chaplain in the United States Army. A graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology, Watt was formerly associated with various engineering companies in the United States and abroad.

Later he was director of research and western manager for the Advertising Checking Bureau, in Chicago. He has devoted full time to the practice of Christian Science healing and to the service of the Christian Science organization since 1942.

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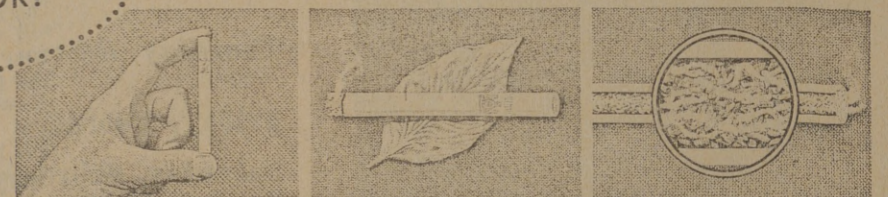


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