

New sheriff substation opens in south county

In an attempt to bring law enforcement closer to the community it serves, a sheriff's department substation has been opened in South Orange County.

The new substation, the first of its kind in Orange County, is temporarily located at the South Orange County Courthouse, 30143 Crown Valley Parkway. The substation, responsible for all law enforcement in Mission Viejo and the surrounding Saddleback Valley, will house 48 field deputies, 5 field sergeants, 5 investigators and the station commander, as well as a complete clerical staff.

Until now, sheriff's patrolmen covering the Saddleback Valley and beach cities operated from the main headquarters in Santa Ana, which involved between one and two hours a day of unproductive driving time between the patrol area and the station.

"There's no question that the biggest gain the substation brings is added patrol coverage," said Lt. Walter Fath, station commander.

Vehicle maintenance will also be contracted through local

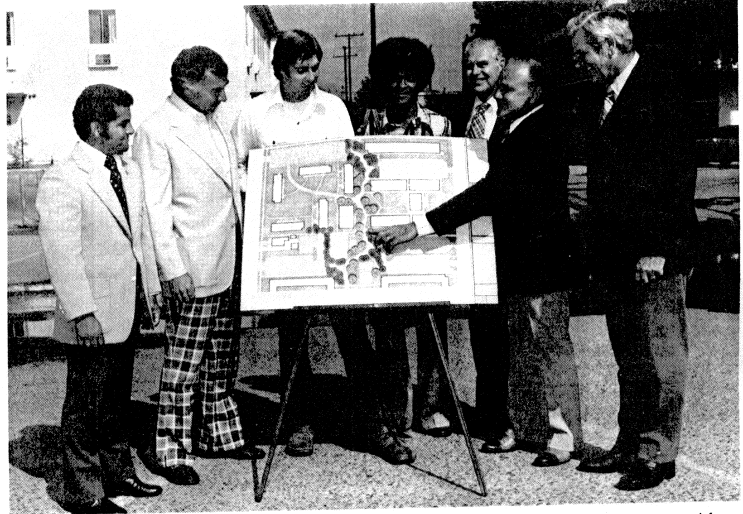
businesses — and not handled through the Santa Ana maintenance facility — which will help insure optimum use of patrol units, he said.

Fath also pointed out that the new substation will provide many new services to the members of the community — services that were previously only available in Santa Ana.

Services supplied by the substation include civilian fingerprinting, bicycle registration, gun registration, clearance letters for visas and immigration, bail posting services and citizens' information.

In addition to law enforcement activities, the new substation will provide a meeting place for the South County Division of the Sheriff-Coroner-sponsored Explorer Post, for boys and girls from 15 to 20, who are interested in pursuing careers in law enforcement.

The group, which meets at the substation on the first and third Thursdays of the month, participates in many aspects of law enforcement, including traffic control, crime scene searches, disaster assistance, bicycle licensing and records work.



COLLEGE REVITALIZATION — Chapman College President Dr. Donald C. Kleckner, second from right, points out the areas at the college which will be revitalized, using a combined gift of \$15,000 from Mission Viejo Company and Philip Morris, Inc. Flanking Dr. Kleckner are, from left to right, Jess Perez, mayor, City of Orange; Philip J. Reilly, president, Mission Viejo Company; Rick White, associated student body president; Danny Picou, ASB vice president; James J. Farley, vice president for development and finance, Chapman College; and Ralph Clark, Orange County supervisor, fourth district. The funds will be used to begin a major refurbishing of landscaping at the Orange campus.

Protect lawn with good care

Now is the time to prepare your bluegrass lawn to resist next year's attack of Fusarium Blight, the fungus which caused widespread damage to Kentucky Bluegrass lawns in Mission Viejo during the past summer, according to Mr. Ken Mueller, Orange County farm advisor.

Fusarium Blight is caused by a common soil organism, which is inactive during cool weather, but flares up during hot weather when the lawn is stressed for moisture. Then it is characterized by rapid drying out of six- to eight-inch patches that turn yellow or white overnight. Upon close examination, brown to black rot will be found on the individual stem base or crown.

The fungicide benomyl, available under several commercial names, will combat the disease once it has started.

"But strengthening the lawn now can combat the disease next summer," Mueller insisted.

He outlined a three-pronged program for prevention. "One: start watering deeply. During the cool months, bluegrass roots will extend 12 inches into the soil and must be irrigated completely. Two: Apply one half pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of turf every month from now until June. (Then skip the months of July and August.)

Three: Don't mow the lawn too closely; mow at two inches during the cool season and two and one half inches during the summer. Root growth is proportionate to top growth."

By strengthening the grass now and keeping it moist during the summer with daily syringing, the incidence of Fusarium Blight can be controlled.

Although Kentucky bluegrass is one of the most common grasses in the Southern Califor-

nia area, it is not adaptable to the climate, the farm advisor said.

"Bluegrass is a cool weather grass, and not adaptable to our hot, dry summers," Mueller said.

"It is very susceptible to disease. For warm areas, like Mission Viejo, we recommend either Bermuda, a warm season grass, or tall fescue, a rugged, cool season grass," he said. "Both are adaptable to the climate and very resistant to disease."



FIREMEN VISIT PRE-SCHOOL — Fireman Tim Maloney of Mission Viejo's Firestation No. 24 shows Kim Boyd how to wield a fire hose during a fire prevention program for children at Mini Skool in the Plaza Viejo Shopping Center.

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LIBRARY BREAKS GROUND — Mission Viejo project manager, Tony Natali, helps Aurora head librarian Mary Brown open a new page for the Aurora South Branch Library during ground breaking ceremonies for the new South Branch facility at Mission Viejo. Aurora Mayor pro tem, William R. Dominguez, watches the opening and the presentation of a "bookworm" mascot to Mrs. Brown.

Library construction starts in Mission Viejo, Colorado

Ground was recently broken for the new 16,000-square-foot Aurora South Branch Library in Mission Viejo, Colorado.

Construction is expected to begin shortly with completion scheduled for early spring, 1975. The library is being funded by a \$630,000 bond issue passed by Aurora voters last November.

The library is being constructed on a 2.2 acre site, donated to the city by Mission Viejo Company.

Architects and Planners International of Colorado Springs is the architect for the project. According to Herald Holding, director of the firm, the library

building is designed to blend with the residential character of the neighborhood. It will feature the use of laminated wood beams.

The groundbreaking ceremony was attended by approximately 50 Aurora city officials, civic leaders and guests. A barbecue at the adjacent Mission Viejo Recreation Center followed the ceremony.

The new branch is designed to put library facilities within three miles of all Aurora residents and to better serve the growing population of the southern part of the city.

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