TEMPERANCE – Mildred Salter, a longtime teacher in the Bedford Public School system, died of kidney failure Friday, in St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center. She was 86.

Mrs. Salter arrived here in 1929 to be an elementary teacher in what then was Temperance Public School, according to her son, Jerry.

She remained on the faculty through the consolidation of the village schools into the township system and retired as a high school teacher in 1972.

Mrs. Salter was responsible for the creation of many of the school's trademarks, including the adoption of the Talisman and Goalpost names, respectively for the yearbook and the newspaper.

The escutcheon design of the first school crest, still in use today, was designed by students under her supervision.

A stickler for grammar and spelling, she placed special emphasis on English and composition and taught a course of her own design for college-bound students.

She served as adviser to the Goalpost for more than 25 years and directed school plays.

Mrs. Salter was a native of Zearing, Iowa. She and her husband, Ivan, who died in 1991, were married for 51 years.

She belonged to Judson Baptist Church, Toledo, and was on the pastoral care and mission committees. Earlier, she was a deaconess of First Baptist Church, Temperance, where she taught Bible school and belonged to the Christian education committee.
Her other memberships included the Michigan Education Association, Order of the Eastern Star, and the former Rotary Anns in Temperance.

She was active in the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Arthritis Foundation, and the American Cancer Society.

Surviving are her son, Jerry, and a grandson.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday in Judson Babtist Church, 2880 Laskey Rd., where the body will be two hours earlier. Arrangements are by Boyer-Van Wormer-Scitt Mortuary.

By Carl Ryan, Blade Staff Writer

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**Salter, Teacher in Bedford, Dead at 86**

Mildred A. Salter, 86, of Temperance, MI, passed away, February 14, 1997, in St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, Toledo. The daughter of Alexander and Mildred (Moshler) Sangster, she was born in Zearing, Iowa on June 14, 1910.


Mildred was a teacher for 36 years for the Bedford Public Schools. She was responsible for the school the permanent names for its yearbook, “The Talisman,” and its newspaper, “The Goalpost,” which she advised for more than 25 years. Prior to this, they had a different name each year.

Under her supervision, one of her students designed the first school crest, which is in use yet today. Bedford was able to join the National Thespians during her tenure as coach and director of student plays. Seeing the need for concentration on basic writing principles and skills, she designed and taught a course for college bound students, and was adviser for the Future Teachers of America.

Mildred was a member of Judson Babtist Church, where she served on the Pastoral Care and Mission committees. Before that, she was a member of First Babtist Church in Temperance, where she was a deaconess, served on the Christian Education Committee and wrote and directed many programs, taught Bible School and coordinated the Wednesday night Bible classes.
Other memberships included the Michigan Education Association, Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, past president of the Lenawee Association, past matron of the Samaria Chapter and grand representative of Ohio in Michigan.

She was past president of the Rotary Anns in Temperance, local chairman of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, worked with the Arthritis Foundation, and was one time publicity chairman for the American Cancer Society.

She is survived by her son, Jerry Allen (Louise) Salter; grandson, James Allen Salter, and numerous nieces and nephews.

No visitation is planned. The body will lie in state at Judson Baptist Church, 2880 Laskey Rd., Toledo, from 11 a.m. Monday, February 17, 1997 until services are conducted at 1 p.m. By Pastor Al Easterly. Interment will be in Bedford Memorial Cemetery. Boyer-VanWormer-Scoott Funeral Home, Toledo, is in charge of the arrangements.

Please make an entry in the Guest Book to offer your personal memories, recollections and experiences with Mrs. Salter. Others would really like to hear from you.

If you prefer, send any photos and thoughts to honor Mrs. Salter's memory to the webmaster and they will be added to these pages: