Mr. and Mrs. Paul V. Jones are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. H. Eugene Downhour of Indianapolis, Ind. The Downhours are making their home in Torrance. He is employed at National Supply Company.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bodley spent the weekend at the home of his brother-in-law and sister **Mr. and Mrs. M. D. McRae** at Beaumont.

Misses Marjorie Northrup and **Phyllis Sears** spent the weekend at Catalina during Bank of America's annual excursion to the resort.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Lee have as their houseguest his mother, Mrs. R. N. Lee of Branch, Arkansas.

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Citizen Group Blasts Recallees As Ouster Move Gains Headway

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letter dated, June 12, 1940, and signed for the Los Angeles County Grand Jury by Helen Guzzardi, its secretary, which reads: **"After going over the matter (Lessing case) carefully, including the hearing of witnesses and taking of evidence, we have concluded that this is not a matter that warrants further consideration by the Grand Jury."** This letter is on file at the City Hall.

Powell Tactics Aired

An example of the type of campaign tactics being practiced by Powell workers is cited by Charles Mitschrich, chairman of the Citizens' Committee for Good Government. According to Mitschrich, one of Powell's workers approached a well known citizen who had signed the recall petition asking that he vote for Powell—and mentioning neither of the other two recallees. This worker said Powell had told him that he thought Shidler was too young for the city judge job, and that if he (Powell) were not recalled he wanted to remove Shidler and put in Albert Isen in his place. Mitschrich added: "The question is, who is being double crossed, Shidler or Isen." Mitschrich also revealed that the Powell worker referred to was a city employee, under civil service, and in so campaigning was violating the civil service rules, which forbids city employees to indulge in political activities.

A complete airing of the entire political situation is promised by the Citizens' Committee for Good Government at a public mass meeting to be held in the Civic Auditorium next Thursday evening, July 24.

"We have much to tell the voters of Torrance and will have well informed speakers at the meeting who are qualified by experience and knowledge to present the facts," said Chairman Mitschrich of the Citizens' Committee. It is also planned to have some worthwhile entertainment by talented professionals of the motion picture and radio studios, and an enjoyable as well as informative evening is in store for those who attend this mass meeting, which will be free to the public, Mitschrich added.

"In the meantime," added Mitschrich, "if there are any questions that anyone wants to ask, or any information desired regarding the recall campaign, they are invited to call the Citizens' Committee headquarters, 1409 Marcelina avenue, telephone 354."

Ethel Waters in Stage Musical Show in L. A.

Broadway's brightest musical production, "Cabin in the Sky", starring Ethel Waters in the most joyful role of her career, and the original New York cast, has been booked into the Biltmore theatre, Los Angeles, and will open a two weeks return engagement Monday, July 21.

In it, Ethel Waters, singer of immortal blues songs and actress of the first rank, gets her first opportunity to combine singing as well as acting, recalling unforgettable moments of the theatre when she appeared in "As Thousands Cheer" and "At Home Abroad" as well as in "Mamba's Daughters." In addition, Miss Waters reveals a new side to her many talents, namely, dancing.

Supporting Miss Waters is one of the most destinguished musical casts ever assembled. Included are Todd Duncan, who played Porgy in George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess," Rex Ingram, movie and stage performer, Dooley Wilson, J. Rosamond Johnson and Katherine Dunham, the Chicago anthropological student who won herself the title of the "hottest thing on Broadway."

"Cabin in the Sky," a fantasy-like story of the folklore of the Southland, is set against backgrounds of authentic Americana by Boris Aronson. George Balanchine, choreographer and director for musical comedy and moving pictures, staged the dances. For the thousands who were turned away during its recent engagement in Los Angeles, the Biltmore announces that special popular prices and bargain Wednesday and Saturday matinees will be in effect during its short stay. Mail orders will be given prompt attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Powers and son were recent weekend guests at the Grant Wyricks at La Jolla.

South Torrance Folk Demand Street Work

The following communication was read to the city council Tuesday afternoon from H. F. Smith of 1900 238th st. relative to recreation vs. street improvements in South Torrance:

"Head Lines in Papers: 'City Council Approves $7,500 for Recreation.'"

"We, the people of South Torrance are for progress, improvement and recreation. But 15 years ago we were promised roads; 15 years later we get $7,500 for recreation but not one cent for roads.

"The people of Southeast and West Torrance are living in an oilfield. The City of Torrance wanted that territory and has gotten 15 years of taxes and revenue from oil. Well. Are the people of South Torrance of the same class as the other people of Torrance or are the Southenders like the untouchables of India—like the Okies in California that live in weed patches and deplorable oil sumpholes? Lessors have to put up a $5,000 bond to the state to insure that leases be kept clean. Has the City Council passed such an ordinance? The Fire department can tell you at 137th st. and Eshelman about a weed fire endangering the oil derrick and tanks full of oil.

"For the past three years H. F. Smith and Barney Gannon have requested the city engineering department to fix our roads. Answer: 'We will be right down to see about it.' Then follows the good old Mexican spirit—they take a siesta. Final answer: No funds. What a joke! $7,500 for recreation, NOT one cent for roads. Now there are two ways to go: (1) The City of Torrance to do its duty by the people of South Torrance; (2) for the people of South Torrance to go back into the county.

"What shall it be? That's up to the City Council.

"Respectively,

(Signed) "H. F. SMITH,

"1900 238th St., Torrance."

There was no counsilmanic comment on Smith's letter as it was ordered turned over to the city engineering and street department "for future reference."

Navy Mothers to Complete Charter at Next Meeting

Members and guests of the newly organized Navy Mothers' Club which embraces mothers of men in the Navy, Coast Guard, Marines and Naval Reserve, met at Torrance city park last Thursday for a picnic lunch. Six new members were initiated, according to publicity chairman, Mrs. Lucille Bader of Lomita.

The next meeting will be held Thursday afternoon, July 24, at 2 o'clock at the home of Commander Anna Long, 25823 Lucille ave.

Those wishing to have their names included on the charter are asked to join at once. Call Mrs. Long at Lomita 264 or Mrs. Bader at Lomita 1001.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Sanderhoff were dinner guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Summers of Pasadena, former Torrance residents.

SCREEN'S DAFFIEST PAIR . . . Myrna Loy is adamant to the pleas of Sidney Blackmer and William Powell not to divorce her husband in this scene from "Love Crazy" which opens at the Plaza theatre in Hawthorne Saturday. Blackmer is Myrna's lawyer and Powell is the husband. The picture is hailed as the funniest of the Powell-Loy matrimonial riots. Second feature on the bill is "The Cowboy and the Blonde" with Mary Beth Hughes.

GLEESOME THREESOME . . . Ronald Regan, Priscilla Lane and Jeffrey Lynn are the three likeable stars who head the cast of the Grand theatre's new hit, "Million Dollar Baby," which opens Sunday for a three-day run. "Reaching for the Sun," a laugh-drama starring Joel McCrea, Ellen Drew and Eddie Bracken, is the companion feature.

Grand Theatre to Present Matinees Every Wednesday

In response to many persons' requests who are unable to attend evening shows, the management of the Grand theatre announced today that starting next week a mid-week matinee would be held each Wednesday afternoon. The regular matinee starting time of 2 o'clock will be effective with the box office opening at 1:45 p.m., it was said.

Also starting next week, the theatre management announced a new attraction for children on Saturday afternoons. A series of stage contests with cash prizes given will be held.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McMillan, accompanied by their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Edwards, returned yesterday from a two weeks' motor trip through the northwest and Vancouver, B. C.

Guests of **Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Page** at their home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beatty of Louisville, Ky., and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Metz of Los Angeles.

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