



**AT THE REGIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT** Friday and Saturday at the high school, Adam Kadavy (above left) and Ken Badsky did play-by-play action live on KFNF Radio. Connie Miller (below) with the Oberlin Lions Club put away a large pot in the kitchen.

## Fans, families and wrestlers filled the gym

Fans and wrestlers started to show up in Oberlin early in the afternoon on Friday to get ready for two days of wrestling.

The high school gym was packed Friday afternoon and Saturday during the regional wrestling tournament, as fans stayed all day to watch their wrestlers and support their schools. In all, there were 20 teams from western Kansas for the Class 3-2-1A regional.

The hall outside the high school gym was jammed with wrestlers getting ready, people checking brackets and others peeking through the doors to find a seat.

The gym was packed. The seats were full and action was going on two mats Saturday. Chairs were set up along the mats for the coaches and cheerleaders sat on the floor along the mats to cheer on their teams.

Randy Olson, athletic director at Decatur Community High, said the tournament went well and they appreciated all of the help. It took 48 adult volunteers and 36 students to run the event on Friday. On Saturday, there were four less adult volunteers. Without those volunteers, said Mr. Olson, they wouldn't be able to do the tournament.

Three organizations held fund raisers during the tournament. The Kids Wrestling club had a supper on Friday, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans held a pancake feed on Saturday morning and the Oberlin Lions Club had a feed Saturday afternoon and evening.

It is good for the kids to have the tournament at home, Mr. Olson said. They have the home gym ad-

vantage and the school gets a little money out of admissions. The Kansas State High School Activities Association organizes the event, he said, and they split the money with the sponsoring school.

It is also good for the student organizations who run concession stands. FFA, said Mr. Olson, had the opportunity to provide a place to store coats, bags and coolers. The programs were sold by the journal-

ism department, which helps raise money for them.

It is also nice for the fans to be able to see the regional action at home.

The tournament rotates around the area, said Mr. Olson, and Oberlin gets to host it about every four or five years.

The next big event for the high school will be the Oberlin Invitational Track Meet on Tuesday, May 2.



**IN THE CONCESSION STAND,** Lora Marietta (above) made change for a customer while Alvina Gamblin (right) sat behind the cash box waiting for the Lions Club's next customer.

