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AGREEMENT REACHED

Dr. Loren Grey, President of Zane Grey, Inc. reached tentative agreement with Dr. Candace Kant to write a book featuring the letters written to each other by his mother and father. Dr. Grey, son of the distinguished author Zane Grey, said he was very impressed with Dr. Kant's book, ZANE GREY'S ARIZONA which details the western writer's numerous connections with the Grand Canyon State.

The day before, the first storm of the season dumped 15 inches of snow on Flagstaff, Arizona at an altitude of nearly 7000 feet. In the beautiful Red Rock country of Sedona, not too many miles to the south and at an elevation 2000 feet lower than Flagstaff, the cracks and crevices of the world-famous rock formations were encrusted with a contrast of white decorative artistry.

Also the day before, Dr. Loren Grey and his wife, Bonnie, had driven the last few miles of the 100-mile drive from Phoenix through a thin layer of snow. And Dr. Candace Kant and husband, Jim, intending to drive from their home in Las Vegas, Nevada, to Sedona in one day had their plans dangerously changed. An 18-wheeler jack-knifed in front of them blocking the highway necessitating a detour through Prescott and an unplanned over-night stay short of their destination.

They were to be featured speakers, November 13, at the second annual author's luncheon sponsored by the Sedona-Flagstaff Symphony League at the posh Poco Diablo in Sedona.

Five authors were at the speakers table. The emcee was Dr. Philip Rulon, Director of the "Center for Excellence in Education" at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

First to be introduced was Platt Cline, the retired editor-publisher of the Arizona Daily Sun in Flagstaff. His book, THEY CAME TO THE MOUNTAIN, is the finest history of the pioneers of Northern Arizona. A resident of the area since 1938, Cline's book was named the Flagstaff Bicentennial-Centennial Commission's official publication. 1976 was the 100th birthday of Flagstaff (Zane Grey called it Flagerstown) while the United States was celebrating its 200th anniversary.

Lewis De Serio, a transplanted black-and-white photographer from Long Island, N.Y., but now a Sedona resident, explained the purpose and methodology behind his book on southwestern photographs.

Another Sedona resident, Fairlee Cumfield described the research that went into her book on Commuter Marriages.

Then, Dr. Rulon announced what he called "the feature part of the program" centering around the great

western author, Zane Grey.

He introduced Dr. Kant, whose book ZANE GREY'S ARIZONA (Northland Press, Flagstaff) has been widely acclaimed as a significant contribution to the knowledge of Grey's travels and writings about Arizona and his influence on many of the motion pictures made in Arizona during the earlier part of the century.

Dr. Kant, or "Candy" as Dr. Rulon called his former student, told the luncheon attendees that she knew the name Zane Grey but didn't know who or what he was when Dr. Rulon first suggested Grey as the subject of her dissertation for her PhD, and which resulted in her book. But she soon found out who Zane Grey was and "is." She

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Good health, good friends...all the best to you at Christmas!

Your Society Board of Directors

THE UNPUBLISHED ZANE GREY STORIES

by G. M. Farley

Zane Grey was a prolific writer. Various estimates, most of them erroneous, as to the number of books he wrote each year state that he wrote four or more books per year. It is certain, however, that he wrote many more books than could be published in his lifetime at the rate Harper and Brothers were releasing them to the public.

The last book published before Zane Grey's death was WESTERN UNION. He spent part of the Saturday before his death autographing copies of this book at Vroman's store in Pasadena. Harpers, at the height of Grey's popularity usually published two books a year, the highest number being four in 1928 which included two novels, a fishing book, and DON. After his death Harpers usually published one book a year. Finally, in 1963, they published BOULDER DAM and wrote "finis" to their connection with Zane Grey—or so they thought. They eventually, in 1977, published THE REEF GIRL after some pressure from the public and the capable editing of Loren Grey.

Other books by Zane Grey have been published. In Belmont Tower Books published THE WESTERNER, an original paperback. To my knowledge it has never been reprinted in any form. In 1979 they published, in paperback, THE RUSTLERS OF PECOS COUNTY, a revision of the 1914 magazine serialization of THE LONE STAR RANGERS (NOT THE LONE STAR RANGER). Walter J. Black, Inc. published a book of short stories in 1979 entitled THE CAMP ROBBER AND OTHER STORIES. Then, in 1983 Winchester Press published THE UNDISCOVERED ZANE GREY FISHING STORIES. There were also some less serious efforts such as THE TRAIL OF THE JAGUAR, THE LORD OF LACKAWAXEN CREEK, and THE WESTERN MOTION PICTURE, all article reprints. Yet the rumors persist that there are still some unpublished Zane Grey manuscripts. And the rumors are not without substance.

After Zane Grey had suffered the stroke in 1937, he was totally incapacitated for some time. After awhile he was able to dictate, and one of the books he dictated was WESTERN UNION. Another was YOUNG GEORGE WASHINGTON. (I have heard this one referred to under other similiar titles). The Washington book was once considered for publication by Walter J. Black, Inc. The manuscript, according to Loren Grey, would need considerable editing and revising. At this time there is not a great deal of hope of it seeing publication.

Grey was also considering a book about Sam Houston tentatively called THE BIG DRUNK. This one did not develop beyond some notes.

In some magazine articles Zane Grey mentioned a book entitled TALES OF MAN-EATING SHARKS. Many have sought for this book. It does not exist. The reader will recall that Grey said he was "working" on such a book. According to Romer Grey all that existed was a shoebox of newspaper clippings and letters. Had he lived the book probably would have been written, and would have been very appropriate, because in those days most arm-chair authorities refused to accept the reports of humans being attacked by sharks.

There is, I think, a possibility of some short unpublished manuscripts by Zane Grey turning up. A few years ago I was in touch with a man who had a very early holograph manuscript by Zane Grey called "The Black Skull," a story of pirates. I lost track of the owner. There are several pages of a manuscript entitled "The Painted Desert," written about a trip with Witherell across this

fascinating stretch of desert. At least half of it, or more, is missing.

I do not anticipate seeing any further Zane Grey books unless someone should publish the fishing stories that appeared after his last fishing book, or perhaps put "Down an Unknown Jungle River" in book form. The latter would make a tremendous book if well illustrated by a good artist.

At this moment it doesn't seem likely that we will see any new books by Zane Grey.

MEMBERSHIP

New membership applications are still coming in at a steady pace since our last report to you. With the holidays coming on don't forget your spouse's membership and give serious thought to giving a membership to someone for a Christmas gift. I am sure you will recall the contest that was started concerning signing up three or more members and receiving not only a free breakfast but being honored at the convention in Flagstaff. So far the only member to qualify for the recruiting prize besides myself has been Prof. Charles Pfieffer of Columbia, South Carolina with three new members. Why don't you join this exalted group? Here is the list of new members since October 1.

1. James R. Adams, reg. member Berkeley, CA
2. Eleanor Baybrook, reg. member Payson, AZ
3. Lee Brown, reg. member Baxter, TN
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7. Anna Foster, reg. member Mesa, AZ
8. Oris Haworth, reg. member Kremmling, CO
9. Marie P. Miller, reg. member Mesa, AZ
10. Darrell R. Parker, reg. member Sun City West, AZ
11. Arthur L. Perkins, reg. member Finksburg, MD
12. Mary Jean Perry, reg. member Toponas, CO
13. Elaine R. Regienus, reg. member Redondo Beach, CA
14. Judy Welch, reg. memberLa Veta, CO
15. Gene L. Wilson, reg. member Denver, CO
16. Marie Grosshuesch, reg. member Florida

FINANCES

This is a summary of our receipts and expenses from June 7 thru November 30, 1985.

Receipts	\$5,275.40	Expenses	\$2,312.51
-		Savings	2,000.50
		Balance	\$ 962.39
Savings	\$2,000.50	Checking	\$ 962.39
Interest	3.85	Savings	2,004.35
Balance	\$2,004.35	Balance	\$2,966.74

A father and his five-year-old son were watching a TV western. As the story reached a climax, with the cowboy hero facing the fastest gun in the West, the five-year-old jumped up, turned off the set, and started to run out of the room.

"Hey, why did you turn it off?" his father demanded.
"I have to go to the bathroom," the boy shouted back, "and I don't want to miss anything."



Left to right: Bill Close, Dr. Candace Kant and Dr. Loren Grey.

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and her husband and two children toured the Tonto Rim country, visited Bill Goettl's renovation of the Zane Grey cabin east of Payson, and talked with anyone and everyone who could shed some light on the famous author. The resulting book has been well-received by ZG fans and southwestern history buffs. Not only does Candy Kant now know WHO Zane Grey is, she also knows WHAT he was to Arizona and WHAT Arizona was to him in his writings.

She also is a recent member of the Zane Grey West Society and plans on attending the Fourth Annual "gathering of the clan" in Flagstaff in early June.

The final speaker was Dr. Grey. His most recent book, ZANE GREY: A PHOTOGRAPHIC ODYSSEY (Taylor Publishing, Dallas), was the subject of his talk. He said he chose the picture from literally 20,000 photographs and negatives of, and pertaining to, his famous father. All of the material is "warehoused" at the Zane Grey Inc. headquarters in Woodland Hills, California. He told his listeners that future plans call for publishing more books of never-before published, or publicly seen, photographs. He told of other materials which need to be put into book form, of plans for future video tapes, and other hopes concerning his father's belongings. Dr. Grey told the 216 luncheon attendees that he was very pleased with the treatment Dr. Kant gave to his father's writings and the influence Arizona and Arizonans had on those writings.

Following the luncheon, which was a sell-out, the five authors participated in a book-autographing session,

which was termed a success.

That evening, Drs. Grey and Kant began discussions which led to the reaching of a tentative agreement to have Candy Kant assemble a book featuring the never-before published correspondence between Zane and Dolly Grey. Candy, in a subsequent telephone conversation with this reporter said she expects to begin work, on a limited basis, almost immediately, with the full thrust of her efforts starting in June. She currently is an Administrator at Clark County Community College in Las Vegas.

Because of the tremendous number of letters to read and catalog. Dr. Kant said she anticipated it would require

a couple of years for her efforts to be finalized.

Dr. Grey's recent visit to Arizona began on Tuesday the 12th of November with an appearance during the Noon News on Channel 10 (KTSP-TV) in Phoenix. Dr. Grey was questioned by (fellow Zane Grey collector) Bill Close regarding the (next day's) Authors Luncheon and about his latest book, ZANE GREY: A PHOTOGRAPHIC ODYSSEY. This book will be reviewed in the December 9, 1985 issue of People Magazine.

by bill close

YOUR TOP TWELVE

I have just received a request from Dr. Charles Schissel to ask you for your co-operation and help in determing your favorite Zane Grey books. Just make up a list of your top twelve in order and send the list to Dr. Schissel. He will compile these lists and run a statistical analysis and try and come up with a list of everyone's favorites. If you have some comments, include that and we will publish the list and even some of your comments. Send the list to Dr. Charles J. Schissel, 51 Sparhawk Street, Amesbury, MA 01913.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks loads for the "Zane Grey Review"—an easy free-flowing format. I like the way you touch base on so many interesting items. Also appreciate the words "Roll the Stone" emblazoned on the masthead—a good choice. God bless you, your family and your work!

(Father) Robert Biszek

EDITOR'S NOTE: I appreciate your kind words and as I always like to have a lot of help I appreciate all the higher help you can call on. Thanks Father Bob, and I will do my best not to let either of you down.

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VICKERS SPEAKS

At the November meeting of the Potomac Corral of "The Westerners", the featured speaker was Dr. James H. Vickers, President of the Northeast Chapter of the Zane Grey Society.

Dr. Vickers spoke on "Zane Grey in the Arizona

Strip".

Dr. Vickers has been researching the Arizona Strip area, visiting Indiana traders, historic sites and related locations of Zane Grey's famous novels. Some of Grey's best stories took place in the Arizona Strip, the rough canyon country of northern Arizona and southern Utah. Colored slides of the area, intermixed with old pictures of the historic places compare the present locations with how they were in Zane Grey's time.

After the presentation, Dr. Vickers signed the traditional "buckskin" draped over the podium, covered with signatures of speakers from the past 30 years. Dr. Vickers signed near a former speaker, Senator Barry Goldwater.

The Westerners is a national organization of people with interest in the historic literature and art of the west. Corrals are formed in many of the major cities of the country.

A VISIT WITH G. M. FARLEY

A November Sports Afield Article:

During the summer of 1985 I received a call from a lady who identifies herself as an editor for Sports Afield magazine. They were, she said, going to do an article about "Zane Grey's Lackawaxen." She wanted to know if she could use my name and address in connection with the Zane Grey's West Society.

My wife and I happened to be at Lackawaxen the day the photographers were there making pictures for the article. They worked all day, and, so I was told, only three of the photographs would be used. As it turned out only one was used, but what a picture! That one picture captures the

essence of the Zane Grey Museum.

The article by Zack Taylor is fair with the average number of historical errors. Not much is said about Lackawaxen. It is a routine article that could have been better researched.

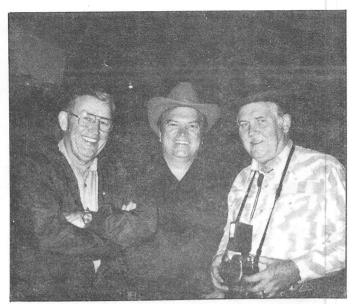
The mention, at the end of the article, about the Zane Grey's West Society has brought a good number of inquiries and they are still coming in almost daily. Thanks very much to Sports Afield.

Tales of Tahitian Waters:

It is highly probable that we may be seeing more important reprints. I have just been informed that a publisher is making preparation to reprint TALES OF TAHITIAN WATERS with an introduction by Joe Wilcox, lawyer, book dealer, and authority on out-of-print hunting and fishing books. Mr. Wilcox writes a monthly column for "Sporting Classics." More news as it becomes available.

White Death:

Loren Grey and his producers are now putting the Zane Grey film "White Death" on video cassette. This is the movie in which Zane Grey starred. Anyone desiring a copy can contact, Dr. G.M. Farley, P.O. Box 411, Hagarstown, MD 21741.



Left to right: Don Warren, Jim Vickers and G.M. Farley.

OMISSION

The Zane Grey pottery article in the October 1985 "Zane Grey Review" unfortunately and embarrassingly

failed to give proper credits.

Mrs. Betty Mittendorf, wife of one of our new members, Fred O. Mittendorf of Ralston Nebraska, called to my attention the fact that the Z.G. pottery existed. She also made available to me a book by Brenda Roberts, "The Collectors Encyclopedia of Hull Pottery," Collectors Books, Paducah, Kentucky, 1980, which contains descriptions and photos of the pottery. Quotes in the article came from this book.

My apology for the omission.

Cliff Ford

THE MEANING OF FRIENDSHIP

Oh, the comfort—
the inexpressible comfort
of feeling safe with a person.
Having neither to weigh thoughts,
Nor measure words—
but pouring them
all right out,
just as they are,
Chaf and grain together—
Certain that a faithful hand will
take and sift them—
Keeping what is worth keeping,
And with the breath of kindness
Blow the rest away.

Holiday Greetings

NORTHEAST CHAPTER MEETING

The fall meeting of the Northeast Chapter of the Zane Grey's West Society was held at Lackawaxen, Penn-

sylvania on October 4th and 5th, 1985.

The first part of the meeting was held in the Zane Grey Home and Museum, where co-owners Helen James Davis and Al Davis escorted the attendees through the home and museum with an informative lecture. Our thanks go out to them for their kind hospitality.

A National Park Service representative, Malcolm Ross, spoke on the Scenic Delaware River Area and its

development.

George Fluhr, the Pike County Historian and Township Supervisor, gave an outstanding slide presentation on the history of Pike County including Zane Grey's time in the area.

National ZGWS President, Gene Hafner, talked on the different versions of the Vanishing American. This was followed by G.M. Farley's showing of the 1925 film version of the Vanishing American.

Jim Vickers presented slides of Zane Grey in the Arizona Canyon country with pictures of historic sites of

Zane Grev novels.

A special thanks to Mary Smith Nelson for inviting us into her home and sharing her rememberances of growing up with the Grey family.

Twenty-seven people were in attendance from Massachusetts, Vermont, Pennsylvania, New Jersey,

Maryland and South Carolina.

The fellowship was great, the scenery beautiful and the hiking invigorating. We look forward to the next meeting.

James H. Vickers

THE COLLIER BOOKS

We are still working on the Collier line of ZG books. Since our October issue we have received two more titles to add to the list. Mary Mattingly of Klamath Falls, Oregon added the title of "Forlorn River" and one of our new members, Winston Reynolds, of Owosso, Michigan added "Wild Horse Mesa." This seems to be all of the new information as of this date. There must be some expert out there that can help us out on this. Anyway, this is where we are as of now with twenty-two titles.

The Thundering Herd Wild Horse Mesa Sunset Pass The Drift Fence Code of the West The Trail Driver West of the Pecos Knights of the Range 30,000 on the Hoof Majesty's Rancho Wilderness Trek

Forlorn River Fighting Caravans Robbers' Roost The Hash Knife Outfit Thunder Mountain The Lost Wagon Train Raiders of Spanish Peaks Western Union Twin Sombreros Stairs of Sand Shadow on the Trail

I used to make money a runnin' wild cattle, in them good old days 'fore the business went wrong. When a hot runnin' iron and a good long riata, Was all that was needed to start you along...

"The Cowman's Troubles" by Gail Gardner

THE ZANE GREY OUIZ

I must have really thrown a wide loop on the October quiz. The mail went out on October 21 and on October 24 I received the only correct reply from our quiz expert, none other than Tim Abner. Since then I have had several queries as to what the answer was as they couldn't find it.

The correct identification was "Raiders of Spanish Peaks" and I refer you to page 77: "Yes, Mr. Lindsay, it was in the hall," he said, blandly. "Miss Lenta came in so packed with bundles that I couldn't see she was a grown-up

young lady."

That makes Tim a Double Trail Foreman but he is sure short of Top Hands for the trip west. Of course one more win for him and we send him down under for a Wilderness Trek.

The rules are still the same so why don't all of you pitch in and give Tim and the crew a hand. The show must go on...

"Don't you call my	a thief,' broke in young
An' he cracked	square on his ugly
mug. You ought to have heard	that fist. Sounded like
hittin' a beef with an ax.	fell all over
-damn near knockin' down the st	ove, an
didn't get up. It was a good thing	was
knocked out, fellars, for when I lo	oked at
again there w	
was standin' fa	ar over to one side."

That's it for now, rush your cards and letters to me and let's have a lot of winners for December.

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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT ... by Don Warren

Once again we are coming to you with some changes in the newsletter. The Review was being done in a local print shop but it was just too much for their schedule as they were running at least 30 days behind in their job printing. After some study and looking around it became apparent that the best bet was to go with more of a newspaper format. In another career I was the editor and publisher of a union newspaper and had it printed at "The Leader-Union" in Vandalia, Illinois. To make a long story short that is the way I have decided to go and this is the result. In addition to the flexibility this type of format gives us, such as better pictures and more actual newsprint for the money, it is nice to be back working with old friends again after a three and a half year absence.

I am disappointed in the fact that the advertising has not amounted to more for this issue. I still believe that this is a service that not only our dealer members will find satisfactory but also the individual member who has some extra books he wants to move. In addition the new members who are just getting started need to know where they can get some books at a satisfactory price. I receive queries every week concerning how to get started and where they can buy Zane Grey books based on a limited budget. I know some of our older members have a lot of extra books they would like to see passed on. Keep the Review in mind and give it a try.

Have you started making plans for the upcoming 4th annual convention to be held next June in Flagstaff Arizona? That is only 6 months off and with the hurry scurry of modern life it will soon be time. Just this past week a lady donated 4 books for the auction. She is not even a member but had heard of our organization and wanted to help out. Perhaps you know of people in your community that would feel this way. Let's all give it our best shot on being there and let's all plan to donate some items for the auction...

I have been working with the CPA who is in the process of applying for a tax exempt status for the Society. He tells me with all the records and information I have furnished him we should be exempt in the next 60 to 90 days. Several members have inquired on this and are wanting to know when it happens as they plan to make a donation to the Society at that time. As soon as this is received it will be headlined in the review for all to see and take appropriate action as they see fit.

A month ago a good used copy machine became available for purchase for the price of \$400.00. This was a badly needed piece of equipment and after consulting with all board members and getting their approval it was purchased. It is a Mita 900-D and is the one I have been paying the printer to use in his office. With the advent of advertising and rewrites for the review it really has helped out. In addition I now am able to keep a complete record of all correspondence to and from this office. The workload has increased a hundredfold since September 1st. With the use of the copy machine, a stamp applicator, postage scales and the help and yes, guidance of Dot, we are managing to reply to all mail within 48 hours after receiving it and in most cases 24 hours. I intend to keep the office current and by doing so offer a better service to the member. In order to build a better, lasting Society it is necessary for this office to act in a business manner. By doing this and putting the organization on a sound financial basis first we can

then offer more services to the members and I believe conduct an informative and fun type organization.

Watch for the February, March and April issues of True West Magazine. It will contain a one inch display advertisement inserted by the Society to attract new members. If this works out we will be considering other publications for use in the future. I have also just learned that there is a write up in the January issue of True West about the ZGWS. Check your local magazine sellers.

Those of you who didn't or couldn't obtain the anniversary issue of Field and Stream which contained the ZG article "The Mako Shark" may still order them as I still have a few. I will mail them out for \$5.00, so let know.

As the membership article shows we are increasing our membership but we still need more. Don't forget you can still give a ZGWS membership for a Christmas gift. One of the many chores I am doing is making out a budget for next year. I would cetainly enjoy having so many new members it would foul up my educated guestimate as to our membership and income. The 1985 year is soon ending and this means that if you haven't paid your dues yet they will soon be due. Those that paid Volume IV need to know that they are paid up for 1985 but not 1986. From now on we will be operating on a calendar year for our dues with no reference to volume numbers.

It was a real pleasure for me to welcome J.W. "Bill" Lynes of Plainfield, Iowa as a new member this past September. Bill is another rural carrier and was the state president of Iowa at the same time I held the position in Illinois for the rural carriers. If you ever have a complaint on your service see Bill and if you want to pay a compliment let me know. Just pulling your leg Bill, but welcome aboard and I know everyone is looking forward to meeting you in Flagstaff.

I also want to thank those who have contributed material for this issue. All of the information was the kind ZG fans want to hear but it seems to me Bill Close scooped us all on the Grey Kant story. Thanks, Bill and I know I will see you in the next 30 days to express in person my appreciation for your time and trouble.

I will be with you again in February so until then from both Dot and I, Happy Holidays...

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