



IN THE CAFETERIA, Konnor Witt (above) looked at the new dictionary (below) read a name in the dictionary she was handing out. The Rotary Club had just received from members of the Oberlin Rotary Club. Lynn Doeden gave dictionaries to each of the third graders at Oberlin Elementary School.

Rotary gives gift of words

Members of the Oberlin Rotary Club gave dictionaries to each of the 25 Oberlin Elementary School third graders and teachers last week.

Each year the Rotary Club buys new dictionaries for the third graders and then hands them out one day during the winter.

This year members Doyle Brown, Herschel Betts, Jim Hollowell, Lynn Doeden and Lee Gilliam met with the two third-grade classes in the cafeteria last Tuesday.

The students came into the room in two single-file lines. Mr. Brown, this year's Rotary Club president, told them why the Rotarians were there and talked about being a volunteer. He said Rotary is a service organization full of volunteers. He asked if the kids knew what a volunteer was.

One third grader said a volunteer is someone who works without getting paid. Another youngster said a volunteer is someone who wants to do the job. Mr. Brown said both were right.

Mr. Brown said the dictionaries were the students to keep, so they can take them home and use them and have the books for years to come.

The members read the names in the books and handed them out to each student.

After receiving their dictionaries, the students started to flip through the pages looking up vocabulary words and checking the many pictures.



CONNOR BEAZLEY (above) flipped through his new dictionary while Rotarians Herschel Betts (below left) and Lee Gilliam handed out other books.

Before the students headed back to class and the Rotarians left, the third graders thanked the club members for the books.

