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The Zane Grey Review: This is an introduction to a new publication which is being sent to you in the hope that it will prove valuable in continuing your interest in the Zane Grey's West Society. My goal as editor of this newsletter is to provide information about all the different things that make our organization function. In addition, an open ear will always be had for our readers to make suggestions or ask questions. This letter is not intended to be in competition with any other publication but rather to complement and to fill in information not normally found in magazines. In doing all these things and more, perhaps we can even find some time to have a little fun with it.

3rd Annual Convention: Dr. and Mrs. Loren Grey were special guests at the 3rd annual convention of the Zane Grey's West Society, which met at Zanesville, Ohio, the week of June 2. Dr. Grey, the son of the famous author, addressed the convention on "The Phenomenon of Zane Grey," which included the amazing demand for his work yet today. Dr. Grey openly admitted that it had not been easy growing up with the famous author for a father. He said that he could remember only one time that he and his father had been alone. "I was as severe a critic of my father's work as the Eastern critics. I was jealous of him as a writer," he said. Dr. Grey, the president of Zane Grey Inc., announced plans for a new line of Zane Grey books, video cassettes and his own new book, Zane Grey: A Photographic Odyssey.

The annual book auction was a success. Items donated brought a total of \$3036. Of course, buying and swapping of Zane Grey books and other related items were one of the main events for the collectors throughout the week.

Zane Grey fans also toured the home where Grey was born in 1872. They also visited the Ohio Historical Center in Columbus, for a presentation and exhibit of Zane Grey memorabilia. The group also took an evening cruise on the sternwheeler Lorena on the Muskingum River.

The Organization gave unanimous approval to a constitution and by-laws that called for the election of a board of directors. Elected were Eugene Hafner, president, Timonium, MD.; Clifford Ford, vice-president, West Point, GA.; Don Warren, secretary-treasurer, Sullivan, IL.; Joe L. Wheeler, executive director, Boulder, CO.; G.M. Farley, honorary president, Hagerstown, MD.; and directors Gilbert De Young of South Holland, IL.; Charles Schissel of Amesbury, MA.; Robert Paulson of Mason City, IA.; and James Vickers of Ijamsville, MD. The convention voted to hold next years convention in Arizona, with the exact site to be decided by the convention committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

Membership: Enclosed with the newsletter is a new membership information sheet and also an application for membership. On the information sheet is the information that pertains to the three classes of membership. In addition to this information, though, is the fact that many of our members like to receive more than one copy of our publications, so why not help our organization grow and sign your spouse up as a full fledged member. They can be associate members,

but they can just as easily get all of the privileges. What better buy in this day than a \$25.00 membership. We also now have our first student member. Our grandson, Zachary Sparling, who was the youngest in attendance at Payson and was the only student at Zanesville, became eight years old on July 25, so one of his presents was his first years membership in the Society. Surely across the nation, among our members, is a number of young interested people that can help our Society grow and carry on for us tomorrow. Zach would like to see a group of young people join him in Arizona next June. Starting in our next issue, I will be publishing a list of our new members, so make it tough on me and sign up all you can.

Finances: As we go to press there has not been a complete transfer of the secretary-treasurer office to me, but from all appearances, we will be able to get through to the new membership year. Our membership year now ends on December 31 and by being cost conscious, we will be able to make it. With your help in attracting new members and in a few cases bringing your membership up to date, I am sure we can look forward to many more years as an organization. In addition to this, many may want to pay 1986 dues prior to January 1st and this will help. If someone wants to make a donation, it will always be welcome and I can assure you, put to good use. As of August 1, 1985, we have the following accounting which started when the new books were opened on June 7, 1985.

Receipts \$1271.39 Expenses \$249.46 Balance \$1021.93

Midwest Chapter Meeting: Plans have been made to hold a chapter meeting at Mattoon, Illinois, October 12, 1985. This will be for anyone who is interested but specifically for those located in the Midwest. It seemed necessary to hold it before bad weather sets in this fall and yet we have the problem of homecomings and football weekends. After being turned down in several different towns, we have the meeting set to go at the "Quality Lakeland Inn" on south Route 45 at Mattoon, Illinois. Room rates are \$32.99, plus tax for a double room. For those coming in on the Interstate, it would be north on Route 45 from Exit 184 from Interstate 57. Plan to arrive by 3 P.M., and we will break up by noon on Sunday, October 13. Bring swapping material, items for sale, a big smile and let's have a fun weekend. To make reservations, notify me no later than October 5. That's all you need to do. Just call or drop a card telling me you will be there and the number of people in your group.

The Collier Books: The more you work and dabble with Zane Grey the more questions you seem to raise. I have become interested in the Grey books published by Collier. There doesn't seem to be much chance of them becoming valuable because there are so many around. I have asked around to try and find out how many of Grey's books were published under the Collier name and no one including G.M, seemed to know. For what it is worth, I have eighteen different titles and in order to find out how many different one we can total up, I will list them. Anyone that has some information on the Collier group or knows of different titles let me know.

The Thundering Herd
Sunset Pass
Robbers' Roost
The Drift Fence
The Hash Knife Outfit
Code of the West
Thunder Mountain
The Trail Driver
The Lost Wagon Train

West of the Pecos
Raiders of Spanish Peaks
Knights of the Range
Western Union
30,000 on the Hoof
Twin Sombreros
Majesty's Rancho
Stairs of Sand
Wilderness Trek

The Zane Grey Quiz: The rules of this quiz is that to compete, you must give the name of the book from which the excerpt has been taken and fill in any blanks with names. The first correct reply received at this office will be the winner for the month of August and as such is entitled to the grand prize. One of the prizes being considered is a wagon train trip west at no charge. In all probability, the winner will have his name listed in the next issue as the first, "Trail Foreman."

"Pards, my folks was fine old Texas stock. I never had much schoolin'-yu know how hard it is fer me to write my name-an' I run away from home 'cause I was jest no good. All thet a cowboy can do except gettin' himself killed I've done. But so help me gawd, never since I run away till this heah minnit, hev I had any thought of a cowboy havin' respect fer his callin'. It sort of seeped through my thick head-the real an' strong reason why Our Lady is callin' to us so sweet and earnest. An' it dug deep into me, boys. Heaven knows we air an ignorant lot, 'cept in case of _____, and maybe _____, who shows human intelligence sometimes. But to find oot-an' 'specially from _____, daughter of a great Southerner, and the great _____, thet what we air is what the range made us an' what she needs-why, fellars, there ain't words enough, leastways not in my dictionary, to tell how savin' an' upliftin' thet is."

Rush me your cards and letters.....

Let's Talk About It: The first issue is about to go to press, and it's been tough to sit down and get it done. The Chicago Cubs are my team and it's been distracting to cheer for them lately and try and do my work. I am sure when they play Atlanta, Cliff and I are both wondering which team is going to give it away.

I have just acquired the latest book by Larry McMurtry entitled, "Lonesome Dove." For those of you who are western book fans, and I know you all are, this is a must. It tells a story of a cattle drive from Texas to Montana and all the heartaches and adventure that make up the American dream for those involved. Enough said for now. Perhaps I will get a volunteer who will review the book for use in the next newsletter. How about you? The July issue of Field and Stream has reprinted one of Zane Grey's articles for their 90th anniversary issue. The article is "The Mako Shark" from the April 1936 issue. Grey is also talked about in an article by A.J. McClane entitled, "Seasons of the Past...Ninety Years of Fishing History." The issue is well worth collecting, and in addition, it is good reading. If you can't find one, let me know as I have a few extras. Another book that I haven't had time to read all the way through, but from browsing, seems to be well worth while is "Pleasant Valley" by Frank Gillette. As the title says, it is about the people of Pleasant Valley and is very enjoyable reading. Just send \$19.95 to Frank Gillette, Young, AZ 85554. Some of you may remember Frank. He was the weather beaten gentleman that stopped our caravan on the way into Pleasant Valley last year to visit and tell us about his book.

NO ENEMIES?

He has no enemies, you say?
My friend, your boast is poor:
He who hath mingled in the fray
Of duty, that the brave endure,
Must have made foes. If he has none
Small is the work that he has done.
He has hit no traitor on the hip;
He has cast no cup from tempted lip;
He has never turned the wrong to right,
He has been a coward in the fight.

-Anon.

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Membership Information

The purpose of this organization is to promote interest in and knowledge of the eminent American author, Zane Grey, and his works, to revive interest in the writings of Zane Grey and to preserve the sites of his writings so that future generations may realize the contributions made by Zane Grey toward the development of the adventure story in American literature.

Upon the payment of \$25.00 annual dues to the Society, you will become a regular active member and entitled to the following benefits:

1. You will receive at least four issues each year of Zane Grey oriented publications.
2. You will receive six issues of the "Zane Grey Review", a newsletter published by the Society. This letter will be oriented toward informing you, the member, about all matters pertaining to the Society, to include finances, membership, meetings of interest and new things happening in the Zane Grey field.
3. You will receive a membership card and as a paid up regular active member, you are entitled to vote on all issues and to hold office in the organization.
4. You will be notified of and invited to participate in chapter meetings and the annual convention.
5. You will be entitled to purchase back issues of the Society publications, to attend and purchase items at the yearly auction, and you will be made aware of books and magazines that contain information on or pertaining to Zane Grey.

Associate members are defined as members of families that have a regular active member and all individuals and organizations that have made a donation for that year. They are entitled to register and attend all meetings without voting rights. They are not eligible to either elective or appointive office but may, upon payment of a subscription fee of \$15.00, subscribe to the Society's publications.

Student members are defined as any individual under the age of 18 years who upon the payment of the annual fee of \$10.00 becomes entitled to all privileges except voting or holding office.

- - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - -

(Please Print)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ TELEPHONE _____
Area Code

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|----------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular | \$25.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate | \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | \$10.00 | | |

- ☐ I desire additional information on purchasing back issues of the Society publications.

Signed

Date

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