

# DePauw IU's foster child

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Chester G. Ballard, a Monroe County physician who came to Bloomington from Massachusetts, was a staunch Methodist and got into the controversy, too. As foolish as it seems today, the whole matter descended to the level of the ridiculous on both sides.

The Monroe County physician was a member of the IU Trustees and came up with the idea of a "Wesleyan Chair" at IU to ensure that the students could get the Methodist point of view. That suggestion wasn't amenable to the other Trustees, however. It may have had some effect, since in 1836 Augustus W. Ruter, a Methodist, was elected to teach political science and modern languages at IU.

Meanwhile, at Indianapolis, Samuel Bigger, a Presbyterian legislator from Rushville, was said to have commented, "that there was not a Methodist in America with sufficient learning to fill a professor's chair if it were tendered to him." That flippant remark

came back to haunt him.

Today it all seems like "a tempest in a teapot," but out of the controversy, the state of Indiana was the winner. It got two strong institutions of higher learning for the education of its young people.

## 3 burglaries reported to police Friday

H-T Reports

Three burglaries were reported by county residents Friday to Monroe County police.

Howard Cassidy, 7292 S. Harmony Road, reported at 10:06 a.m. the theft of two rifles, one shotgun and \$100 in change from his mobile home. A forced entry had been made through the front door.

Charles Brake, Greenwood, reported at 3:56 p.m. that two television sets, tape and stereo equipment, two shotguns and a rifle, all together valued at over \$1,600, had been taken from his residence on Orcutt