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NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have news value. The editor reserves the right to edit, shorten, or rearrange copy for clarity and brevity.

(Note: Today's editorials are written by Harry M. Royal, who, with his son, Rex, owns and publishes several weekly newspapers in the State of Michigan.)

EDITORIAL pinch-hitting for George R. Averill, or even to just fill space in the excellent Eccentric, for this leader of thought in Michigan's newspapers...

AT SARASOTA Mr. Averill will find one of the favored spots of the Gulf Coast, a developed resort city, with sufficient cause for existence to survive the "boom"...

I AM ASSUMING that Mr. Averill and his charming companion will have followed more directly U.S. 41 to the city of his destination and passed for a time...

ALTHOUGH I have at my side the measures of its length, and the weights of the carillon bells, I am going into that detail as they are of interest to readers of The Eccentric...

IF THOSE FAMILIAR with Great Lakes heights and depths, usually acquired at the age of about 12 years in Michigan schools, would be asked to name the highest point in Florida with the level of Lake Michigan...

LIKEWISE, it may be of interest to know that Florida and Michigan—the two peninsula states—are each nearer to the other in physical area than with any other states.

THE SINGING TOWER and its environs is a place of which every man has heard. It is a beautiful spot in developing a spot of wondrous beauty where tropical plants and flowers bloom, even in the winter time of Michigan latitude.

place of entertaining delight, but they are not altogether essential to its grand glory—the sun and moon and the sun of heaven are here associated in harmonious unity to establish a sanctuary for human enjoyment.

PERHAPS an ear for music may add to the pleasure of the recital, but the only time I ever recognize is "America" with a few overture notes through the season starts. As every man wearing one removes his hat at the opening notes of this patriotic anthem, nearly all find them as interesting or uninteresting as they find themselves to the atmosphere of his surroundings.

ESSENTIAL to an understanding of this particular beauty spot may be the provisions of nature and the skill of the artist. It is necessary to know that the accomplishment is the fulfillment of a vision, entertained by the forbears of a young immigrant from the Netherlands.

JUST as the atmosphere of the whole is essential to the enjoyment of the scene, so is the atmosphere of the town essential to the enjoyment of the scene. It is not the town itself, but the atmosphere of the town that is essential.

OF MY OWN place of refuge from the eruptions of the "boom" along the shores of Lake Michigan, I will say as little as the truth demands. But first permit me to explain that shore for any who may wish to visit it.

AND SPEAKING of temperature, the readers of these remarks may be interested to know that they are being written in a car parked at the curb...

THIS CITY has two unique features of national interest. First, near it Highlands Hammock, a jungle of 2,600 acres of land, covered with the most dense tree and plant growth to be found in the whole state.

THE OTHER feature which sets out this particular city as peculiar to itself is that despite the recent repeal of the 18th amendment, and whatever the problem which confronts it, it is a city of prohibition.

THEN HE set out establishing a city, offering incentives for people to locate. He was especially friendly toward church and church members. For instance, he offered a lot for the first church organization to erect a house of worship.

He—May I hold your hand a second? She—How will you know when the second cup?

Birmingham Business Leaders

No. 9

I NEVER KNEW THE DRUG BUSINESS WAS SO BIG! A PENTWATER, MICH. DRUG STORE WAS HIS START IN LIFE (EARLY)



Paul K. Lenz's Life

GOT HIS SEA LEGS AT NEWPORT NEWS

(WONDER IF THIS IS THE REASON HE LIKES TO READ POPEYE AS A HOBBY)



From the time when Paul R. Lenz landed his first job while still a young school-boy in Pentwater, Mich., he knew his career lay straight ahead of him.

AND NOW here is the Napoleonic thing which is supposed to shut out intoxicating liquor. Sebring had entered into every deed, legal or illegal, in regular operation of the manufacture, storage, sale or handling of intoxicating liquor on his property...

STRANGELY, nobody seems to be thinking about the liquor business here.

PROCEEDING on down the ridge and into the more tropical portions of Florida around Lake Okechobee, that large inland body of water which makes so considerable a spot on the map of Florida...

AT CLEWISTON, along the southwest bank of this big lake—raised some 10 to 15 feet above its natural level in the process of damming by pumping the water from the soil and conveying it by canals to the farm—is located the new Imperial Sugar Company's great mill.

Life's Little Laughs: Had No Choice: He—You are always wishing for what you haven't got.

One Minute Pulpit: He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall.—Proverbs 10:10.

FROM THE ECCENTRIC COLUMNS

—of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

FIFTY YEARS AGO: A wandering duquessan car from Rochester has settled down on the corner near the monument. Mr. Hanson of Troy has moved into town. It seems as if Bloomfield was bound to soon possess Troy's most influential citizens.

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