

# IU had state's first engineering school

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were not even founded until 1861 and 1869, respectively.)

Professor Elliott's Indiana College teaching

career was cut short by an offer of the presidency of Mississippi College. The engineering courses at the Indiana College passed briefly into the hands of

James F. Dodds and then to a man with a solid background in the subject, Jacob Ammen. A graduate of West Point, he later used his expertise as civil engineer for the city of Ripley and Hamilton County in Ohio.

Examples of textbooks available for use in the 1830s may be found in the IU Library, and their publication dates attest to the relative newness of engineering as a subject at that time. Two of them are *The Theory of Statics With Numerous Practical Applications*, which contains exercises useful for persons embarking on the construction of machinery, bridges and steam engines. Another of the books, *Elements of Mechanics*, contains a section dealing with strength and stress of beams, with applications in bridge and manufacturing plant construction. The two books were written in 1834 and 1832, respectively.

IU's curriculum had engineering courses through 1885. The scientific course of study for 1856 included, in addition, agricultural chemistry. That particular course may have attracted Richard Owen to the IU faculty. The son of the founder of New Harmony, he was primarily a geologist and became the first president of Purdue University.

Two of IU's earliest engineering students found good use for their training. Samuel Levi Geger, class of 1837, utilized his knowledge of hydrostatics and hydrodynamics in the building of steamboats, while George Edward West, A.B. 1838, applied his mechanical engineering training to the milling business in a little town on the Wabash River — Lafayette.

## Local, area deaths

### Jessie Stanton

Jessie P. Stanton, 79, 1100 S. Curry Pike, died early this morning at Bloomington Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Allen Funeral Home.

### Dovia May

GREENFIELD — Dovia Mae May, 79, of Greenfield, died Thursday at Heltons Nursing Home in Hamilton, Ohio.

Born May 15, 1904, in Putnam County, she was the daughter of Joseph and Lizzie (Snyder) Sims. She was a member of the United Pentecostal Church in Greenfield.

Survivors include two daughters, Violet VanDeVenter of Stinesville and Shirley Couch of Hamilton, Ohio; three sons, Chester L. Rogers of Indianapolis, William Rogers of Reelsville and Virgil Rogers of Hamilton, Ohio; seven stepchildren; 19 grandchildren; 43 great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at Bittles and Hurt Funeral Home in Greenfield, with the Rev. Joe Martin officiating. Burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home 4-9 p.m. Sunday.

Arrangements are pending at Jenkins Funeral Home.

### Tina Calvert

MEDARYVILLE — Tina Calvert, 82, of Medaryville, died Friday morning at Pulaski Memorial Hospital in Winamac.

Born Oct. 21, 1901, in Calvertsville, she was the daughter of William and Mary (Phipps) Stephens. She was a member of the Concord Baptist Church in Calvertsville.

Survivors include one daughter, Phyllis M. Swinehart of Crown Point; three sons, Ora Calvert, Raymond Calvert Jr. and Owen Calvert, all of Medaryville and one sister, Nina Leora of Pemonia, Calif.

Preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Calvert; two brothers and six sisters.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Concord Baptist Church, with the Rev. Marion Noel officiating. Burial will be in Calvertsville Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Querry-Ulbricht Funeral Home in Medaryville after 2 p.m. Sunday.

## Other deaths

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GREENVILLE, Ky. — Graveside services for Country Music Hall of

### Laudis Jenkins

SOLSBERRY — Laudis "Bud" Jenkins, 77, of Solsberry, died Friday