Items of interest in 1830s

Jan. 8, 1836, edition. It began, "The claims of this institution to the attention of the friends of science, literature, and religion, in this and the neighboring states, are, it is believed, peculiarly worthy of their regard. It is situated in Bloomington, which is a pleasant and flourishing village about 50 miles south of Indianapolis, on the road leading from the latter place to Leavenworth on the Ohio River ... The state of society is sufficiently removed from the rudeness of vulgar manners, on the one hand; and

from silly affection and shewy emptiness, on the other." Furthermore, bragged the *Post*, it is "far enough from the river for the purpose of cheapness and retirement."

A regular feature of the *Post* was the publishing of the names on unclaimed letters at the post office. Incredibly the list contained the names of Deal, John Ketcham (builder of the courthouse), and Judge Rogers, as well as the clerk of the circuit court and "students of the college."

Considering that he was a Whig, Deal was remarkably fair in reporting a meeting of local Democrats. He not only reckoned that there

was a respectable turnout, but that some of Bloomington's most prominent citizens took part in it. The Democrats, who had gotten together in support of Martin Van Buren for president, were from the "first families" of the county. Appointed delegates to the state convention were Paris C. Dunning (who was destined to be governor of Indiana), F.S. Butler, J.B. Lowe, J. Whitcomb, M.C. Foster, J.L. Payne, G.H. Johnston, A. Rogers, Wm. Hill, W.A. Gormen, Isaac Buskirk, James Parks, M. McPhetridge, J.W. Lee, Lem. Gentry, Math. Byers, Alexander Buchanon, John Ketcham, S.P. Seal and Elisha Morgan.