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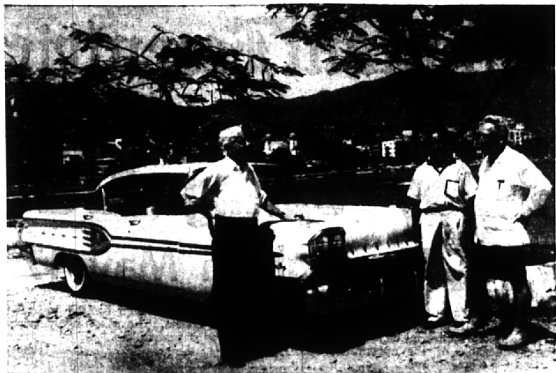
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Acapulcan Visitors
Eccentric's Editor and Publisher George R. Averill (left) and Midland (Mich.) Daily News Publisher Phil R. Rich (right) pose along the shoreline of beautiful Acapulco. Next to Rich is the twosome's Mexican driver, Jesus Gutierrez.

This and That
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ing ourselves mostly to the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and the British West Indies.

Rich and I used railroads to reach our first stop at New Orleans, where we spent several days at the annual National Editorial Association's winter convention (Where, incidentally, my son Bill, The Eccentric's managing editor, did a praiseworthy job in moderating a panel discussion on several important newspaper subjects.)

OUR RECEPTION at the Mexico City airport was almost like a portion of an "old home week" for we were met by a special representative, Senior Enrique Avila Bull, who heads up the General Motors Overseas Service in Mexico.

He was most affable and directed us to a brand new four-door Pontiac Sedan, Star Chief model, made available for our use in Mexico through the consideration of Robert W. Emerick, Public Relations Director for Pontiac Motors here in Mexico City.

Oh yes, I must introduce our driver, Senior Jesus Gutierrez, who lives in Mexico City. He is married, has four sons and two daughters, and three grandchildren.

HE IS A careful driver, speaks more than average Mexican's English, and has been most helpful in making our trip an enjoyable one — with another eight days of farther touring in Mexico.

This sea-level tropical spot, Acapulco, a veritable de-posita firmen man's heaven, is about 250 miles southwest of Mexico City. The very good highway winds through a portion of Mexico's Sierra Madre Occidental mountains.

At this time of the year the verdure is going through its "winter" — so there is little of floral beauty that meets the eye — except where bougainvillea, hibiscus, azalea, jacaranda, plus a variety of other native flora, is maintained around villas, public buildings, hotels, etc.

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FOR SEVERAL hundred years, the chief foreign trade from and to Acapulco was from China. Pirates, too, made themselves dangerous to free shipping. Acapulco has a natural bay type harbor... she boasts it "is the best on earth."

There is much informality at these better hotels. Seldom does a man wear a tie and coat to meals, even dinner. The weather doesn't permit such attire. Too, a majority of the hotel guests are Mexican or from Central or South America.

Women, both foreign and domestic, challenge the men in wealthy, comfortable attire. Plenty of jewelry is evident on the persons of the Mexican and Latin-American women.

EVEN IN a hot weather resort town like this one, there is plenty of apparent rapid physical movement, both in the town's business and social life. (Except, of course, in mid-day when even the birds move in slow motion.)

But the basic problem of poverty still stalks this Republic of Mexico, with its more than 30 million of human beings.

Its federal government operates on a socialist program, and constant efforts are made to improve the lot of the people. But the elemental instinct of propagation seems to give modern industrial and agricultural technology a trying contest. This basic problem, of course, is worldwide.

These few lines hardly touch the surface of the Acapulco story. We

next move back to Mexico City for a few days, then northwest 250 miles to Morelia... about which I'll write next.

(Since writing the above, G.R.A. and Rich have cut short their originally outlined trip. They returned to Michigan March 14, flying from Mexico City. The trip's curtailment was necessitated by a severe case of tonsillitis suffered by Averill. Next week G.R.A. will continue this series with other observations of Mexico.)

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2 Fishermen, 2 Sailors
Here are editors Averill (left) and Rich with the two more-than-nine-foot (honest) sailfish caught in the sea off Acapulco.

By the way, you get 12 1/2 Mexican pesos for each American dollar. That makes each peso worth eight centavos and believe me when I tell you that you are obliged to carry much of this currency about — and some of it is so dirty well, Uncle Sam never would keep it in circulation.

Acapulco's history goes back many centuries, as does all of U.S., Indian land, Mexico, Central and South America. Spaniards first came here about 1530, a dozen or so years after Cortes and his boys and girls took Mexico away from Montezuma and the Aztec Indians.

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Schools
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vacation of Taunton street alongside Terry school.

- APPROVED SCHOOL principals' recommendations to leave school district boundaries unchanged next year.
- Okayed a 1958-59 school calendar following this year's pattern, with a week's vacation at Easter, closing June 15.
- Agreed to drop plans for a driver education range at Cranbrook and Lincoln because of high cost involved.
- Agreed Derby road should be paved during the summer.

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