

## Your Neighbor says

### Interest rates need gradual reduction

Dennis Hurley is a victim of high interest rates. Despite that, he doesn't think it would be prudent if they were reduced suddenly to spur the slumping economy.

He has been laid off from Marlette Homes, manufacturer of mobile homes and double-wide units, since Nov. 2.

"If mortgages went down to 10 percent, they'd be calling me back tomorrow." However, he feels if interest rates were dropped suddenly, that would start a rush of buying, which would add to inflation.

"I don't think there should be any drastic reduction in interest rates. They should be gradually reduced. It's got to be a slow turnaround."

He feels the increasing number of unemployed workers, who naturally are buying less, is having the effect of starting to slow the inflation rate.

"When people are stuck with inventory, it seems prices and interest will come back down. We all say a little prayer and hope it will be tomorrow."

The latter was said with tongue in cheek. When interest rates and inflation do drop, he commented, that should mean good news for Marlette Homes and its employees as the assembly

line methods used there can produce housing much cheaper than can a private contractor, hence there should be more demand.

His wife, Theresa, works at Walbro, so there is still one source of income.

Though Hurley has lots of time now, he had to stop remodeling his house because he cannot afford to buy more materials. "When I'm working, I've got the money and I make the time."

The one advantage of his being out of work, he said, is, "I've been able to watch my two little ones grow up and that's nice."

The "little ones" are Nathan, 3, and Brooke, 1.

The Hurley family lives at 4222 S. Seeger Street.



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## Meredith Auten remembers



We left the Grand Canyon and passed through a wilderness of arid sand with mountains and craters in the distance to the beautiful irrigated gardens of California.

We arrived at Riverside about noon and immediately piled into 20 automobiles which took us on a long drive to the summit of a mountain overlooking the town and ocean, down the famous Magnolia Avenue between long rows of palm trees, orange gardens and English walnut orchards.

Here it was that we also succeeded in securing a bath, which was truly one of the pleasures of the trip for we sorely needed a scrub after our mountain climbing the day before.

It was 94 degrees during our drive, but we didn't mind it terribly.

From Riverside, we rolled on to Los Angeles, where we found cars ready to take us to the Hotel Angeles.

The next day, Friday, found us ready for our trip to Cataline Island. We had a fine boat ride of about 20 miles to the island and after lunch there, we went out in the glass bottom boats.

As we came into the harbor, 15 or 20 native boys came swimming out, yelling, "Here with your nickels, dimes or quarters."

Of course, a lot were thrown overboard and under the boys would go, bringing up the coins almost without fail.

When I went out swim-

ming, a little ways from shore, some sea lions came along tossing huge fish several feet out of the water.

I watched them pass and when I thought they had departed, I started swimming leisurely to shore. I had gone hardly 50 feet when I saw them coming back. Well, I was scared to death and expected a leg to go anytime, so I started swimming faster. I went just fast enough so that they all passed about a foot beneath me and I actually touched one.

I guess they never hurt any person, but that didn't help me at the time.

We returned to Los Angeles and spent the evening any way we saw fit. The moving pictures were all the excitement I cared for.

The next day we went to Santa Barbara, which had an excellent bathing beach. At its back were the Santa Inez Mountains.

In the afternoon, we took a drive in a five-seat wagon drawn by four horses along the coast and up to an old mission.

The next morning, we woke up with the porter yelling, "Breakfast is now being served in the Del Monte." There was a scramble on my part and soon with the rest, we were taken there from our hotel in a large six-cylinder Peerless car.

After breakfast, we went on a long drive in a Packard.

When we returned, three of us took a little stroll around the place. The gardens were so large that we got lost two or three times.

They had a maze, built up with large hedges which lead to a little park inside. It took me about a half-hour to find my way in because the paths lead every which way and you ended up nine times out of ten in some little corner.

They said that bellboys sometimes had to get people out of it when they got lost.

One of our fellows got in there and it began to rain. He had to stand it all because he couldn't find his way out.

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## Walbro declares dividend

The board of directors of Walbro Corp., at the regular meeting Feb. 25, declared a first quarter dividend of 10 cents per share payable April 25, to stockholders of record, March 21.

President Lambert Althaver noted that the first quarter dividend is a continuation of a three-year trend of 10 cent quarterly dividends.

The announcement of first quarter earnings will be made at the company's annual stockholders meeting in Cass City April 21.

Althaver added, "Sales for the first quarter continue their strong growth trend of 1979. However, the outlook for the second and third quarters is clouded by the general economic uncertainties."

## Bean Day in Lansing June 11

The Michigan Bean Commission has announced the biennial Capitol Bean Day has been scheduled June 11.

Objective of the event is to redefine the importance of the Michigan dry edible bean industry to the Michigan legislators and policy makers in state government.

Gerald Elenbaum, Owendale bean grower and chairman of the commission, said, "This year's event will be somewhat different from previous years, in that we plan to erect a tent on the east lawn of the Capitol, where capitol staffers and the general public will be served."

Bean Day is sponsored by the Commission and the Gratiot County Farm Bureau women.

There will be several new and different bean dishes prepared, such as a bean dip, three bean salad, and desserts made from bean puree, along with some of the traditional bean dishes, such as baked beans and bean soup to be served by the state Bean Festival group of Fairgrove, from its giant soup kettle.

## Kretschmer participating in seminar

Karla Kretschmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kretschmer Jr. of Owendale, has been selected as a participant in the Michigan Youth Leadership Seminar at Marygrove College, Detroit, Friday through Sunday.

This seminar is sponsored by the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation of Los Angeles. Karla is one of 100 Michigan high school sophomores chosen to attend the seminar. The students are chosen on the basis of leadership exhibited in their school and community.

Two participants will be chosen to represent the state at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Leadership Seminar in Los Angeles July 5-12.

Karla is a sophomore at Owendale-Gagetown High School.

## Gagetown Area News

Mrs. Harold Koch

Phone 665-2536

### STUDY CLUB

The Gagetown Woman's Study Club met Monday evening, April 7, at the home of Mrs. Jackie Goodell. Nine members answered roll call and were reminded of the bake sale April 19.

The county convention of the Women's Federation will be held Wednesday, May 14, at the Caro United Methodist church, hosted by the Caro Wixom Club.

Topic for the evening was on Conservation and Energy, led by Mrs. Hilda Koch.

The May meeting will be Monday, May 5, hosted by Mrs. Frankie Anker.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vokoun, Jennifer and Mathew of Milwaukee, Wis., and Mrs. Nora Meyer of Birch Run were supper guests of Mrs. Vokoun's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Koch and family, Tuesday, April 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Koch and Janet attended a family get together in Vassar Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schellhas, honoring her cousin and family, Rev. and Mrs. Don-

## Pam Gallagher graduating from Alma

Pamela Gallagher will graduate Saturday from Alma College with a B.S. degree in social work, with a major in sociology.



Pam Gallagher

A 1976 graduate of Cass City High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gallagher, 5284 Koepfgen Road.

She presently is seeking a job in social work.

Miss Gallagher is engaged to be married in December to Morris Powell of Owendale.

## Breathing club meets Thurs.

The Huff N' Puffers Breathing Club for adults with asthma, bronchitis, emphysema, etc., will meet this Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Saginaw General Hospital conference room.

The club is sponsored by the American Lung Association of Michigan (Christmas Seals).

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