

Housekeeper Awarded Half of Slain Rancher's Estate

Famous Cazaurang Properties With Headquarters in Escondido Once Estimated at \$1,000,000

SAN DIEGO, April 30. (P)—Half of the large estate of Jean Cazaurang of Escondido, rancher murdered in Nevada in 1929, today was awarded to his former housekeeper, Mrs. Marie Lees Thomas of Los Angeles, by Superior Judge Edward J. Kelly.

The estate, once estimated to be worth \$1,000,000, included the famed old Guejito rancho northeast of Escondido, water rights in Nevada and certain lands near Alhambra, Cal. The interest won today is estimated to be worth \$150,000. It is from the Alhambra lands that there is prospect of rehabilitating the estate, Mrs. Thomas said.

IN COURT 11 YEARS

For 11 years the estate of Cazaurang, picturesque French sheep raiser and miner, has been in the courts. A year ago a will offered by Robert P. Carrey, Los Angeles lawyer, was held to be superseded by either of two wills, one leaving the estate to the widow, the other leaving it to Mrs. Thomas, then Miss Lees.

Today's decision was a ruling on the relative merits of the con-

ficting claims of the widow and Mrs. Thomas. Cazaurang had made a holographic will, in French, on June 11, 1927. He signed a typewritten will prepared by a San Diego attorney, leaving the estate to the widow, Marie Cazaurang.

ADDED PARAGRAPH

Still later, on Jan. 2, 1929, Cazaurang added a new paragraph to his French will reaffirming the statements it contained. Judge Kelly held this to be a re-execution of the testament by having a new date and a new signature, and held it to be Cazaurang's last will and testament.

Mrs. Cazaurang, as the widow, has been awarded half of the estate as her share of the community property. She died in 1937. Mrs. Thomas receives the other half under today's award.

Van Zandt, Banking Figure, Dies in Texas

FT. WORTH (Tex.) April 30. (P)—Richard Lipscomb Van Zandt, 68, prominent in banking circles in the nation for many years, died today. From 1901 to 1903 Van Zandt was in the Philippine Islands as a represent-

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