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PUBLIC HEALTH BULLETIN.....issued by State Health Commissioner Albert E. Heustis, M. D. of Lansing states that Dr. H.F. Vail, the Island's only physician is leaving September 14.....the State of Michigan makes a regular appropriation for a Beaver Island Physician....the doctor who comes to the Island will have a modern clinic built by popular subscription.....applications for the unusual post are being directed to Dr. Albert E. Heustis, the State Health Commissioner, Lansing.

MEDICAL CENTER COMMITTEE.....composed of Jewell Gillespie, Art Johnston Rogers Carlisle and Father Joseph participated in a tape-recorded interview with Ted Ervin publicity agent from the office of Dr. Heustis, on July 11 at the Beaver Lodge. The purpose of this interview was to prepare a release pleading for an Island physician.

CORRECTIONS.....Shame on us for printing last month that Dr. Heustis was State HISTORICAL Commissioner. We want our readers to know that he has not changed his title. He is still State HEALTH Commissioner. (Oh, well, it was only for a month). Likewise we printed that Al Widdifield lost aboard the United Airlines DC-7 last month had a reservation waiting for him at the Beaver Lodge. The information regarding the reservation was not correct.

FINAL HARBOR DREDGING REPORT.....given by Mr. Elmer Eckroad of the U.S. Corps of Engineers informs us that the Lyons Construction Co. of Whitehall, Mich., was detained for 24 hrs. when the Corps of Engineers survey team discovered an area opposite the ferry dock to be less than project depth. After considerable digging with derrick and clam-shell bucket, portions of an old sunken ship and a large pond net stake were brought to the surface. This apparently constituted the high material and after removal the area was found to be clear. The dredge left St. James Harbor at 7:00 P.M. Sat. July 14th and returned Sunday at 1:00 A.M. because of high seas. The dredge shoved off again at 11:40



A.M. Sunday. The U. S. Corps of Engineers survey team and inspectors left next day.

A LATE WELCOME.....to the girls who serve you so well at the King Strang Hotel this year. They are Luella Walker of South Lyon, Mich., a Senior at Michigan State Normal; her sister Jane a Freshman at the U. of Mich; and Glenda Simpkins a Senior at Milan High. All the girls are musicians and we still have hopes of having a piccolo player added to our Wednesday night Band Get-together in the Hall. At present we have Bill Vail and Tom Allen on Trumpet; Ann Willis on Clarinet; Davelyn Wilson on Alto Sax; David Wilson, Drums and Karen Ryan on accordian along with our accordian soloist Diane Washer.

DEAD EVERGREENS ...if anyone's unduly alarmed about it on the Island, Conservation Authorities tell us that it is due to a dry 1955 Fall.

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HOMECOMING.....to be held the second Sunday in Aug. is fast approaching as we go to press. The program will include the famous dinner served in the parish hall, this year beef and ham. The afternoon will see games and contests for everyone followed by the Grand Ball at Holy Cross Hall in the evening. Music will be furnished by the Sunnyside Trio from the mainland composed of Joe Hanna accordianist from Petoskey Bob Wextaff on bass from Charlevoix and leader Emile Acitelli of East Jordan who doubles on sax and clarinet.

A.J. GALLAGHER, S.A. 319-648 is home on a 20 leave before reporting to Seattle, Wash. on the 18th of August. From there he will go to the 17th Coast Guard Dist. Headquarters at Juno, Alaska, where he will be further assigned.

SWEDE.....is expanding his refreshment stand at the Point. Next season he will have fountain service and will serve short orders. He also plans to have a sun deck and a small floor for dancing.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS.....group #2 arrived on the Island this week. Their retreat master is Fr. Hannon S.J. from Council Bluffs, Iowa.

TWO GROUPS OF CAMPERS from Hill-Top Camp, Walloon Lake have spent several days on the Island this month.

TOM WALSH.....manager of Grand Rapids Airport and a Big Beaver Booster is seriously ill at St. Mary's Hospital in G.R.

MRS N.P. SORENSEN.....of Greenville and Beaver Island is recuperating from her recent illness.

SUNDAY SERVICES.....St. James Episcopal: 8:00 & 10:00  
Holy Cross - Masses: 8:00 & 10:00

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH