Publisher retires from A&M press

Frank Wardlaw, who began two of the Southwest's leading scholarly presses, is retiring after more than 25 years in publishing.

In the process of overseeing publication of nearly 800 books, Wardlaw worked with Texas writers J. Frank Dobie, Roy Bedichek and Walter Prescott Webb, among

For the past four years, Wardlaw served as director of the Texas A&M University Press, which he

He became the first director of the University of Texas Press in 1950, five years after he launched is publishing career by starting the niversity of South Carolina Press. Wardlaw is moving back to his na-tive South Carolina, where he and s wife have a retirement home. While stepping down as head of he Texas A&M Press Sept. 1, he will continue to serve as a consulting editor and be available for special

ssignments and programs. "To say that Frank Wardlaw was he right man for us is to grossly un-derstate the case," said Texas A&M Chancellor Jack K. Williams. "He was the only person who could do the job — certainly on the quantity-ultic scale that has been done in uality scale that has been done in ich a short time. He is the best in he business and we are proud to have had him at A & M.

"We are counting on him to con-inue to make available to us his wealth of knowledge about the pubshing business and we know he will continue to use his considerable influence in attracting top authors to

Wardlaw said the Texas A&M ress is off to a good start and has a ight future

"The future of the press is oright," he said. "We have a highly mpetent and dedicated staff and ave built a small but solid backlist - and that's terribly important." That backlist includes as many as

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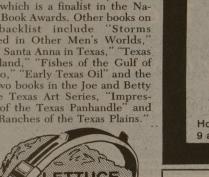
50 books. The latest book is Dr. Frank E. Vandiver's "Black Jack: The Life and Times of John J. Persh-ing," which is a finalist in the Na-tional Book Awards. Other books on the backlist include "Storms Brewed in Other Men's Worlds," "With South Amagin Torges" "With Santa Anna in Texas," "Texas Heartland," "Fishes of the Gulf of Mexico," "Early Texas Oil" and the first two books in the Joe and Betty Moore Texas Art Series, "Impres-sions of the Texas Panhandle" and "Old Ranches of the Texas Plains." and



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