



**HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL** Charles Haag read ads on the radio Sunday during the Oberlin Rotary Club's radio day. He worked side by side with Superintendent Kelly Glodt. The day raised money for Rotary projects and scholarships.



**WITH TEAMMATE** Peggy Pratt, Larry Ganje (above) played music and helped read the ads while raising money for the Oberlin Rotary Club. KFNf owner Dave Stout (below) worked the computer behind the scenes.



## Rotarians profit from radio day

They marched in two by two, sat on the high stools and told their tales.

They were there to have fun and make some money for their service projects. Working in pairs, telling jokes, reading ads, then poking fun at friends, family, co-workers and other club members, especially other club members.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, like a conductor in a symphony—a symphony of very bad musicians—the radio man made the whole thing work.

Members of the Oberlin Rotary Club took over KFNf Radio on Sunday and turned the music upside down. Instead of the regular country songs, the Rotarians brought their own CD's with everything from gospel to rock to ballads and blues.

Station owner Dave Stout sat on his stool and directed the strange music and stranger deejays. From 10 a.m. until 7 p.m., the Rotary members played their music and

read (and misread) ads the club had sold to area businesses.

Former club President Jim Hollowell set up the project, sending his troops out to gather ads, then talking gullible souls into making fools of themselves on the air.

Nursing homes, banks, contractors, pharmacies, electricians, most of the downtown businesses and quite a few on the highway, agreed to pay \$50 for three ads or \$75 for six. The Bargain Box Plus donated \$200 and was slated for 12 spots, even though they didn't ask for that many. Several businesses and people just donated anywhere from \$20 to \$100 to the project. By Sunday, the Rotarians had gathered enough ads and donations to make this year's project the most successful Radio Day the club has ever done.

Mr. Hollowell estimates that when all the money is collected, the Rotarians will have brought in more than \$3,500 to spend on scholarships and community projects, in-

cluding the annual After-Prom Party and the Decatur County Food Bank. Other projects the club helps with include working to stamp out polio worldwide and fighting hunger in Panama.

There were no expenses, since all the time and labor were donated. The radio station donated its space and Mr. Stout's time and labor.

Deejays for a day included Mr. Hollowell; high school Principal Charles Haag; school Superintendent Kelly Glodt; juvenile justice regional director Peggy Pratt; Dr. Doug Fair; club President Dr. Ryan Unger; clinic manager Larry Ganje; Steve and Cynthia Haynes of *The Oberlin Herald*; Herschel Betts, a farmer and past district governor of Rotary; Jay Anderson, city councilman and retired veterinarian; Joe Stanley, hardware store owner; Ralph Unger, a farmer; Jesse Carter of Farmers Bank and Trust; and John Bremer, the district magistrate judge.



**ROTARIAN** Kelly Glodt brought his daughter Heather with him for his time slot on air. Heather had the chance to read some ads and play a few songs while she was there.

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