

Rap Line Incorporates, Eyes \$40,000 Operating Budget

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

FARMINGTON Rap Line—the phone number kids can call if they're in trouble with drugs—has turned out to be more than a phone number.

The initial format of having youth answer telephones to counsel their peers in a crisis situation with drugs is now encompassing all segments of Farmington city and township.

Forty persons met April 28 to discuss plans for incorporation of Rap Line so the program can give aid and receive funds.

Plans are to incorporate Rap Line as a non-profit organization which needs the approval of the Internal Revenue Service. This will take perhaps six to eight weeks.

eration he has received from all levels of city and township, the Rev. Ralph Rideout, Rap Line administrator, said of Farmington residents.

"There are a lot of beautiful people in Farmington. We have established a committee of adult volunteers to attempt to bridge the gap between youth and adults. This will be a continuing effort of the entire community."

"These persons will cooperate and spend time in the Drug Abuse Task Force of the schools Family Life Education Committee."

reached a point where the young persons taking part could guide and direct each other in a responsible manner by daily communication.

Two new groups have been established, guided by two ministers who are trained in guidance and counseling.

RAP LINE HAS also had an educational thrust. Eleven Rap Line members recently spent two days at Farmington Junior High where they assumed full responsibility for all science classes.

The evaluation of the effort by teachers, administrators, Rap Line counselors and students was highly positive. Hopes are to carry the program to all other area junior highs.

In its short term of operation, Rap Line has established relationships with several co-operating agencies and people:

- A local doctor is on call in case of medical emergency.
- The head psychiatric nurse at Beaumont Hospital has gained consent for Beaumont referrals.
- Family Services of Oakland County plans to assign a worker who will coordinate her activities with Rap Line.
- Farmington Youth Guidance Committee will coordinate its activities with Rap Line, as will the YMCA and YWCA.
- A number of local churches and ministers have indicated willingness to cooperate with the program.

Effort is currently being made also to establish a relationship with the school system through its special education services.

A PROPOSED BUDGET of \$40,000 for expanded services by Rap Line has been outlined to all local civic officials, school board members and school staffs.

The cost would cover services of two professional staff persons for Rap Line, secretarial help and greater telephone services. A facility to house the operation would be donated.

Negotiations are now underway with a local church for

Deadline Nears For Registration

FARMINGTON Residents of the Farmington School District have until 5 p.m. May 8 to register to vote in the June 8 school election.

Two four-year terms and a one-year term on the district's Board of Education will be filled in the election.

Farmington Township residents should register in the Township Hall at 31555 11 Mile, City, district residents in the Township Hall at 4680 Orchard Lake Rd.

Persons already registered need not re-register.

Deadline for filling for the school board positions is 4 p.m. May 11. Petitions to become a candidate are available from the office of Byron Oliver in the district's central administration building at 32500 Shiawassee.

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Group Receives Road Answers

FARMINGTON A member of the Oakland County highway department projects that by the year 2020 A.D. Farmington Township "just might" have good local roads.

Speaking at a meeting of the Farmington Township Road and Civic Association, David Haase, county director of maintenance for gravel roads, said:

"Each year, three to four miles of gravel road are being converted to pavement — by the year 2020, we just might get rid of all gravel roads."

Haase's arithmetic averaged this out at \$750 per mile per year for local road maintenance, with one-third of this allotted for winter maintenance.

"The remainder," he said, "goes for what I call trying to take the curse out of local roads." As far as looking forward to better maintenance on gravel roads, "I just hope we can keep what we've got today."

PROPER maintenance of a gravel road traveled by 200 cars a day, the director said, would be grading every two weeks at a cost of \$19 for 10 miles.

Haase held out some hope that cityhood for the township might solve the road problem because cities get a greater percentage of state gas and weight taxes.

"I assume eventually you will be a city one way or another, but you'll find out if you ever do become a city that it costs money to equip a DPW," he said. He quoted costs of five figures for bulldozers, graders, salt trucks, etc.



LAW DAY — Law Day was observed in Farmington Friday, May 1, with honorary student justices participating in Farmington District Court activities. Part of the observance included presentation of a plaque to Judge Michael Hand by Frank Hill, Farmington attorney, on behalf of the young lawyers section of the State Bar of Michigan. The wall plaque is a reminder of a judge's obligation to the public. (Evert photo)

Floral Park News

Jeff Young son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Young of 23181 Violet, had a birthday party for his seventh anniversary March 22.

Games were enjoyed and ice cream and cake topped it off. His guests were Glen Harding, Dwayne Dowse, Becky Miracle, Linda Brown, Mark Sawyer and Kenny Kozderski.

BOB AND GLORIA Gould celebrated their third wedding anniversary and their son Christopher John his first birthday at a family get-together April 7. The Goulds live at 23227 Violet.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Green of 30808 Astor are proud grandparents for the second time. Joy Lynn Pote was born last July 16, and weighed in at seven pounds and eight ounces. She was born in St. Joseph

Hospital in Pontiac. The Green's nephew, William Butler is staying with them at the present. He has just been discharged from the Armed Services.

MR. AND MRS. Murray Gauderich have moved into their new home at 22440 Hawthorne. Three of their sons are with them: Floyd, 23; Ronny, 14; and Gordon, 12.

Their fourth son Robert, is in the Technical Training of the Army Air Force. Mr. Gauderich is employed with the Metropolitan Detroit Citizens Development, a non-profit organization. The family formerly resided in Detroit.

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