

together the group of people who could be most helpful to people who are buying or renting in this area. This is exactly what they have done.

PLANINVESTE occupies the ground floor of a new building on the Burgau road, just west of the church square. A central reception office serves all of the allied, but independent, companies in the group. These include Sr Pontes' gardening, landscaping, and irrigation company (Pontes e Azevedo, Lda.) and Architect da Silva's PLANOBRA, which handles project design and construction.

There is also Auto-Predial, a real-estate agency headed by José dos Santos Figueiredo. And Luzconta, accountants with broad experience in taxes and related problems.

Interior decorator Soly Lesage has an office here. And there are affiliated agencies of Avis Rent-A-Car and Mutual Insurance.

A retail shop will sell seeds, chemical fertilizers, tools and other gardening supplies; fishing equipment and pool supplies; building materials; even electric appliances.

Between them, the PLANINVESTE companies will offer almost every conceivable service from insurance to villa management, from house design to pool and garden maintenance. But just in case there's a job they can't handle, they are prepared to recommend the best person to do it — and to stand behind their recommendations.

Srs Pontes and da Silva have still another iron in the fire. This was the project that originally brought them together. It is a Boating Club to be built on the western end of the village, in front of the parking lot below the



MARGOT PITCHFORD'S FACE MAY SEEM FAMILIAR. SHE WAS A SUCCESSFUL TELEVISION MODEL IN THE U. K. THE PITCHFORDS OWN AND RUN THE "OXFORD".

Fortaleza restaurant. The plans, which have been largely approved, call for a restaurant, a ramp, an electric hoist, and repair and storage facilities for small boats of all kinds. Construction could begin within the next year.

In the meantime, they should have more than enough to keep them busy. "PLANINVESTE" sounds like an idea whose time has come.

Among the foreigners living in Luz are a number of young couples with school-age children.

If there is one thing that parents of all nationalities share it is

concern for their children's education, particularly in a foreign country. This is why there is now an English-language school in Praia da Luz, founded, supported, and administered by parents.

The school occupies a rented house on the road to Espiche. Sheena Donaldson and Jacqueline Fairbairn, both fully qualified teachers, teach 25 foreign and Portuguese children from the ages of 4 to 11. The standards and the syllabus are English. Portuguese is taught as a language course.

The children are divided into two classes, then into smaller sub-groups. They work at their own level, with a great deal of individual attention. Two of the school's graduates have gone on to schools in England and were found to be a year ahead of most of their classmates.

In addition to the academic schedule, the school offers art, gymnastics, needlework, and a course in music and movement (taught by Lagos ballet instructor Gwen Franco).

Funds are raised through tuition fees and an annual bazaar at Christmas.

Founded only three years ago, this English-language school has already become another good reason for living in Luz.

The beach is beautiful; but when swimming and sunning begin to pall, golfers can head for nearby Palmares, just east of Lagos.

Readers, bridge-players, and shopaholics are taken care of, too:

For as long as most foreign residents can remember, people have been saying that there ought to be a library. But, as they say about the weather, "everybody talked about it and nobody did anything about it."

Then along came Marian and Clint Gamble. The Gambles are Americans, from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Clint is an architect, a former national officer of the American Institute of Architects.

The Gambles built their house in Luz in 1973 and came to stay in 1975. The nucleus of the lending library is the shipment of books Marian sent off to Portugal when they made their move.

Marian has organized a committee of 10, one library-worker for each day, plus a stand-by. The original 250 books have been supplemented by contributions and there are now over a thousand.

The library, in the "O Jardim" restaurant building at Luz Bay Club, is open from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. It has become such an instant success that a search is already underway for larger quarters.

There is still no bridge at Vila Real. There is still no television tower at Foia. But Praia da Luz has its library.

Many people come to Praia da Luz to spend several months at a time. If they're bridge players, they will almost certainly be put in touch with John Chippindale.

"Chips" is the Chairman of a bridge club that plays once a week at the Alvor. He is also the resident expert on horse-racing, smokey chimneys, and daily crossword puzzles. And one of the best-known men among the foreign residents.

In his younger days, Chips was operations manager and chief engineer for Shell Oil in Singapore.

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