

Living in the 20th century A new kind of school

by Gary Gee

Modern education should focus on the special needs of each child — and the job of teachers is to help children to adapt to the 20th century.

So said Alan Howard, a teacher of 24 years, in the first of two lectures he delivered last Friday and Saturday titled, *Education in a Waldorf School*.

Waldorf schools want to instill a realization of their social responsibility as contributing members to society in their students, says Howard.

"We want students to know the social, political, and the human nature of the world."

And Don Cruse, a member of the Waldorf School Association, says there is an appropriate time to introduce subjects to children in order to get an immediate response from them.

Cruse says, "it is a mistake to force anything abstract or intellectual on the child until he is ready for it." In Waldorf Schools, a child does not learn to read until he is seven years old.

"Reading must be approached the way man first learned to read — by communication with pictures. Otherwise, the child will gradually lose his natural ability to learn," say both Howard and Cruse.

Waldorf schools also approach other subjects in novel ways. Cruse offered an example of a typical learning situation in a Waldorf School. Children study-

ing history will learn how to harvest wheat the way people did in the Middle Ages. In Grade 3, the children plant the wheat and in Grade 4 they grind it and make their own bread.

The key to a Waldorf school, says Cruse, "is that the children like what they do and not do what they like."

Children are not grouped according to their ability and they are encouraged to help each other. Nor are they held back or accelerated through the system which means exams play a lesser role in the overall education of the child.

"Unless we can awaken wonder and love, then your education has failed," Howard

concluded.

Four years ago, the Waldorf School Association was formed in Edmonton by a group of 40 people which included parents, teachers and professional people interested in the Waldorf philosophy of education.

Their efforts have culminated in the establishment of the first Waldorf school in Edmonton at Parkallen School. It is the first Waldorf school to be incorporated into a public school system in the English-speaking world and includes kindergarten children and grades 1 and 2. However, Cruse hopes it will soon incorporate older children as well.

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