

# *Bloomington reacted to reports of rabies*

Few ailments suffered by our grandparents had the power to create as much fear as hydrophobia or rabies.

**IN HIS BOOK.** *Relive It*, the late C. Earl East recalled the case of the 19-year-old farmhand by the name of Lamkins, who was bitten by a dog while he was walking home from church one Sunday in 1890. The two slight wounds — one above his eye and the other on the leg — were cauterized with nitric acid and bandaged with a salve by "Dr. Maxwell."

Not entirely satisfied with the

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## **Looking back**

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treatment, the young man's father took him to Terre Haute for an additional precaution: the wounds were touched with a "mad stone" from a deer's stomach. That it stuck to neither wound was sup-

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