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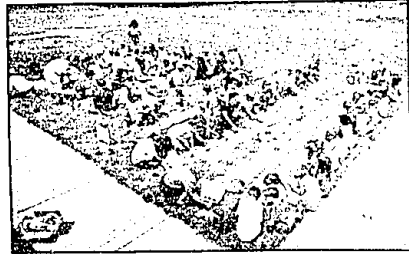
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Garden lesson plans: Gill Year-Round graders pull weeds so their beans may grow straight and tall.

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Seeds in, weeds out: Students at the Gill Year-Round School in Farmington Hills are keeping busy these days with their school gardens, which are modeled after the victory gardens of World War II. At left, 10-year-old Kim Slatton, a fifth-grader, waters a vegetable patch with first-grader Michael Boone, 7. Above, students in grades 1-5 are out checking the garden. Each grade has a row. There'll be a harvest later this summer.

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World War II artifacts as part of a social studies look at that era. They're also learning about nutrition, Shaw said.

The project will be represented in this year's Founders Day parade July 15 in the form of a float. Pictures of the vegetables, flags and the Statue of Liberty are to be depicted.

Gill Year-Round School is in session from September to July. Students attend the same amount of days as a traditional school, but spread them out over the course of 11 months.

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Fund-raising for the project hasn't gone smoothly, either. Johnson's group Michigan Association of Concerned Veterans has received \$350 in donations.

They hoped to raise money raffling off a \$21,000 Harley Davidson motorcycle. Only \$6,000 worth of tickets have been sold so far, Johnson said.

Johnson and his cohorts have spent \$120,000 of their own to see the project through.

"We're busted," he said.

The cause has become dear to them. The Canadian Vietnam Veterans Welfare Home Committee, which was the precursor to MACV, honored their northern comrades in an event at the Michigan State Fairgrounds in 1989.

Canadian Vietnam vets have not been recognized by their own country, Johnson said. Instead, he added, they were treated like

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mercenaries.

Windsor City Council thought otherwise. After an emotional debate, it approved accepting the memorial as a gift May 8.

"We are proud and grateful that you should consider our city as a fitting place for this memorial," said Windsor Mayor Michael Hurst in a letter to Johnson and Gidner.

Until the city of Windsor stepped in, dedication of the \$112,000 monument appeared in doubt.

The process has been a grueling one, Johnson said. He's not bitter toward the Canadian government despite its reluctance to provide land.

"I can't degrade them," said Johnson, 48, who is a production manager for Autopart Corp. in Madison Heights, which makes side mirrors for General Motors products.

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Windsor is an appropriate loca-

tion as a border city. The monument will be within sight of the United States and the Ambassador Bridge.

The 16-foot memorial designed by Reynolds will include the names of 113 Canadians who died in Vietnam. Plaques will be given to relatives during dedication ceremonies.

Retired Tory Sen. Jack Marshall is the special guest speaker. Marshall lobbied, unsuccessfully, in Parliament for the Canadian government to provide land for the monument.

The memorial will include a poem:

*As long as we live, you will live
As long as we live, you will be remembered
As long as we live, you will be loved
They are not forgotten.*

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