



Mrs. Mary (Lillian) Kelbley

After taking a break from teaching to raise her family, Mrs. Lillian Kelbley received a call from then-superintendent Jones asking her to teach at Hopewell-Loudon School. She accepted, and served the Hopewell-Loudon School District in many capacities until her death in 1963. Her first duty was serving as the advisor to the eighth grade class, which was a full time job. She also taught business classes, including typing, shorthand, and bookkeeping.

Among her other roles at Hopewell-Loudon, Mrs. Kelbley was the advisor for the Scarlet and Gray newsletter, and organized the first senior class trip to Washington D.C., and New York City, and served as the chaperone for that trip in 1955. She also was the yearbook advisor beginning in 1956. She received 2 yearbook dedications, one in 1950 and the other in 1964.

In 1961, Mrs. Kelbley became Hopewell-Loudon's first guidance counselor. She had returned to Bowling Green State University night school to obtain her Master's Degree in counseling.

When Mrs. Kelbley was not busy, she sold tickets at the basketball games, gave piano lessons, and for over 35 years, she helped her husband Walter operate Walt's Lunch, a staple in Bascom.

Mrs. Kelbley's children, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren are graduates of Hopewell-Loudon. Two of her children are retired educators, and her daughter and granddaughter have both served on the Hopewell-Loudon Board of Education.