Better

service

for kids

studied

The results of a region-wide

The first meeting of the Halton Children's Services

Steering Group, which operat-

es under the auspices of the

regional planning department,

will begin at 7:30 p.m. at

regional headquarters in Oakville. On the agenda will be the report of Justine Howarth,

project co-ordinator, regarding her survey of the children's services situation in Halton.

Ms. Howarth discovered that a majority of Halton children

in need of residential care travel to institutions outside the region, but at the same time, the region spends less money per child than other

Whereas Halton spent an average of \$7.48 per child per day for residential services between Jan. 1, 1978, and Dec.

31, 1979, Ms. Howarth found, Peel's daily cost per child was \$8.31 and Hamilton-Wentworth's \$15.61. Ms. Howarth said the next step is to study the effect of long-range transportation and lower spending upon the children involved.

Ms. Howarth's study found

that Halton is generally well-

equipped for short-term child care, but the vast majority -

some 80 per cent - must be transported up to 160 miles for long-term residential care.

Chaired by Ruth Taber, the children's services steering group invited concerned restdents to join them tomorrow

night in examining Metro

To. nto's planning for

children's services in the

1980s, covering such topics as

daycare, group homes and

multiple uses for schools.

New pact

set for

separate

teachers

Herald Special

Halton Separate School

Board and its 400 teachers

ratified a one-yean contract

this week which gives a 12 per

cent increase to the teachers.

The new agreement, reach-

ed after a marathon bargain-

ing session Oct. 9 with mediat-

or David Greenspan, gives the

teachers a 9.5 per cent

increase on the grid with a 2.5

per cent increment. Principals

received a 9 per cent increase.

The contract also gives

leachers an improved dental and extended health care

package although the board's share of health care premiums

was frozen at 85 per cent for

The pact will cost the board

this contract.

\$10.2 million.

School

down

an increase.

enrolment by 12.

numbers

While the rest of Halton region is experiencing a decline in encolment at elementary

and secondary school levels,

north Halton is experiencing

In a report on enrolment in

Halton schools, superintendent

of finance Bruce Lindley said last week enrolment at the

elementary level has declined

by 433 and secondary enrol-ment has declined by 538. In north Halton, however,

elementary enrolment has increased by 113, and secondary

The pupil-teacher ratio at

the elementary level is 21.46, but does not include 16 of the

board's special education

teachers. The pupil-teacher ratio at the high school level is

17.96 and at the special vocat-

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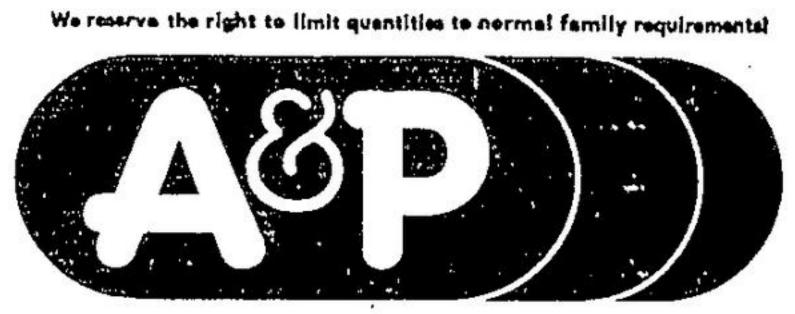
ional high schools, it's 13.07.

comparable regions.

study showing that 57 per cent of Halton children in need of residential care are transferred outside the region will be among topics of discussion at special, inaugural subcommittee meeting set for tomorrow

(Thursday) night.

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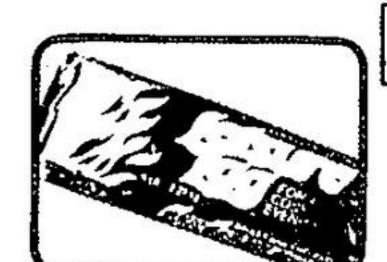


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