



Flora Seul-Jacklein, one of about 100 people in Halton and Peel regions promoting the development of a Waldorf School, poses with

some of the material used to help children develop their imaginations as well as their minds.

## Waldorf Schools

# Alternative to public system

Computers, abstract ideas and too many books may not be the best way to prepare a child for life, according to an educational philosophy being promoted in Halton and Peel.

Flora Seul-Jacklein, of Milton, is the president of the Halton-Peel group of nearly 100 people working towards the establishment of a Waldorf School.

Recently they held a public meeting in Acton

and about 25 to 30 people attended, many of whom were already familiar with Waldorf Schools. A meeting is planned for the future in Georgetown and workshops are slated for Halton in Milton.

There are a number of people from Acton, Rockwood and Georgetown already involved with Waldorf education and a playground of mothers and children from Halton Hills is meeting on a

weekly basis. Halton Hills residents are invited to phone Brenda Aberne at 853-3085 to learn how they can get involved in the local program.

The Halton-Peel Waldorf Interest group has been operating for the past year, forming playgroups for their children, researching the concept and starting small fund raising projects.

Developed in 1919 by Austrian educator Rudolf Steiner, Waldorf Schools stress the idea that man is a spiritual, as well as intellectual, being.

A Waldorf education, Mrs. Seul-Jacklein explained, gives children a chance to develop their imaginations as well as their minds.

"Young children learn best by looking at things, doing things and asking questions," she said in a recent interview. "Our programs support and stress that, rather than teaching them reading and writing before they are ready for it."

"There is a tendency in traditional schools to have too much programmed time," the former teacher added. "We believe that children should have some leisure time that is not programmed."

Waldorf supporters are quick to deny that their schools are connected with the "free" schools of the 1960s.

"Our academic achievement is very high, but not overwhelming," Mrs. Seul-Jacklein said.

"We stress the values of responsibility, sharing and the feeling that anything is good so long as they do it really well," she added.

Mrs. Seul-Jacklein explained that Waldorf Schools in Ontario follow courses laid down by the Ministry of Education.

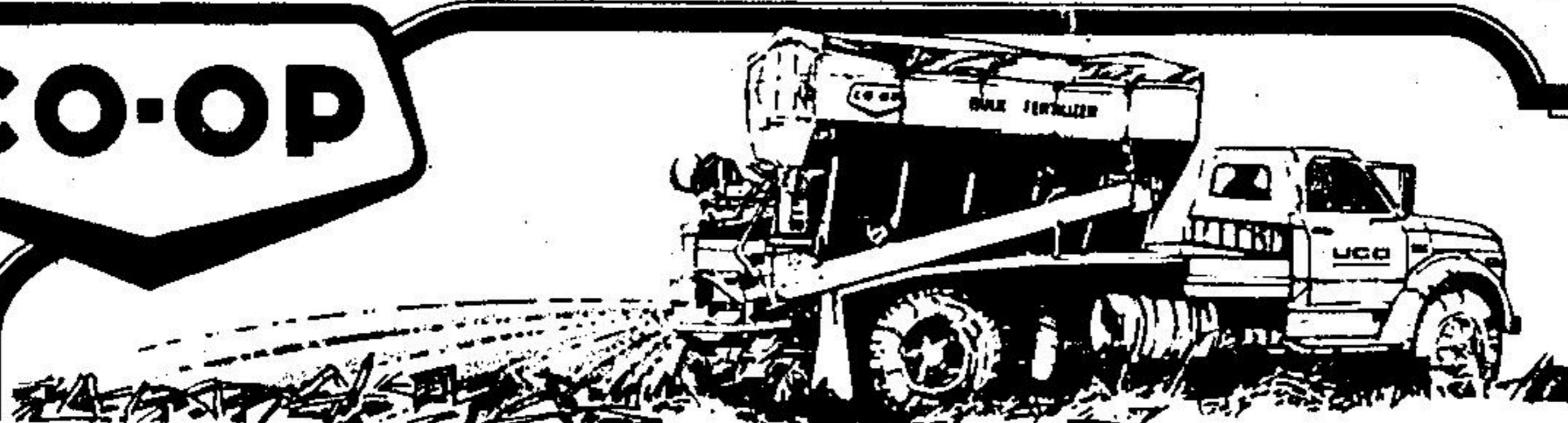
The major difference from traditional schools, she explained is that academic studies are not as regimented and more time is allowed for play.

"There is a temptation in regular schools to stimulate children too fast," she said. "We believe they should be allowed a long childhood. They have wonderful imaginations and we should use that."

A Waldorf school day starts with a main lesson, of about two hours, in the morning when the children are freshest. For the balance of the day the class meets a number of teachers who specialize in arts and crafts, music, wood-

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**What are the advantages of Land Storage fertilizer?**  
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**Is Land Storage good agronomics as well as good economics?**  
Good agronomics is good economics. With the bulk of your potash and a fair chunk of the phosphate ploughed down you can use a sound starter fertilizer — such as a 100 kg/ha of 7-29-5 Corn Starter — to get plants started and then the ploughdown fertilizer takes over.

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No. Phosphate and potash are tightly held by soil particles. The only way a loss can occur is if you have erosion problems and actually lose soil. Because phosphate and potash move little in the soil, Land Storage means these nutrients are placed where the crop roots can take them up.

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**Is Land Storage just for corn?**  
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**Does Land Storage help with soil compaction?**  
Yes. When you're applying fertilizer in the fall, the soil is usually in better condition than it is in the spring, and secondly the deeper placement encourages roots to penetrate deeper — so they are able to

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**Is the Green Plan a part of Land Storage?**  
Not quite. Land Storage is really a part of the Green Plan. The Green Plan is designed to help you produce bigger and more economical crop yields. Sound agronomics dictates placing fertilizer where it can best be utilized by the plant. Land Storage means the bulk of the needed potash and any phosphate, in excess of that needed for a starter effect, is placed where the plant can best take it up when, and in quantities needed.

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