

U.S. Sues to Obtain Clear Title to Rancho Golf Club

Petition, Declaring Operators Owe \$831,703 in Taxes, Seeks to Void Lesser Interests

In a move to take clear title to the old Rancho Golf Club property at Pico Blvd. and Motor Ave., the United States government yesterday filed suit in Superior Court.

The action is directed against the State, the county, the city, the city school district and other tax-levying districts which claim an interest in the property through tax liens.

AMOUNT OWED

Prepared in the office of U.S. Atty. William Fleet Palmer, the complaint states that club owners and operators owe the Federal government \$831,703 in taxes and that the government's claim to title to the property should take precedence over other and lesser claims.

The taxes owed the United

States Bureau of Internal Revenue, it is set forth in the suit are for the years of 1920 to 1925. In recent years title has been claimed by the Nomis-Suarts Corp. and by the State of California, according to the suit, which includes both as defendants for this reason.

OTHER DEFENDANTS

Also included as defendants in the action are Mrs. Winnifred Nichols, who now operates the club under lease, and the Cheviot Hills Post No. 501, American Legion, which has a lease for use of the clubhouse for periodical meetings.

Neither the complaint nor government officials would disclose whether in taking title the government would put the property to other than its present use. Should the State court hold that the government is not entitled to ownership of the property, the complaint requests that the land then be sold and that the proceeds be applied on the government's claim.

Kansans to Picnic

Former Kansans will gather in Bixby Park, Long Beach, next Sunday for their annual summer picnic. An old-fashioned spelling bee will be a feature of the outing.