

We're looking for:

- Photos we can scan
- Ink cartridges
- Old Photos
- Old brochures and printed material
- Tickets for movies, ferry rides, circuses
- Local D.A.R. programs, minutes

Thank You!

Jeff Brown—many Port Clinton items: photos, business calendars, matchbooks, ashtrays, other collectibles.

Butch Ceccoli—his mom's WWII Camp Perry photos of the POW camp; Gypsum Company Badge

Toni DeLuca—Revistas, WWII Defense Stamp Album for Savings Bonds

Kevin Winters—Pewter Tri-Motor Medallion and news article, B& W photos of Matthews Boat Company

Marlene Gulas—1907 PCHS Commencement invitation

Lou Brodnick—Jigsaw puzzle with Tri-Motor

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NEWSLETTER

Spring 2018



Dear Members and Friends,

Every so often, we receive a VERY SPECIAL donation to the museum—often an item that no one even knew existed. At left is a photo of two very special donations. A few years ago, a Oak Harbor man walked in with a Matthews cruiser scale model that he had rescued from a barn or garage. It was in precarious condition, so I asked for a donation to put it in a case to protect it from shedding paint and from some who might lift any of the items in or on it (that has happened). Virginia Denney, whose mother Elizabeth was a past curator of this museum called and offered to cover the cost of the case. I found a Bucyrus man at Arts in the Park who made the base for us and asked Port Clinton Glass to make the case. It looks impressive, though this photo does not do it justice. Many thanks to Virginia Denney for her generous donation! These are the joys of being a curator!

Time has come for our annual membership drive. You are our primary source of operating funds. We know there are more and more historical organizations looking for support, so we especially appreciate your contributions to our cause. Remember, we are working with both the Port Clinton Lighthouse and the Catawba Island Historical Society as well as the Ottawa County Historical Society to support their needs for information and pictures. Helping us helps them, too! *Peggy*

MEMORIALS

Lockwood and Mary Jane Zeis—Peg Bolte, Leroy Higley, Ro Chapman

Memorial donations honoring anyone may be made by sending a check payable to the Ottawa County Museum, P.O. Box 845, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

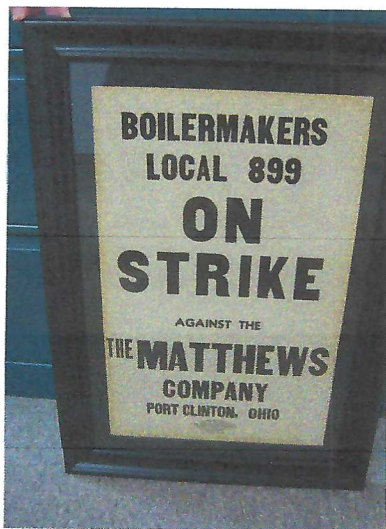
Board Member **George Wight**, who produced the photo book on Port Clinton, is at it again! He has undertaken a project to collect old photos of INTERIORS of Port Clinton businesses and display them side-by-side with photos of more recent and current businesses. Volunteer **Chuck Grindstaff** is assisting him with this project. So far, we have received two photos—one from **Pat Green** of the Progressive Times print shop with **Kuesthardts** and employees at the presses, one from the Bell Fish Company with members of my family cleaning fish and one of my grandfather, **Ray Debien, Sr.**, posing with a large sturgeon they had caught. Please look through your old photos and share them with us. We can scan them while you wait if you prefer.

History Mystery solved! In early January, Linda Huber of the Ottawa County Historical Society forwarded an e-mail from Ole Lumholt of Copenhagen, Denmark. His great-great-great-grandparents, Hostrups, moved from Denmark to Port Clinton in 1892, and their graves are here. He was seeking info plus contacts from families in this area. I remembered that Christine Hostrup Krell had visited the museum, probably in 2014, when she was here for a PCHS reunion, and she became a member of the museum. I put her in touch with the Denmark Hostrups. Her e-mail to me said "Can't believe it. I have looked for this family forever. Many hours. Thanks for remembering me. It makes my day." It made my day, too! Then I heard from Ole Lumholt from Copenhagen who wrote "The two branches of the family had no contact for 90 years . . . I am so happy that we got in contact, and I have heard so much about Port Clinton in the old days." Another joy of being a curator!

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We have a museum member who is looking for a floor plan or architectural drawing of the interior of the old City Hall on East Second St.

Can anyone help us find one?

Those of you who are on Facebook may recognize the photo below of Port Clinton from the 1950s. George Wight has been trying to identify this Port Clinton tower with no success.

Does anyone remember it or know its purpose?

Bob Reynolds brought in this Matthews Company strike poster that was given to him by Dustin Heineman. We are trying to identify when this strike took place. Bob was not too sure it even happened, but then we came across a reference to it in a biography in *The History of Ottawa County, Ohio, and its Families* published by the Ottawa County Genealogical Society.

Does anyone remember this strike or when or why it happened? If someone can identify the year, we can look it up in the library's newspaper files.

