

Can Rap Line Meet Drug Abuse Challenge?



By MARTHA MAHAN FARMINGTON
What do Rap Line kids do besides "rap"?
Right now they're doing a spring cleanup, paintup, fixup job on the group's drug combat headquarters.
They're taking a 10-week first aid training course from Dr. Robert Thompson, Farmington osteopath who is donating his time and knowledge.
They're scouting publishers in hopes of bringing out a book of 80 to 90 poems Rap Liners have written; it would be titled "Lonely Voices."
They're thinking about an exhibit of art work produced by the young people.
And they're passing out wallet cards to spread the word of Rap Line through the schools.
MEANWHILE, they go on with the regular job of securing the troubled who dial the Rap Line number, counseling both individually and in groups those who come in for help with their problems, and participating in their own group "rap" sessions.
In addition, they try to head the early teenager away from experimenting with drugs in the first place through talks at junior high schools.
How effective are they? That depends on who you talk to.
Answers solicited by the Farmington Enterprise and the



AT DUNCKEL — Ron Jesmer is speaking to young people at Dunckel Junior High in Farmington about the drug prevention program. The FAAC has organized a Rap group at Dunckel to allow junior high students to talk about their problems. (Photo by Phyllis Clements)

Observer ranged from "tremendous" to "a waste of time."
For the most part, those intimately connected with the program were unanimously enthusiastic; representatives of government agencies which help fund it were cautious.
"It still has to prove itself," said one city official who asked not to be identified.
"I can't see where anything concrete has been accomplished."
"We don't really know how many kids from the city have gone there and how many presently are receiving any treatment. And we don't know how many being counseled are not drug users."
On the other hand, another city official said he felt the program "has done wonders, to him that there is not close enough follow through on such cases."
City Councilman John Allen commented that he, too, has reservations lest inept handling of such calls "could conceivably end in tragedy."
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PHONE FUNCTION — The Rap line is an integral part of the total drug prevention program in Farmington. The line, manned by volunteers, is kept open for youth wanting to use drugs to get "talked down." Linda Mills is shown taking her turn at the phone as a volunteer. (Fran Evert photo)

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RAP ADULT LEADERS — Mrs. Betty White, with coffee, leads a discussion of the adults who provide supervision and assistance to the Farmington Area Advisory Council (FAAC), popularly known as Rap Line. (Evert photo)

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