

Film Notables Sued Over Sale of Country Club

Payment of \$325,000 over a real estate investment transaction was demanded yesterday in a suit filed in Superior Court and directed against several motion-picture figures.

The complaint, including Fred MacMurray, Frank Borzage, Mitchell Leisen and John Wayne as defendants, was brought by John Montague, golf professional, and Mrs. Winifred Kelley, widow of John S. Kelley, restaurateur.

Agreement Claimed

The petitioners set forth that, on Nov. 1, 1943, Montague and Kelley, who died two years ago, entered into an agreement with the others and also with Bo Roos, operator of the Beverly Management Corp., which specializes in handling financial affairs for film celebrities, for the purchase of the California Country Club for \$250,000. Club buildings were to be remodeled and refurbished, according to the complaint, and then sold, with Montague and Kelley each to receive 25% of the net profits, according to the suit.

Two months ago, it was stated by Atty. Robert S. Butts, representing Montague and Mrs. Kelley; the property was sold for \$950,000 after an expenditure of \$50,000 in remodeling. Montague and Mrs. Kelley accordingly demand \$162,500 each. The sale was said to have been made to Sanford Adler, millionaire investor and sportsman.