



Mr. Robert Walter

After serving in the army in World War II, and having fought in the Battle of the Bulge, Mr. Robert Walter settled in the Hopewell-Loudon School District in 1953. He and his wife raised two children, both of whom graduated from Hopewell-Loudon School. Bob served as president of the PTA for three terms, and organized the Halloween Carnival, which raised funds to support many school projects, including new curtains for the stage in the auditorium. In the winter of 1968-1969, he and a friend organized the first Athletic Boosters Club at Hopewell-Loudon, in which he served as the president. His first order of business was the completion of the track. His daughter Cindy can recall spending many hours helping her father deliver cinders by wheelbarrow to fill in the track. During his tenure on the Athletic Booster board, Bob expressed to the board of education his desire to implement the first football program at Hopewell-Loudon. After negotiations with the board and the county superintendent, the Athletic Boosters were given the green light to begin the process, starting with fundraising for the uniforms. Mr. Walter formed a finance committee, who in turn orchestrated the drive to raise over \$11,000, exceeding their goal of \$4700!

In 1973, at the ceremony dedicating the new football field, Mr. Walter was recognized with an award from the Hopewell-Loudon Athletic Department for his efforts in contributing to the establishment of the football program and the football field.