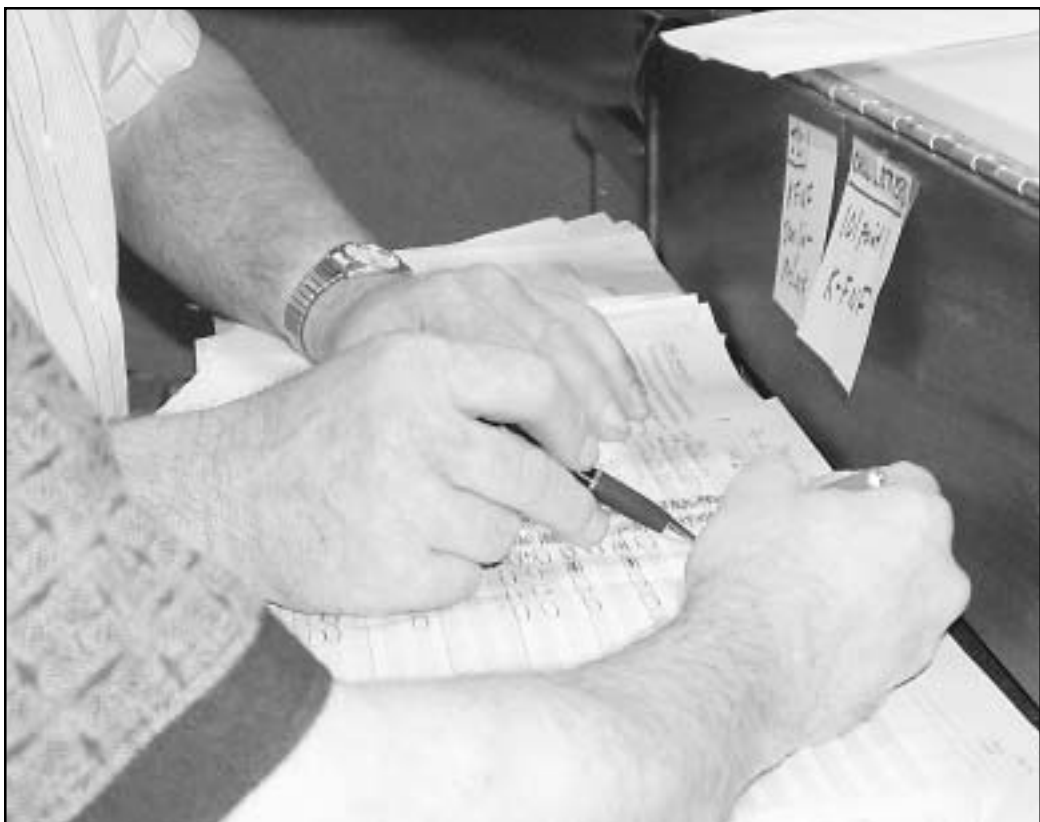




SHOWING OFF THE LATEST in styles for deejays, shoeless Peggy Pratt and shod Ken Morris read the weather on KFNF Sunday.



ENJOYING THEIR STINTS as deejays, Doug Fair (above) and Rotary President Jim Hollowell (below) offered music and merriment. Mr. Hollowell brought a list of the slightly off-center sayings of his Grandpa Henry.



USING HIGH-TECH PEN AND PAPER, Rotarians (above) marked off the advertisers after reading their copy. School Superintendent Kelly Glodt (below front) and High School Principal Charles Haug announced the songs.



Rotarians give radio new sound

Oberlin's usual proper country music station, KFNF-FM had a musical free-for-all on Sunday as the Oberlin Rotary Club took over for the day.

This was the fourth annual Oberlin Rotary Radio Day, the second working with Dave and Connie Stout, who purchased the station a couple of years ago.

While Sundays are usually quiet out at the station, this week was a bit different. Rotary deejays started showing up before 10 a.m. and by the time the program finished at 7 p.m., more than a dozen Oberlin residents had butchered the weather report, talked about what Rotary is and does, told jokes and kidded each other, and mangled ads for area businesses.

Radio Day is the big fund raiser for Rotary, said club President Jim Hollowell. The money collected for advertising is used for scholarships, the annual after-prom party for Decatur

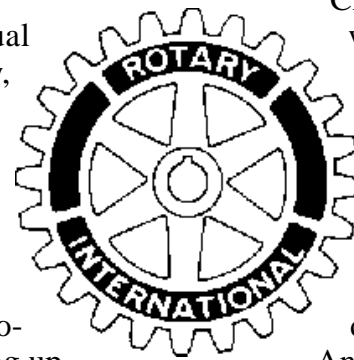
Community High School, the Oberlin food pantry, hunger relief efforts in Panama and the eradication of polio worldwide.

Club deejays told the story of Rotary, which will be 100 years old in 2005, and some of the projects the Oberlin club has, including cleanup on U.S. 83 south of town and running the Ferris wheel at the county fair. Instead of the usual music, Rotarians got to pick from the station's library or bring their own disks to play.

And they read the ads, or in many cases, misread the ads, tongues tripping over brand names and technical terms. Businesses paid \$50 for three 30-second spots or \$75 for six 30-second spots and the results were — spotty, but fun.

Mr. Stout, who sat manning the controls for nine hours while the businessmen and women took turns making fools of themselves, got a lot of thank yous for his time and trouble.

"That's my donation," he said with a smile.



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