

Koethe Article Winner

James Koethe, The Dallas Times Herald newsman killed last September, Friday was posthumously named a winner in the annual journalism awards competition conducted by the American Osteopathic Association.

Mr. Koethe was honored by AOA for his cover story, "Mercy Mission to Mexico" which appeared in Sunday magazine Aug. 2.

Mr. Koethe traveled with several Dallas-area osteopathic physicians by small plane into the wild mountainous regions of Chihuahua, Mexico, last June. His written and and photographed account of dangers and hardships faced by the doctors in treating some of the 56,000 stone-age and cave-dwelling Tarahumara Indians was selected by judges as one of the three winners in the annual AOA competition.

The award, consisting of a plaque and \$100 cash prize, will be presented to Mr. Koethe's mother, Mrs. David Wirz of Seymour.

Mr. Koethe's winning entry was judged an outstanding presentation in terms of content, accuracy, objectivity and humanitarian aspects.

In announcing the award winners, Dr. True B. Eveleth of Chicago, AOA executive director, said, "James Koethe experienced the same hardships and dangers faced by the Dallas-area doctors who helped treat these primitive Indians.

"His excellent story typified the spirit of brotherhood and concern for man's fellowman that still exists in our world. The truly tragic element is that he is not alive today to accept this award.

Mr. Koethe was found dead in his San Jacinto Street apartment Sept. 21. An autopsy showed he had been choked to death.

Larry Earl Reno, a 23-year-old Alabama ex-convict, was arrested and charged with the murder Nov. 2. He was later no-billed by a Dallas County grand jury.