

History Mystery solved! On the postage page of the newsletter is a sign for Scarlet Fever quarantine. Virginia Park provided the story about her family in the epidemic. I distinctly remember when our rural Port Clinton home, (in Portage Township on what is now Lockwood Rd) bore a "Quarantine Scarlet Fever" warning. This was probably sometime in 1948-49, likely during the winter. My brother Bob Allen was in first grade and that year not only contracted scarlet fever but also had several other serious illnesses: German measles, whooping cough and chicken pox. Extremely ill, he missed 67 days of school in first grade at Gypsum School. The doctor made house calls and our home was posted; no visitors could enter it. Bob (now of Holly Court, Port Clinton) had missed so much school that he had difficulty reading anything in second grade. He remembers that his third-grade teacher, Mrs Helen Wheaton, our mother Mrs Dale (Helen) Allen, and our great-aunt, Ida Haff, determined to get him caught up and ordered magazines such as "Boys Life" for reading materials that interested him. By the time he got into fourth grade he was moved into level one reading in Mrs. Thirza Schmardebeck's class. I was in third grade when Bob was sick and recall that the doctor came in the front door. I rarely remember anyone else ever using that door.

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Check us out on Netflix! Reminder!

Occasionally, we are featured in a local paper or other newsletter. Now we have made Netflix! Dr. Bob Putnam, PCHS '59, has written and spoken extensively about the importance of people participating in organizations to the success of our communities. Now he is the subject of a documentary, **Join or Die**, which features his early life growing up in Port Clinton and Lakeside based partially on research at this museum.

Past Times Story from Our Files (News Herald, Sept. 26, 1866, via George Wight)

A few years ago, a man called to say that a pound fishing pole had washed up on the City Beach in Port Clinton. He said it looked like the trunk of a small tree. A little research on "pound fishing" revealed that nets are supported by stakes (the small tree that washed ashore) that are driven into the lake bottom, and the fish, trying to avoid the obstacle the net causes, inadvertently swim into openings in the net. The fish were harvested once a day early in the season and more often toward the end of two months of fishing. Nets cost \$1,200 to \$1,600 in New York where they were manufactured and the fishermen had a scow where a pile driver was erected. The museum has a small exhibit with a diagram and photos of pound fishing, along with the stake that washed ashore. (Does anyone know if pound fishing is done today?)