

Former Student Writes Book On Experiences in Rangers

By BILL HICKLIN

Battalion Managing Editor
Among the most colorful men gracing the ranks of A&M former students is William Warren Sterling, who has recently published a book entitled: "Trails and Trials of the Texas Rangers."

Sterling, who attended A&M for two years beginning in 1906 but was unable to graduate when his family moved out of the state, has dedicated virtually all his life to the Texas Rangers.

Worshipped Rangers

He worshipped the Rangers from early boyhood and, in 1915, enlisted in the organization for a two-year tenure. Sterling served through the "Bandit War" along the border before resigning to join the Army in World War I. He later was a cattleman, wildcatter, justice of the peace and rodeo judge.

Sterling earned the title of colonel during World War II, but asked for his release when he was denied overseas duty with his old friend, Gen. George S. Patton.

Ranger Captain

In 1927, Sterling was appointed a Ranger captain by Gov. Dan Moody, and Gov. Ross Sterling named him the adjutant general of Texas in 1931.

Sterling was born in 1891 on a ranch in Bell County near Co-tulla—a little citadel old Texans described as the "town with the hair on."

A very amiable person who towers 6-4 and scales over a sturdy 200 pounds, Sterling is rich in friends and in excellent health. Also very generous, he spends much time aiding others and has never forgotten those who benefited him in the past.

In early Texas oilfields, his physical prowess was known and respected. In addition, he is a stockman by nature and studied animal husbandry at A&M, earning a reputation as one of the outstanding judges of livestock in North America.

Camped with Rangers
Sterling was introduced to the Rangers by companies that often camped on the Sterling Ranch.

That's when Mrs. Sterling's boy deserted the ranch house to live with the Rangers during their stay. And before he was of age to join the Rangers, he served as a scout and also scouted for the U. S. Third Cavalry. He worked cattle on the Lasater Ranch in what is now Brooks County, named for Capt. J. A. Brooks.

Sterling received much of his early training from Capt. Brooks, before assuming command of Company D, the last horseback Ranger Company. He scouted on practically every large ranch in Texas and was always a friend of the cowmen.

Superb Rider

He was... and still is, a superb rider. The late Congressman Richard M. Kleberg said, "He is one of the most magnificent figures on horseback I have ever seen." Sterling has become somewhat of a legend in the Southwest in

his own time.

Accurate Account

The book, lacking slightly in style and organization, is a sincere, accurate account of the reminiscences of a professional lawman. His service to the Rangers and the state are described throughout. Although he served but eight years with the Rangers, Sterling became familiar with the Ranger legends which he recounts in the book.

From his own experience and observation, Sterling tells of early Texas boom towns, martial law in East Texas oil fields and the riotous 1928 Democratic National Convention in Houston.

Copiously Illustrated

The book is copiously illustrated by Bob Schoenke, who draws the daily newspaper adventure strip, "Laredo." Sterling has been Schoenke's historical adviser for eight years and has helped give the strip color and accuracy.



There's nothing as satisfying as spending an evening yelling "poor teasips!"

Pierce One of A & M's Leading Literature Donors

By BOB SAILE

Battalion Staff Writer

One of A&M's leading contributors to contemporary literature, both prose and poetry, is James Franklin Peirce, assistant professor in the Department of English.

Peirce, who has been with the A&M faculty as an instructor of English and speech since February, 1946, has had numerous poems, short stories and articles published in leading modern magazines.

Among the contributions Peirce has made to popular magazines are "How Now, Brown Cow" in Playboy; "A Belle For Adonis" in Escapade; "The Jewel" in Tiger; and various poems in Nugget.

His humorous Playboy article, "How Now, Brown Cow," was based on an actual incident which occurred at the animal husbandry

barns at A&M. It concerns a bull kept by the Department of Animal Husbandry which managed to escape his pen into a farmer's group of pure-bred cows. The bull succeeded in ruining years of the farmer's breeding experiments.

The farmer subsequently sued A&M for damages and the ensuing hilarious report on the incident made by the attorney general was the basis for Peirce's article.

Peirce has won three first prizes for the novel at the Southwest Writers' Conference in 1950, 1951 and 1952. The three novels for which he received the awards are "To All Men," the second chapter of which was the source of the Escapade short story; "The Maze"; and "Fragments From a Broken Mirror."

Other awards which Peirce has won include honorable mention honors for several short stories.

Peirce recently completed a research project entitled "Baude-laire: Flower of Evil," which is a study of the famous French poet. He is presently working on one novel and has just completed another, entitled "Return A Stranger," which concerns a man returning to his small East

Texas hometown after previously having been forced to leave because of a scrape with the law.

Peirce was born in Edwardsville, Ill., on July 27, 1918. He obtained his advanced education at the University of Illinois and Iowa State University.

Residing with him at his home at 906 North Ave. in Bryan are his wife, Billie Jo Lochridge Peirce, and his daughter, Janet Katherine Peirce.

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