

Treasure Island Trek With Authors

Some 300 local elementary school children will travel by school bus Saturday to the all-day author and illustrator festival at the Monterey County Fairgrounds. Many local junior high and high school students, as well as families, also plan to attend.

The theme for the event is "Treasure Island Trek," in honor of author Robert Louis

Stevenson, who lived briefly in Monterey. Hours for the festival will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Santa Cruz authors Peter S. Beagle and James Houston will talk to seventh through twelfth graders on "The Art of Writing," at a session beginning at 2 p.m.

Houston, who writes in the cupola atop the Cupola Art

Gallery, has had several books published, including **SURFING, THE SPORT OF HAWAIIAN KINGS, BETWEEN BATTLES** and **GIG**, his latest work.

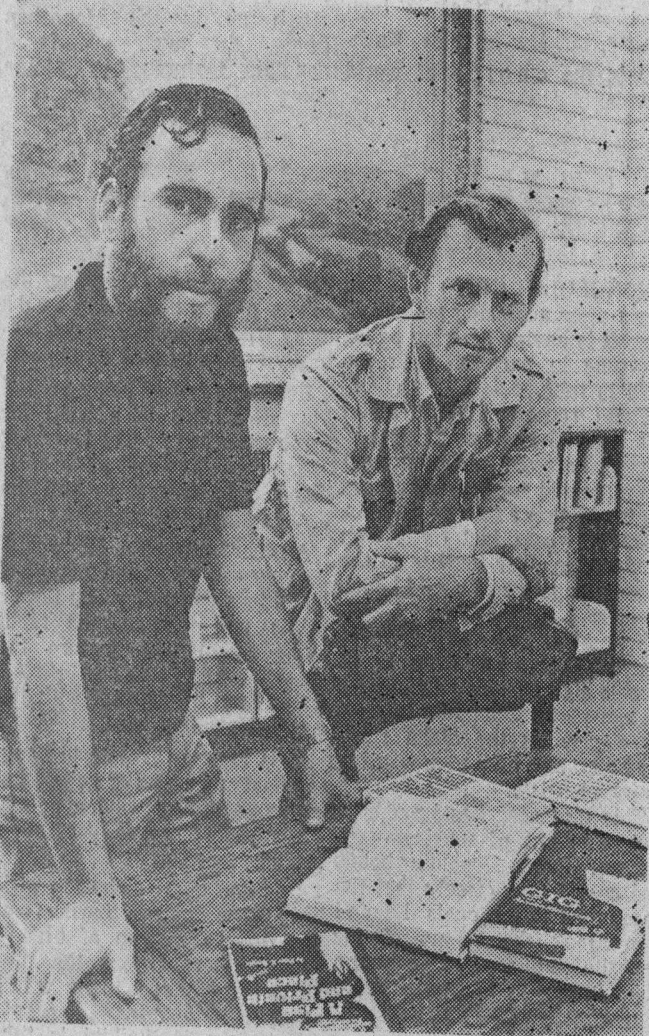
Peter Beagle is known for his short stories and his novels, **A FINE AND PRIVATE PLACE** and **THE LAST UNICORN**. Presently, a movie producer is living in the Beagle home, working with the author on drafting "Unicorn" for a film.

The festival is sponsored by the School and Public Librarians' Association of the Monterey Bay area.

A dinner, open to the public, and honoring all the some 30 authors who will participate in the festival, is scheduled for Friday evening at the Del Monte Hyatt House.

Speaker will be Irene Hunt, who won the 1963 Newbery award for the best children's book of the year, **UP A ROAD SLOWLY**.

Reservations for the dinner may be made by contacting Mrs. Barbah Johnson, 132 W. Market Street, Salinas, by Wednesday.



California including the history of the Monterey Bay interests local authors Peter Beagle and Jim Houston who will be featured speakers at the Author-Illustrator Festival next Saturday at Monterey County Fairgrounds.



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