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### A DAY ON THE DELAWARE

by G.M. Farley

The word Lackawaxen is important in the history of Zane Grey, and in the vocabulary of all Zane Grey fans. He was not born there or had any schooling there. It was at Lackawaxen that he spent seven of the most difficult and discouraging years of his life in his struggle for recognition.

Lackawaxen is an isolated hamlet pretty far from anywhere, and it was partly for this cause that young Zane Grey, sometime before the turn of this century, went to fish and relax. The little town was larger than it is now, being a center for vacationers and sight-seers. The population more than doubled when the warm sun of late spring, summer, and fall blessed the mountains, valleys, and rivers. The scenery was, and still is, magnificent.

To speak of Lackawaxen is to think of the Beginning. Pearl Zane Grey had been practicing dentistry in New York City until he and Dolly were married in 1905. Zane gave up his practice and the young couple moved to Lackawaxen. Grey had sold a story to Recreation magazine, a story titled "A Day on the Delaware." This was the incentive that awakened the latent forces within him. He had been discouraged as a lad when he had written an adolescent masterpiece and called it "Jim of the Cave". It had been destroyed by an irate father, probably because of unscrupulous escapades associated with the "cave" more than the fact that the elder did not want his son to enter the shady halls associated with those who make a living scribbling words on paper. He had been unsuccessful at writing both prose and verse during his college years. The sale of "A Day on the Delaware" for the magnificent sum of \$10.00 convinced him that he now ranked as a writer. He was ready, or so he assumed, to write a novel.

The aspiring writer produced the novel, and called it *Betty Zane*, and proceeded to have it rejected by every publisher he could find. Finally, he borrowed money and had it vanity published, a practice widely frowned upon today, and perhaps in 1903 as well.

For seven years he wrote and rewrote, coached by his wife, and occasionally sold a short piece to some magazine. When he became discouraged, as he frequently

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Shown above are: left to right, Dr. Philip Rulon, Professor, History Dept., Northern Arizona University, Bill Close, member of the Zane Grey's West Society and Senior News Executive KTSP-TV, Phoenix, Dr. Eugene Hughes, President of NAU and Paul Martin, Director of Development, NAU. On this occasion Close, on behalf of the ZGWS presented President Hughes with an initial payment of \$2500 to establish the G.M. Farley Scholarship. This event took place on February 27, 1987, less than 90 days after the fund drive started.

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## **LET'S TALK ABOUT IT...**

*by Don Warren*

After a mild winter spring is really here in Illinois. The grass is growing, the flowers are in bloom and we have already seen 80+ temperatures. It also means that June is just around the corner and that means convention time. Since I have never been to Lackawaxen, I am really looking forward to it and in addition reading the material sent to me for publication. Read all of Dr. Schissel's article and also G.M.'s that is found in this issue. In addition with spring we always think of graduation time and our youngest, Vanessa, will be graduating from Southern Illinois University on May 16. Naturally we will be there to congratulate her but also to say goodbye as she is leaving on the 19th for California. Fame and fortune wait for no one and the climate of the west and the lifestyles seem to appeal to many. We haven't spent any time in the Golden State in the past ten years and haven't lived there since 1952 so we are both looking forward to a winter visit, hopefully next year.

Since our last issue concerning information about our members, I have received information concerning Megan Carpenter. Many of you who attended the convention in Payson, Arizona in 1984 will remember her attending. She is now a freshman at Arizona State University where she marches in the band and of course she enjoyed the Rose Bowl VERY MUCH. ASU came out victorious, and once again made the Big Ten look bad. Megan belongs to the Kappa Delta Sorority and is majoring in Business. She has renewed her membership in the ZGWS so perhaps we will meet up again at another convention. Until then, the best to you, Megan.

I have received word that Dr. Richardson's book, *Mountain Rising*, which we reviewed in December, sold out the first printing of 3000 copies without ever getting into the bookstores. The second edition of 3000 additional copies has been printed and from all indications is doing well. Dr. Richardson informs me the publisher thinks it will be in print for years to come. If you haven't bought one yet, just send \$15 plus \$2 for shipping and handling to: Onieda Baptist Institute, P.O. Box 67, Onieda, KY 40972.

As seen elsewhere in this issue, we have had more contributions to the G.M. Farley Scholarship fund. We are over the \$3500 mark and have many pledges for the next two years. As I told you before the amount has varied from \$5 to \$500 and seems to come from a broad range of both members and non-members. The fund will be an open-ended fund and even after we reach the \$5000 figure can be added to. It would be a gesture of love and caring if a large number of members who have not as yet contributed would send in enough \$5 to \$100 contributions to

make the goal by convention time. Many are contributing the \$100 amount and only fifteen more would make our goal. Won't you help????

*A Grave for Lassiter*, is the latest Loren Zane Grey book off the press. This is number six in the series and was printed in February 1987. The artwork is done by Mort Kunstler and is outstanding. He had a part in the first book and has since done all the books except number two. Published in paperback by Pocket Book. For the complete ZG collector a must, priced at \$2.95.

The March 1987 issue of Southwest Art contains a fine article concerning ZG and his illustrators. The article was written by Julio J. Pro and contains artwork by several different illustrators. I have several on hand for \$5 plus P&H. If you are interested and want to save the P&H I will be at the convention with several copies for sale.

Our dear friend and noted ZG authority G.M. Farley is recovering nicely following by-pass surgery in February. Although he is not allowed to preach, he is now back to teaching Sunday School and will be at the ZG Convention in June. Not to allow G.M. to preach would be like holding a piece of candy at arms length from a child and telling him he can't have any. Hang tough, G.M. and the entire group's prayers are with you. See you in Lackawaxen!!!

As seen elsewhere in this issue, the ZG cabin near Payson, under the Tonto Rim is now for sale. With a price at \$1.5 million, it is out of reach for most people so we can only hope that an individual or organization will step forward and buy it with the intention of keeping the cabin and area open for visitors as it has been. For some reason, whenever I approach the Payson area, it is almost automatic to head up to the location. It seems to me that this would be a perfect spot for the State of Arizona to buy and make into a State Park and continue to maintain the cabin for visitors. Perhaps those of you who reside in Arizona would like to write your Governor and your state Representative and let them know your feelings.

As I write this, another issue is almost completed. Two years have gone by since I became your Secretary-Treasurer at Zanesville. Hopefully, some of my work has helped improve our organization and has brought the membership up to date on their organization. Mistakes have been made and an effort has been made to learn from those mistakes. If you have an idea of some changes or improvements to not only the Review, but the way the office functions, let me know. After much soul searching and prayer and thought, I have decided to be a candidate for re-election to the office I now hold. It is now in the hands of you, the individual member who comes to the convention and to those who send their proxy in. Whatever is decided, I know will be the best for the organization and whether I am the Secretary-Treasurer or not, I intend to be an active member of the Society and to support its goals and ambitions. Thanks for your help and cooperation over the past two years and I look forward to another term working with and for you.

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*The Lackawaxen Museum*

Shown above is a view of the interior of the museum showing some of the memorabilia of Grey's fishing trips. His fishing boats, shown in the exhibit photos, appear at first glance to be small warships.

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G.M. surveys the Master's work.

*Photo by Dorothy Warren*

### SOCIETY SUPPORTS RESEARCH ON ZANE GREY WRITINGS THROUGH N.A.U.

*Flagstaff, Ariz.* - - Northern Arizona University in Flaggerstown - - uh...er...Flagstaff that is - - recently received a \$2,500 intitial payment from Zane Grey's West Society to establish the G.M. Farley Scholarship Fund.

G.M. Farley is considered the "father" of the society. About 20 years ago, he began publishing a newsletter to collectors of Zane Grey writings. Now, the Society boasts more than 300 members from across the country.

Bill Close, society member and senior news executive with KTSP-TV in Phoenix, personally presented the check to NAU President Eugene M. Hughes. Dr. Philip Rulon, professor of history, and Paul Martin, director of development, were also present.

"The aim of the society is to become more closely allied with NAU and the city of Flagstaff, or as Grey called the city in many of his books, Flagerstown," Close said.

Earnings from the fund will provide scholarships, of a journalistic nature, for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing studies of western writers with an emphasis on Zane Grey, he added.

Of Grey's more than 80 books, 56 are considered western romance, a majority of which contain plots based on people, places and events in Arizona history. Many of these focus on the Flagstaff area including *Call of the Canyon*, *Under the Tonto Rim*, and *Riders of the Purple Sage*, Grey's most popular novel, published in 1912, the same year Arizona became a state. Grey's novels have been reproduced in no fewer than 130 Hollywood movies and more than 130 million copies of his books have been sold.

## BOOK TALK

by G.M. Farley

Obviously it will never stop. Books and articles about Zane Grey will continue to be written and published about Zane Grey long after most of us are forgotten. It is just a matter of keeping up with what is published - the impossible dream. But we do keep up with much of it, and what we know you should also know.

Amereon Press, Ltd., P.O. Box 1200, Mattituck, NY 11952 has just reprinted *The Redheaded Outfield*, \$15.95, and *Tex Thorne* was originally published as a Big Little Book, but this is the first edition in hardcover. Maroon cloth binding with titles stamped in silver and pen and ink illustrations. Limited printing of 300 copies.

"Southwest Art", March 1987 has an excellent article entitled "Zane Grey and His Illustrators," with beautiful, color illustrations. Order copies from Don Warren, P.O.

Box 203, Sullivan, Illinois for \$5.00 a copy and worth it.

"Sports Afield" for March 1987 has a piece by Zane Grey about fishing on the Umpaque River. Back issues can usually be ordered from the publisher.

*Zane Grey First Editions* by Lloyd Rogers, member of the Zane Grey's West Society. Published by Portals Press, hardcover, 178 pages. This is without question one of the most important books ever written about Zane Grey books; the only book ever written about Zane Grey first editions. Anyone can tell a first edition at a moment's notice with this book. \$24.50 pd.

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# ZANE GREY'S WEST SOCIETY 1987 CONVENTION PROGRAM

## Monday, June 8

- 3:30 p.m. Registration
- 6:30 p.m. Reception and Chicken Barbeque, Holiday Inn. Welcome: Mayor Dan Johnson, Middletown, N.Y. Speaker: Mr. George Fluhr, Pike County Historian.

## Tuesday, June 9

- 7:00 a.m. Membership Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Call to Order - Dr. Charles Schissel, Pres.
- 8:35 a.m. Invocation
- 8:40 a.m. Welcome and Announcements
- 9:00 a.m. Keynote Address - Dr. Joe Wheeler
- 9:30 a.m. Life and Times of Lewis Wetzel - Rev. G.M. Farley
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Zane Grey's Books for Young Readers - Mr. Jeff Dykes
- 11:00 a.m. Zane Grey on the Santa Fe Trail - Dr. Charles Pfiffer
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Dolly Grey: The Woman beside the Man - Dr. Loren Grey
- 2:00 p.m. The Art of the Dust Jacket - Mr. Taylor Oughton
- 2:30 p.m. Directions for the Lackawaxen Trip
- 2:45 p.m. Auction
- DINNER ON YOUR OWN —

## Wednesday, June 10

- 8:00 a.m. Meet in Parking Lot - Travel to Lackawaxen
- 9:00 a.m. Arrive in Lackawaxen  
Divide into three groups:  
Group I - Zane Grey House and Museum, Helen & Al Davis

Group II - Hike to Zane Grey Bridge and Overlook

Group III - Grey/Smith House, Mary Smith Nelson

- 10:30 a.m. Group I - Hike to Overlook
- Group II - Grey/Smith House
- Group III - Zane Grey Museum
- 12:00 p.m. Picnic Lunch: Park Shelter by Zane Grey Bridge
- 1:30 p.m. Group I - Grey/Smith House
- Group II - Zane Grey Museum
- Group III - Hike to Overlook

Members who want to fish where Zane Grey fished should bring their fishing tackle and Pennsylvania or New York Licenses.

- 3:00 p.m. Reunion in Lackawaxen  
Loren Grey, Mary Nelson, Helen James Davis, Emil Kuhn, and other childhood friends.
- 4:30 p.m. Wreath Laying Ceremony - Zane Grey grave, Rev. G.M. Farley
- 5:00 p.m. Return to Middletown Holiday Inn after wreath laying ceremony

## Thursday, June 11

- 8:30 a.m. Business Meeting - Dr. Charles Schissel
- 10:00 a.m. Members Forum - Series of 5-minute to 20-minute presentations by members on their special Zane Grey interests
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Members Forum
- 3:00 p.m. Free Time for trading Zane Grey material and antiquing in the local area
- 6:30 p.m. Banquet - Holiday Inn, Dr. Charles Schissel, Toastmaster



Northern Arizona University President Eugene M. Hughes (right) and Dr. Philip Rulon, professor of history, discuss a current issue of the Zane Grey's West Society newsletter. The original newsletter was published about 20 years ago by G.M. Farley, scholarship fund honoree.

#### **ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND** by G.M. Farley

When president Charles Schissel one day informed me by phone that the process of establishing a G.M. Farley Scholarship Fund at Northern Arizona University was already well underway I was shocked. In fact, my immediate response was "Nothing doing! If you want a scholarship fund, use Zane Grey's name, not mine!"

When my words reached Arizona they created something of a furor. I received letters and telephone calls which convinced me of the importance of such an action, and I agreed to the use of my name, and I did so with pride as I realized the benefits of a scholarship fund.

I was raised in a coal-mining town during the depression when my father worked from before daylight until after dark for \$3.00 a day, one day a week. All my life I wanted to be a writer. It was my ultimate dream, but lack of finances deprived me of a higher education. I have often wondered what I would have done in the literary field if I could have had the education I wanted. If there had been a scholarship fund made available to me things might have been vastly different.

At this moment there are aspiring young writers who are hampered, or, as they reach college age will be hampered by lack of financial support. They may be the James Michener, Ernest Hemingway, or Zane Grey of the next generation. A scholarship can help them find what they want and can help produce great literature for future generations.

Whether the scholarship has my name on it or not isn't important, but having the financial help there for deserving students is important. Of course I am proud to be honored by having the scholarship under my name, but I take greater pride in the knowledge that the Zane Grey's West Society will be having such an important part in helping those who will be so important to the future of our nation.

I consider this scholarship fund a worthwhile endeavor and worthy of our deepest consideration.

#### ***Delaware...cont. from front page***

did being subject to spells of deep depression, he fished, hunted, or rambled the hills around Lackawaxen. Finally, after a trip to Arizona to rope lions along the north rim of the Grand Canyon, he wrote *Riders of the Purple Sage*. The major step to fortune and fame.

Zane and Dolly left the East in 1918 and settled in Altadena, California, but their love for the Delaware Valley never completely waned. They would return, but never for more than a visit, until their remains were placed together in a small cemetery not many yards south of their old home.

The Lackawaxen House, now a nice restaurant, which was once a hotel, lures visitors who can eat while overlooking a riffle on the Delaware River. The Roble Bridge, once an important aqueduct, is being restored, and will soon be open to one-lane automobile traffic. In 1917 Zane Grey wrote in his diary about soldiers guarding the bridge.

The Zane Grey home, appearing restful and majestic among the tall pines planted by Zane Grey so many decades ago, has become a drawing place to thousands from all over the United States and many foreign countries, and it is worth the effort that has to be made in order to reach it.

A great deal of memorabilia remains in the home - his dental tools, artwork by Zane and Dolly and by R.C. and Ellsworth, including original art for the first printing of *Betty Zane*, the old stories, fishing tackle, two oil paintings used on dust jackets for Grey's novels, and many other interesting items, supplemented with an informative guided tour of the museum section of the home by hosts Al and Helen Davis.

Plans are well under way for the 1987 Zane Grey's West Society Convention to held in the Lackawaxen area. Part of the activities will be "A Day on the Delaware" which will be a visit to the Zane Grey home and perhaps lunch at the Lackawaxen House.

A short walk from the home is Prospect Point, a rock ledge about half way up a mountain which was apparently a favorite spot of Zane Grey. From there you look down on the confluence of the Delaware and Lackawaxen rivers, the Zane Grey home, and part of what remains of Lackawaxen, and for those who have the time and can bring along a canoe, there is good canoeing on both rivers, and the fishing, while not as great as it was in Grey's time, is still good.

From all appearances the 1987 Zane Grey's West convention is going to be another G-R-REAT one!



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## **LOCAL BASEBALL HALL INDUCTING NINE MEN**

*by Dave Weidig, Sports Writer*

The second Miskingum Valley Baseball Old-Timers Association Hall of Fame induction will include former Ohio State basketball Coach Fred Taylor, an outstanding baseball player in his own right.

Taylor, a Zanesville native, along with Clarence "Jake" Johnson, Bob Wolfe, Fred "Lefty" Wagner, Jr. and Duane Kessler, will be inducted in ceremonies Jan. 19th at the new Knights of Columbus hall in Sunrise Center.

Honorary inductees will include Howdy Caton, Howard Spencer, Zane Grey, and Dick Frick.

Speaker for the event will be former Cincinnati Reds lefthander and longtime broadcaster Joe Nuxhall.

A social hour will be held from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by a steak dinner and induction ceremonies.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Linden Sports Center, Royal Cleaner or Kessler Signs.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Here's a look at this year's inductees:

**Fred Taylor** - Played for several local baseball teams, Hoffmann Roofers being the most prominent. Went to Ohio State where he became an All-American first-baseman and later signed with the old Washington Senators, spending over three years in their farm system.

Taylor played with Chattanooga in the Class AA Southern Association, Charleston, W.Va. in the Class AAA American Association and Beaumont of the Class AAA Texas League. He spent parts of two seasons with the Senators, playing behind Mickey Vernon.

Taylor coached freshman baseball at Ohio State for five years.

**Jake Johnson** - A hard-hitting outfielder, Johnson played Class A minor league ball with Philadelphia. Also played for the Zanesville entry in the Ohio State League and the Eastern Ohio league team here. Played 16 years of semi-pro baseball upon returning from minor league ball.

**Bob Wolfe** - Active for 32 years in the Old-Timers and amateur baseball. Started the local Babe Ruth league. Is lifetime Ohio commissioner for Babe Ruth baseball and is currently Babe Ruth president. Originated the Gold Medal basketball tournament and co-founder of the Ohio Youth League with Fred Wagner, Sr.

Former Old-Timers president and national AAABA president.

Umpired in the 1983 Pan-American Games and the Friendship Games. Was one of six American finalists to umpire in the 1984 Olympics.

**Lefty Wagner** - Pitcher-outfielder who was drafted by the Brooklyn Dodgers and played on their minor league team here. Also played minor league baseball with the Braves and Indians organizations.

Played many years with the Senior Pioneers, serving as player-coach in some seasons. Coached several years in Babe Ruth League.

**Duane Kessler** - Has served the Old-Timers for over 25 years in various capacities, including eight years as president. President of the local Babe Ruth league for a number of years, also coaching in it.

The honorary inductees include:

**Howdy Caton** - Played locally for the old Mark Greys and also played three years as a major league shortstop for Pittsburgh (1917-1919).

**Dick Frick** - Very active with the Old-Timers. Managed local Babe Ruth all-star teams for many years, leading them to district and state championships.

**Howard Spencer** - Official scorekeeper starting with the Zanesville Greys, continuing on as a scorekeeper with other local professional teams. Sports editor of The Times Recorder and then the Zanesville Signal. Kept comprehensive records on local baseball still being used today.

**Zane Grey** - Played for the University of Pennsylvania and also on local amateur teams. His dream was to play professional baseball. Some of his first books were about baseball.

*Submitted by Tom Meyers. Reprinted from the Zanesville Times Recorder.*

*It is not always easy to see both sides of an issue we are not particularly concerned about.*

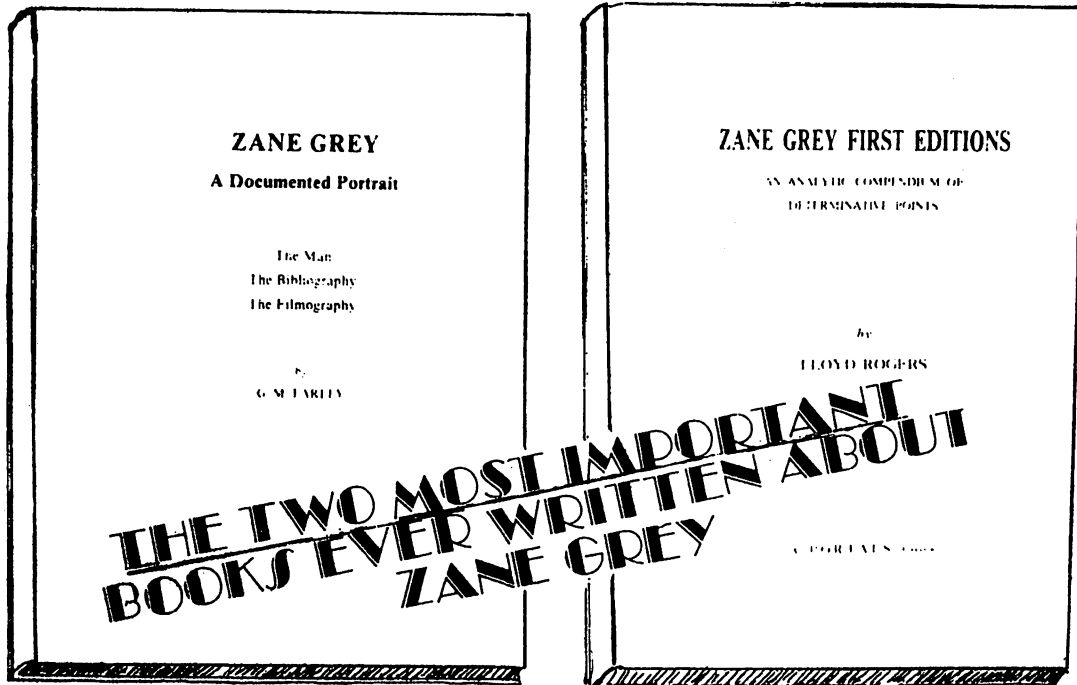
## **MEMBERSHIP**

What can I say? We are still signing up new members and even though you always want more, that isn't our main problem at this time. In reviewing the latest printout of our membership, I find that we have 107 members that have not renewed for the year of 1987. We have gently prodded members through the Review to pay their dues and even further notices were sent with the February issue reminding everyone that dues are payable on a calendar year basis and are now past due. As I told everyone in the last issue, the amount of publications and benefits exceeds the dues paid for each year. When there is an additional cost in collecting the dues, it hurts the organization. Our budget for the year is based on the membership. If you are one that has not paid for 1987, won't you do so now? If, on the other hand, you are no longer interested, please drop me a card and let me know. Our new members up until April 15 are:

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3. H.M. Geary, reg. member ..... Ohio
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# **ZANE GREY CABIN, LAND ON BLOCK FOR \$1.5 MILLION**

This historic Zane Grey cabin, where the author wrote several of his popular Western novels during the 1920s is for sale along with a ranch house and 58½ acres of surrounding land.

The owners, children of the late William Goettl of Phoenix, are asking \$1.5 million cash for the property, which sits at the base of the Mogollon Rim, 19 miles northeast of Payson off Arizona 260.

Goettl purchased and restored the dilapidated cabin and opened it as a museum in 1965. Today, the museum charges \$1 admission and is visited by people from around the world.

"People from the Netherlands and Belgium have filmed documentaries here," said Margaret Sell, the museum's curator for the past nine years. "I've served tea to West German dignitaries. Last week, a man from Sri Lanka was here."

Grey wrote 89 books, including 85 westerns. Some of those books were translated into 24 languages, which explains the large number of foreign visitors, Sell said.

"It's amazing the impact this man has had on the world," she said.

During the 1920s, Grey used to spend part of the year at the cabin writing and hunting. Some of the books that were inspired by his stays in the Mogollon Rim country include *Under the Tonto Rim*, *To the Last Man*, *The Dude Ranger*, and *Man of the Forest*.

The author died of a heart attack in 1939 at the age of 57.

Whoever buys the cabin also will be getting the adjacent Winters Ranch, which has served as a vacation home for the Goettl Family. The property includes a 1,468-square-foot log cabin, barns and corrals.

The ranch sits on 58½ acres of meadows and woodlands that include Ponderosa pine, Douglas fir and oak trees. The sale is being handled by the trust department at Valley National Bank.

Sell, who said she has been hooked on Grey's books since she was 13, said she hopes whoever buys the property will keep the cabin open as a museum.

"It kind of breaks my heart that it is being sold," she said.

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