

FORMER LOCAL PEOPLE MAY SHARE TREASURE

Two former Palm Springs families may share in the fabulous "Loot of Lima -", a \$60,000,000 treasure cache on Cocos Island off the coast of Central America, believed to have been located last week by an expedition of Southern California treasure hunters. The two couples are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Shockley and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Dill. They were given the opportunity of helping to finance the expedition by Fred Dill of Riverside, father of H. W. Dill, and president of the Dill Lumber company. He is interested in it with a number of other prominent Riverside business men. A. F. Gucrth, Texaco distributor, Banning resident and owner of considerable property in Palm Springs, including the Palm Springs Garage and the Texaco station in the southern part of town, is another who helped finance the expedition and would therefore share in the treasure. Mr. and Mrs. Dill lived in the Santa Rosa tract here one season. He is one of the owners of the Dill Lumber Company. Mr. Shockley is a farmer local manager of the Dill Lumber Company and is now manager of the Dill branch at Banning. The treasure is buried so deep that it will require machinery to recover it. This was quickly assembled and was reported Sunday to be on its way to the Cocos Island. Meanwhile the treasure is being guarded on the island, an ancient pirates lair, by a detachment of Costa Rican soldiers. Word of the discovery of the treasure was received in Los Angeles by Costa Rican Consul Sidney Field in an air mail letter from the curator of the Costa Rica National Museum who accompanied the expedition. The letter simply disclosed that a "treasure" had been found, but it was believed to have been the "loot of Lima" since that was the object of search. Expedition Sailed in November

The expedition sailed from Balboa Island last November on the schooner Spindrift, under command of Capt. Hugh M. Davenport. In the party were Charles Forbes and James Forbes jr., of Riverside, grandsons of the late Alexander Forbes, whose exhaustive study of maps and documents relating to the "loot of Lima" provided the impetus for the hunt. The treasure, reputed to be \$60,000,000 in gold plate and jewels, is from the cathedral at Lima, Peru. The pirate ship. Mary Dear, long years ago agreed to convey the treasure to a place of safekeeping. Instead, the ship's crew murdered the church guard and reputedly hid the treasure on Cocos Island. Backing the expedition is a syndicate of Riverside and Balboa business men. The treasure seekers have an agreement with the Costa Rican government

which owns the island that permits them two months for digging after the first shovel of earth is turned. The Costa Rican government may extend the time if necessary and will get one fourth of all treasure recovered. Chester Coffey, who was located in the Plaza last year, is now back in Palm Springs. He is a portrait photographer and is associated with the Frank Partridge Jr. Studio. The present moment is all we can call our own for works of mercy, of righteous dealing, and of family tenderness. George Eliot. Grow old along with me. The best is yet to be.

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MR. AND MRS. JOHN FORBES BUY JEROME COWAN SMOKE TREE RESIDENCE

John H. McMann of the Raymond Cree real estate office reports the recent sale of the Jerome Cowan desert home at Smoke Tree Ranch tract, to Mr. and Mrs. John Forbes, former Smoke Tree Guest Ranch guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Forbes are residents of Central California. They have already taken possession of the motion picture actor's former home.