

regional viewpoint

By Jim Irving

One thing about living in a democracy is that we are constantly being fed tidbits to show us we are living in one and are being given our full devaluated dollar's worth.

teachers, other adults) as it is, or wishes to become. "The approaches are known to professional educators as: (1) the behaviorist and (2) the phenomenologist approaches to education.

24-page treatise

So they resurrected the matter of junior kindergartens, commissioning a research report on them. The result is a 24-page treatise, offering such enlightenment as this found on page five: "To understand what is possible to offer J. K. students, one has to go beyond the goal statements to the value structures of the two basic approaches.

Costs ignored

It gets worse as it goes along, sounding more and more as if they were preparing any children enrolling for a walk on the moon. The report says nothing about costs or facilities. It is more important to discuss such things as "phonology," "syntactic and morphology skills," and then moving quickly on to "visual discrimination, auditory discrimination, kinesthetic and tactile recognition and perception."

Oratorical push-ups

John Butler, spokesman for the group, said Markham Old Town would continue to be the high growth area and suggested next year would be the best time for the board to develop a plan to cope with any developments. Monday night, the board listened politely, but in the question-and-answer period that followed, seemed more concerned with their own oratorical push-ups than with probing further.

Old sucker ball

I don't think the parents disputed that; they weren't there to plead for safety barriers. They were asking the board not to break up the old neighborhood until they could get a better look at what will probably be the overall pattern. The board would sooner debate the prospect of spending \$45,000 to provide 800 students with a "live-in experience" at a yet-to-be-built outdoor education centre at Scanlon Creek, near Bradford.

Gardening

Get an early start

An early start in the vegetable garden can mean two or even three crops each season, says R.A. Fleming, Ontario ministry of agriculture and food horticulturist. The seeds of several common vegetables such as carrots, beets, peas, lettuce, spinach and radishes can be sown just as soon as the ground can be worked.

garden of vegetables and flowers. Marigolds planted in the vegetable garden can act as a repellent for certain insects while nasturtiums, whose leaves are delicious in salads, help keep aphids and white flies away from tomato plants.

clump of marigolds or petunias while offering a harvest of fresh vegetables during the summer. Fleming feels a carefully cultivated tomato or pepper plant would not look out of place in a flower garden.

Prepare garden soil now

Now is the time to begin preparing your garden soil for the coming season, says T.J. Blom, Ontario ministry of agriculture and food horticulturist. "It is important to make sure your soil is in good condition before sowing vegetable or flower seeds."

factors. If the soil is of the clay type, add straw manure and sand to improve water and air movement through the soil. Sandy soils tend to dry out quickly and require the addition of peat moss to increase the water-holding capacity.

Soils that are too acidic require the addition of about five pounds of limestone per 100 square feet. "Late fall or early spring is a good time to

spread some manure on the garden," says Blom. taking soil samples for testing. A soil test will check levels of phosphorous, potassium, magnesium and pH in the soil.

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