Eldorado Homes Attract, Excite Crowds

Approval has been given by the Tustin Union High School Board for an extensive community recreational program to be conducted this summer at the Mission Viejo High School and underwritten by the Mission Viejo Co. In taking the action, the board accepted a contribution of $6,500 from Mission Viejo Co. to cover the expense of the program.

The ten-week summer program will run from June 19th to August 26th. It will provide a comprehensive recreational program for all age levels from age five through adulthood.

In addition to games, sports, and arts and crafts, special Friday night events will be staged for teenagers, including dances, movies and a carnival night.

Physical fitness classes will be held for both men and women. There will also be story hours and games for younger children.

Press and Public Praise New Homes Project in Mission Viejo

Henry Sutherland, real estate editor of the Los Angeles Times, wrote that Eldorado Homes represents the beginning curve of a community scale intended to range in size and price from modest to luxurious.

He quoted Philip J. Reilly, new president of Mission Viejo Co., as saying that “Eldorado should appeal to young couples at the beginning of their economic lives . . . and also be attractive to older couples, whose children have become adults and who no longer need large houses, and to a considerable section of the retired population as well.”

Reilly told the Times editor that a man with a stable background and an income of $600 monthly can qualify as a purchaser at Eldorado Homes.

Reilly Named President of Mission Viejo Co.

James E. West, Chairman of the Board of Mission Viejo Company, developer of the 11,000-acre planned community of Mission Viejo, has announced the appointment of Philip J. Reilly to succeed Donald L. Bren as president of the firm.

Reilly, 37, has served as executive vice president of the company since its inception in 1963.

The new president is a lawyer who has specialized in real estate law since being admitted to the California Bar in 1960.

As executive vice president for the past three years, Reilly has been thoroughly involved in every phase of the company’s implementation of the master plan of Mission Viejo.

VETERAN campers William and Nancy Gould of Orange made sure they were first in line when sales opened for Unit 7 of La Paz Homes by pitching their tent at 10:15 A.M. on Wednesday, May 17, even though the sale did not start until 9:00 A.M. Saturday, May 20. (See story on Page Three.)
Lutheran Church Congregation to be Organized on June 11

Organization of the Mount of Olives Lutheran Church in Mission Viejo is to take place on Sunday, June 11 at 10:30 A.M., according to Rev. Robert Lange, pastor of the first church to be established in the new community.

The church congregation will be officially organized and constituted in impressive ceremonies. The Rev. Edward B. Naylor, chaplain in the President in Parish Education, will officially organize the congregation. The Rev. Carl Rouen, deacon, will be the preacher for the services and the Rev. Lange will be the liturgist.

Swimmers Active at Club Pool

As the summer meets near, the pool will be filled with swimmers. The Deane Homes Mission Viejo Swim Club and Racquet Club is being churned furiously in preparation for a series of competitions that begin on July 23.

Seven meets have been scheduled, according to Dean Stearns, and Bobby from the elder Stearns, a resident of Deane Homes, Mission Viejo, who had come into the sales office early in order to select a lot and home for her in-laws in New York.

Mr. Stearns, one of Mission Viejo's most staunch supporters, moved into the Deane community after reading an announcement in the Times Real Estate page about the crowds waiting to buy in one of the first units of Deane Homes.

The community is cordially invited to attend the services and Revel. Lange said. Further information about the event may be obtained by calling 837-7467.

Sixth Unit Sets Record for Deane Homes

The grand opening of the sixth unit of Deane Homes, Mission Viejo, held May 5, resulted in a sales record of 24 homes sold in less than two hours.

This unusual sales record actually climaxed a long waiting period for many home buyers that had been on a waiting list since the first of the year and had received notification of the opening of the 6th unit two days previously.

One eager purchaser camped on the door step at 7:00 a.m. even though the opening hour was 11 hours later. He was Mr. George Craven, Tustin, who had taken the day off from work with full intentions of being number one on the list.

The congregation after six months of operation will organize with 250 baptized members and a Sunday School of over 200 enrollment.

The community is cordially invited to attend the services and Rev. Lange said. Further information about the event may be obtained by calling 837-7467.

BROADCASTING THE GOOD WORD ABOUT DEANE HOMES — Ted Quillin, radio station KEZY, Anaheim, announcer, was in Mission Viejo with microphone for the opening of the sixth unit of Deane Homes, Mission Viejo. Here he interviews Bill Packer of Costa Mesa about how he likes the model homes, while Mrs. Packer and their 10-month-old daughter, Deanna, wait to continue their inspection of the homes.

The scene at the Deane sales office, as the zero hour approached, was reminiscent of early West homesteaders, waiting patiently to stake a claim for their home site. However, the Deane home buyers had seen the model they wanted and had been advised that the 6th unit would contain 78 homes.

Also, not to compare with the waiting conditions endured by early homesteaders, the Fri day night grand opening offered entertainment by an eight piece March band and a buffet.

Grading on this new unit has begun and actual construction of the Deane Homes, Mission Viejo sixth unit, with prices ranging from $24,450 to $31,950, will be completed within five months.

Post Office Moves to La Paz Plaza

The Mission Viejo Branch of the United States Post Office has moved to new 900 sq. ft. quarters on the mall in La Paz Plaza from its former location in the apartment building at La Paz Road and Chisanta Drive.

Listed below are the official post office addresses, together with phone numbers, of Mission Viejo's post offices:

1. La Paz Homes sales office. 8. La Paz Plaza Shopping Center.
2. La Paz Homes models. 9. Lutheran Church and non-sectarian school.
15. Site for second elementary school.
16. Planned multiple family residential.
17. Monterey Masterhomes models.
18. Site of Monterey Masterhomes.
19. Deane Homes models.
20. Site of Deane Homes.

GUIDE — The first 1500 acres of Mission Viejo are shown here as a guide to the visitor.
Homeowners Association Being Formed in M.V.

An interim committee composed of La Paz Homes residents is in the process of forming a Homeowners Association which will encompass the entire Mission Viejo community.

A proposed set of by-laws has been drafted for approval of Mission Viejo homeowners.

The purpose of this association, as stated by the organizing committee, is to become active, effective, informed participants in any and all matters pertaining to the continued growth of the community of Mission Viejo.

Open meetings are being scheduled for the near future and all residents will be notified of date, time and place.

An organizational meeting was held at the home of Lee Steinbrook on the evening of May 16. Invited guests included James Toepfer, Vice President of Planning of the Mission Viejo Company; James Woods, President of the Mesa Verde Homeowners Association; and Forest Dickason, Director of Planning for Orange County. Approximately twenty interested homeowners also attended.

Mr. Toepfer told the group of the future developmental plans of the community. Mr. Woods expressed views on plans for major highways in the area were described by Mr. Dickason.

Further information about the Mission Viejo Homeowners Association may be obtained by contacting Mr. Steinbrook at 837-8073.

2nd Park for Mission Viejo

Philip J. Reilly, president of the Mission Viejo Co., has announced that plans and specifications are being prepared for Mission Viejo's second park.

The new park will be in the La Paz Homes area on the north side of Pepita Drive, east of Pericia Drive. It is adjacent to a proposed school.

The park will cover 4½ acres and contain a playground and complete landscaping.

Campout Wins First Choice in New La Paz Homes Unit

An Orange Junior High School choral director and his 23-month-old daughter made certain they would get the exact model and lot they had selected in the 7th Unit of La Paz Homes by camping in the sales area three days and nights.

For Mr. and Mrs. William Gould, camping was no new experience because it is one of their favorite recreational pursuits. But for little Elizabeth Ann, not yet two years old, it was her first experience at roughing it.

The Goulds, William and Nancy, have been married for six years. Their new home will be the first one they have owned, having always rented previously. Both have lived in Orange County for more than a decade. She was born in Glendale and he moved to Lynwood after spending his early years in Tulsa.

Bill Gould is choral director at McPherson Jr. High in Orange. He attended Chapman College where he attained both a bachelor's degree in music and a master's of arts degree.

Why did they camp out? Determined not to settle for a second choice, they had their hearts set on Lot 47 on Estanciero and nobody was going to beat them out of a chance to get it. And nobody did.

Right behind the Goulds were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Estabrook. Because of a commitment to attend a National Guard meeting that Friday night, Mr. Estabrook had to leave his wife to hold their spot in line by herself. She spent the night at the home of friends in La Paz Homes Unit 7.

Eight homes were sold in the first hour following the opening of sales at 9:30 A.M. Saturday, May 20.

Three days before, May 16, invited guests included Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gould of Tustin, who came to visit them and their 22-month-old daughter during their long wait. Also visiting was the child's great aunt, Mrs. Ralph Weiland.

GRANDPARENTS VISIT LITTLE LA PAZ CAMPER — Bill and Nancy Gould, 1st couple in line to buy a home in the 7th Unit of La Paz Homes, greet Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Gould of Tustin (2nd and 3rd from left), who came to visit them and their 22-month-old daughter during their long wait. Also visiting was the child's great aunt, Mrs. Ralph Weiland.
The article was illustrated with a long-range view of the model home compound taken from the nearby hills and interior photographs of the living rooms in the Palencia and Sorrento models.

The Register, Orange County's largest newspaper, observed in its feature article:

"Although physical development of Mission Viejo began only two years ago, the community already has a population of approximately 2,500. When moderate income families see the quality of design and construction and the picturesque setting being offered in Eldorado Homes at such unusually low prices, that population figure is apt to shoot upward in a hurry."

The Register article noted that an abundance of features usually found in more expensive homes are incorporated in the latest homes being built in Mission Viejo. Specifically cited were the brick fireplaces, kitchen built-ins, "pass-thru" kitchen windows to serving bars in outside patio areas, sliding glass doors, sloping beamed ceilings and cedar shingle roofs.

Mosher extends an invitation on behalf of the Mission Viejo Co. to Mission Viejo residents who have not already visited the Eldorado model homes, beautifully decorated by Virginia Douglas, to do so by taking Christanta Drive north from La Paz Road to the model home area.

"GEE, THESE ARE NICE!" — Shown are part of the hundreds of families who turned out on a bright sunny Sunday for the grand opening of Eldorado Homes. Did they like them? Well, the fact that 60 families have already decided to be your new neighbors in Mission Viejo should tell you.

"THAT'S A CHOICE LOCATION" — Well, really, they all are in Eldorado Homes, sales manager Ernie Mosher points out to visitors at the huge topographical scale model in the attractively decorated sales office.

"IT'S A DIFFICULT CHOICE" — Renderings and floor plans in the sales office across from the models provide a convenient means of arriving at the big decision as to which Eldorado Home will be just right for each particular family.

"OBVIOUSLY PLEASED" — The Haaker family, Ken and Annie, with children, David, Trudi and Peter, are as pleased with what they have just seen in the Trevino, one of the four Eldorado Homes models, as they were when they first saw the home they purchased in Mission Viejo. They were among scores of families who visited the newest Mission Viejo residential neighborhood's models on a special residents' preview night.

"WHEN THERE'S GOOD MUSIC, WHY NOT?" — Guests at the Press Preview of Eldorado Homes found the music of the Mariachi band irresistible. So began the first unscheduled dance in the Eldorado sales office — it is to be expected that other dances of joy will take place there as families complete papers for the purchase of new homes.

"YOUR NEW HOME WILL BE LOCATED RIGHT THERE!" — Eldorado Homes salesman, Tom Cannon, points out locations of available homes in the first unit of 93 homes to prospective buyers during the grand opening of Mission Viejo's newest residential development.
Presbyterian Church to be Erected

Negotiations have been concluded for the construction of a Presbyterian Church at the corner of Oso Parkway and Margarita Parkway in Mission Viejo, according to James G. Torpy, vice president for planning for the Mission Viejo Company, developer of Mission Viejo.

Conclusion of purchase negotiations for the property by the New Church Development Division of the Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles marked another step in the provision of religious facilities for the rapidly growing community. The Mount of Olives Lutheran Church located on Chrisanta Dr. has needed to expand since its dedication on December 4, 1966.

The architectural firm of Prescott, Whalley & Associates, Los Angeles, have been retained to prepare plans for the new church, according to Dr. Arthur T. Bailey, director of church development for the Presbytery.

It was also announced that the Presbytery would assign a minister in the field to Mission Viejo on September 1. A house is being purchased here for the minister.

According to Architect Al Prescott, the new church will have a Spanish architectural motif through the use of similar type structures in Mission Viejo, including the traditional tile roof, arches, and other architectural characteristics that are identified with the Spanish style.

Preparation is now under way for preparing a master plan for the church facilities which when fully developed will include a worship area, a sanctuary, a fellowship hall, and major professional offices. Quarters will also be provided for a day nursery.

The worship area in the first structure will seat 150. The ultimate sanctuary is to be capable of seating 400, and the fellowship hall will ultimately seat 150-200, he said.

Remaining Plaza Shops, Offices to Open in June

By the end of June, La Paz Plaza, Mission Viejo's first neighborhood shopping center will be a complete shopping center.

During the month a number of openings will take place. They will include the professional offices of Dr. Konstantin Sparkuhl, M.D. and dentistry office of Dr. Robert O. Callaghan and J. H. Murray, D.D.S.

Shops to open during the month include the Village Coffee Shop, under the management of Mr. Chang Shu Yow; Chopsticking Buxx Steaks, with Mr. Gerald Hilliard, proprietor; Carriage Trade Fabricating, under the management of Mrs. Marjorie McMeeny; Viejo Barber Shop, owned and operated by Mr. Paul Noble; Philip's Beauty Salon, under the management of Mr. Philip Roceo; and The Hardware Store under the management of Mr. Albert Farnocchia.

As reported in previous issues of the Reporter, Thrifti House, under the management of Mr. Philip Reilly, inspect model area of Eldorado Homes during the Press Review.

As for Master Richard Ashby, we still think you are something special, was tiny Miss Dayna Elizabeth Eden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eden of 25485 El Picadore Lane. Miss was born on March 10, weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz. and measuring 21 inches in length at birth.

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Dear Ruth Rancho Players

First Full Length Performance

Fresh from a notable performance in the Riverside Community Theater, Tournament of One Act Plays, the Rancho Players, a community theater group from Mission Viejo and the surrounding area, held readings last month for its first full length production, "Dear Ruth.

Performances of the popular comedy, to be directed by Herman Bookman of Mission Viejo, will take place in early July.

Twenty actors from this area performed in the Riverside tournament in one act of "Dark of the Moon." Only three of the 20 had previous stage experience but the performance was in strong contention for awards at the tournament in spite of the lack of experience, according to Mrs. Arthur Horton of Mission Viejo who with her husband formed the community theater group in February.

Leads in the "Dark of the Moon" performance were handled by Mission Viejo residents Gary White, St. Judy Mayer, Bob Greco, Judi Johnson and David Noll.

For information about the theater group, contact Mrs. Gordon at 837-8210.

Pre-School Enrollment Filling Up

Only a few spaces remain for enrollment in the fall sessions of La Paz Pre-School for nursery and pre-kindergarteners, according to Mrs. Sybil Noble, registrar.

Some spaces are also still open for the winter-summer sessions which begin on June 11, she said.

The Pre-School is operated by the Mount of Olives Lutheran Church and is nondenominational. Sessions are held for children in two age categories, 2½ and 3 years meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 4 and 5 years on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The Pre-School is located at 37277 Chrisanta Drive. For information about registration, contact Mrs. Noble at 837-7467.

Bookmobile New Route

Starting on June 19, the routing and schedule of the Orange County Library's Bookmobile stops in Mission Viejo will be changed, according to Bill Kirkwood who is in charge of the library's Bookmobile division.

On that date and every Monday thereafter, the Bookmobile will stop at Deane Homes Swim and Racquet Club at Mosquera and San Roque Drives from 12:30 to 1:30 P.M. It will then move to a location on Chisanta Drive just south of Mission Viejo High School, adjacent to the La Paz construction office near Coertina, where it will be stationed from 1:30 to 2:30 P.M.

MV Pied Pipers Head for the Sea

The Piped Pipers of Mission Viejo, 3rd, 4th and 5th graders from Deane Homes Mission Viejo School, were off on their blue Pacific June 16, the day after school lets out.

On tap for this lively group of youngsters is a cruise of the Pacific June 16, the day after school lets out.

Further information on the June outing may be obtained by calling Mrs. McHale at 857-6039.

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YOUTH GROUP CAR WASH — Members of the Mission Viejo Youth Group are shown putting a gleam on one of the many cars they have washed at their monthly car wash sales at the Union 76 Service Station in La Paz Plaza. The proceeds are going for a number of worthy projects such as support of a Korean waif and toys for children from broken homes. Norm Covingon generously donated the use of his Union 76 facilities.

Students Hold Fair, Exhibit Own Livestock

by Jeanne McGowen
Resident of Mission Viejo

Just to the south of the La Paz off-ramp, you see the rolling hills of Mission Viejo High School. No, your eyes do not deceive you; those are cattle in the foreground.

Mission Viejo High School, in its first year, has established an outstanding agricultural-science program, and it has been accomplished in a particularly aesthetic manner.

The steer pens nestled in the shade of the towering Eucalyptus trees, the grazing grasses stirred by the breezes, and the young grove of orange trees recently set out by members of the Ag Department form quite a pleasing picture, particularly reminiscent of those of open country background. It's just part of the wholesome atmosphere of living at Mission Viejo.

One very important phase of the agricultural program is the raising of the livestock. Each student participant has made a personal financial investment in his steer, as well as investing his time and effort.

The steers are raised scientifically under a highly recommended feeding program, thereby assuring the very fittest prime quality beef. The goal is the Orange County Fair when the livestock will be judged and auctioned off to the general public on Friday, July 28 at 6:30 P.M.

The agriculture-science Fair Field Day at Mission Viejo High School on May 20 served as a preliminary event. Students observed judging procedures and had the opportunity to practice showmanship. The trophy for the prize winning steer went to Rick Norton.

Other awards were given in classes of floriculture, horticulture and baked goods. 

Over 500 attended the deep-pit barbecue when 650 pounds of choice beef was served. Information was given regarding bidding on and processing of steers. Anyone interested in receiving a brochure should drop a card to instructor Arnold Troffgruben at Mission Viejo High School.

GRAND CHAMPION AWARD WINNER — Rick Norton (left foreground) received the coveted Grand Champion Award for his prize steer at the Mission Viejo High Student Fair Field Day. From Future Farmers Chapter sweet-heart, Darlene Best.

Future Farmers Win Honors

Giving promise that an agricultural tradition that has been a part of Rancho Mission Viejo's history will be carried on by its new residents in Mission Viejo, were accorded top honors recently in the Future Farmers of America Farm Project Competition Program.

The six students of Arnold Troffgruben, agricultural instructor at the local high school, and their winning projects were: Dennis Hannaford, beef and hogs; Dan Kenny, beef; Paul Linker, beef and hogs; Rick Norton, beef; David Stock, beef and sheep; and Eric Tallermien, beef and sheep.

Elevon Pollled Shorthorn and Hereford calves were donated to the high school agricultural class by Rancho Mission Viejo last November. The students raised the calves and kept records of their growth.
Mission Viejo Men's Club Charter Membership Closes

Cut-off date for charter memberships in the new Mission Viejo Men's Club was set at June 1 by the club's new board of directors at its May 8 meeting.

Men joining before that date were not required to pay a $10 initiation fee in addition to the $24 annual dues.

Officers and directors elected at the May meeting were: Elmer Ralph, Vice President; Joe Byrnes, Secretary; Otto Goll, Treasurer; Ralph Morris; Tournament Committee Chairman; Bob Minier; Handicap Committee Chairman; Bill Biegel; Social Committee Chairman; Harvey Storey; Greens Committee Chairman; Dave Porter; Membership Committee Chairman, Jim Boegh.

Terms for the directors were established as follows: three terms — Goll, Storey; two terms — Ralph, Byrnes, Morris; one term — Minier, Biegel, Boegh.

By-laws for the new men's golf and social club were ratified unanimously at the meeting. The first order of business following the election and by-laws ratification was the designation of May 28 as the cut-off date for the Men's Club First Breakfast Tournament.

To be eligible for membership, the Mission Viejo Men's Club, a man must first be a member of the Mission Viejo Golf Club. The Men's Club will organize numerous golf tournaments and social events in addition to establishing handicaps.

June Tourney Slate

The popularity of the Mission Viejo Golf Club as a tournament site is gaining rapidly. By mid-May, 12 organizations had booked outings in June.

They are as follows, with dates and numbers of players: Orange County Plumbers, 6/2, 50; Van de Kamp, 6/3, 20; South Bay Club, 6/4, 40; Maru Beni, 6/4, 28; Sportsman Club, 6/7, 36; North American Aviation, 6/10, 40; Orange Coast Golf Association, 6/14, 30; Huntington Park Rotary, 6/15, 20; Hughes Aerospace, 6/17, 40; McKesson-Robbins, 6/18, 20; Rose Room Golf Club, 6/20, 40-50; and San Juan Rotary Club, 6/21, 60.

Twilight Golf Rates at Mission Viejo Golf Club

Special 9-hole “twilight” rates for the summer months are now in effect at Mission Viejo Golf Club, according to Ed Wampler, head professional.

After 4:30 p.m., golfers may play this exciting new course for $2.50 on weekdays and $3.50 on weekends. Twilight electric cart rental is $4.00.

The Mission Viejo Golf Club and restaurant, the Mission Viejo Inn, are open to the public.

Regular 18-hole rates presently remain the same. Greens fees are $4.00 on weekdays and $6.00 on weekends.

Membership card holders are entitled to reduced rates and reserved starting times. Membership card holders may play for as little as $2.50 per round on a package arrangement.

For information concerning discounts, the Men's Club, and the Inn, address requests to Mrs. Martha Liotta, Golf Club Secretary, Mission Viejo Golf Club, Mission Viejo, Calif. 92675.

Toastmistresses to be Chartered

"Mission de Palabras," Toastmistresses Club of Mission Viejo, will be officially chartered as a unit of Council 6 of California and Arizona of the International Toastmistress Council at a dinner to be held at Wayne's Steak House, Orange, on June 10, according to Mrs. Mary Lou McMillen, club president.

Installation of permanent officers for the local club also will take place at the event. In addition to Mrs. McMillen, the officers to be installed are Mrs. Connie Kazmierawicz, first vice president; Mrs. Jeanne McGowan, second vice president; Mrs. Helga Ricker, treasurer; and Mrs. Ginny Brown, secretary.

Mrs. Nancy Briner will serve as club representative, providing liaison between the club and the Orange County council and Regional organizations.

The current membership numbers 11. Eleven more members can be accepted before the club reaches the limit allowed by the international organization. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the journalism room at Mission Viejo High School.

The local club was formed in March by a few neighbors in Deane Homes, Mission Viejo, according to Mrs. McMillen.

The members gain experience in analytical listening, better expression, more effective use of words, poise and leadership training, she said.

Upon entering the club, the new member is allowed to participate at the level of experience she has attained, she noted, and ladies inexperienced in public speaking need not participate as speakers until they feel themselves ready to do so.

Two representatives of Mission de Palabras, when translated means “mission of words,” will attend a regional Toastmistress convention in San Diego this month. The club will also be represented at the international Toastmistress convention in Los Angeles in July.

Ladies interested in joining the local Toastmistresses club may obtain further information by calling Mrs. Jeanne McGowan at 837-5791.

ANGELS GET COURSE TIPS — Mission Viejo head golf pro Ed Wampler (left) advises members of the Navy Blue Angels flying team about best ways to play course. Listening are (l to r) Capt. Steve Crane, Lt. John Allen, and Lt. Al "Red" Hubbard.
O'Neil Park in Rustic Setting

With the advent of warm weather, long summer evenings and pleasant weekends, the lure of the outdoors becomes irresistible.

Residents of Mission Viejo are fortunate to have one of the most picturesque and recreationally enjoyable parks in Southern California only 14 miles away.

O'Neil Park in beautiful Trabuco and Live Oak Canyons is close enough for a late afternoon and evening picnic outing or a delightful weekend excursion that takes on minutes rather than hours of travel time.

Only 12 miles east of the Freeway on El Toro Road, you will find a marvelously serene setting to momentarily escape from the rigors of everyday living. Countless live oak trees spread their branches to give shade to picnickers and campers. Rolling hills enshrouded in innumerable varieties of pines are intersected with hiking and bridle trails, just the thing to enable junior to wear off some of his excess energy while you enjoy a cool siesta.

A picnic area is available for day and evening use only. Tables and fireplaces are conveniently close to park roads in this area so that picnic baskets will only have to be carried a few yards.

The picnic area is to the right of the park entrance and the camping area is to the left. The camping area borders Trabuco Creek and contains approximately 700 camp sites for either tents or trailers. Fireplaces and barbecue stoves are on a share basis. Sufficient tables are available, except possibly on summer weekends. Water, restrooms and showers are located conveniently nearby.

The camping limit is 14 nights at one time and a permit with a fee of $1.00 per night per motor vehicle is required.

O'Neil Park is operated by the Orange County Park Department. The 396-acre park was donated to the County by the O'Neil family, owners of Rancho Mission Viejo on which Mission Viejo is situated, in March, 1948, and supplemented by an additional gift in 1963.

Fishing enthusiasts will have an opportunity to test their skills. Trabuco Creek is stocked with trout in the spring of the year as long as there is sufficient water. The fishing area is 4½ miles from the Park over a dirt road.

Riding stables, with pony rides for the youngsters, are located opposite the entrance to the Park and a snack bar is in the picnic area to provide hot and cold drinks, sandwiches and ice cream daily during the summer and on weekends during the winter months.

The park is situated on property that is a part of the famous Trabuco Rancho of 22,000 acres which was granted to Santiago Arguello in 1841, and thence to Don Juan Forster, a brother-in-law of Andres and Pio Pico, in 1845. It was sold by his son Marcos to Richard O'Neill in 1882 along with Rancho Santa Margarita (now the location of Camp Pendleton) and Rancho Mission Viejo.

Mrs. Margarette M. O'Neill, 88, oldest living member of the O'Neill family, which as noted previously donated the park to Orange County, was three years old when Richard O'Neil acquired the vast land holdings in Orange and San Diego counties.

For a delightful outing in a pastoral setting without peer, a visit to O’Neil Park fills the bill. Moreover, while many families travel more than 100 miles away to enjoy county and recreational facilities, they are only about 14 miles away for you.

To reach O'Neil Park take the Freeway toward Santa Ana to El Toro Road, then east approximately 12 miles, continuing on Live Oak Canyon Road at the fork. The picnic hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Recreation Program Set

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Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 6:30-10:00

Supervised weight lifting, mixed adult volleyball, 6-person teams

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To reach O'Neil Park take the Freeway toward Santa Ana to El Toro Road, then east approximately 12 miles, continuing on Live Oak Canyon Road at the fork. The picnic hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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