

Liquor control changes worry

Some curious sights may be in store for Ontario residents when the new Liquor Control Act takes effect Jan. 2, according to York regional police chief Bruce Crawford.

Addressing the Concerned Citizens of King at a recent meeting, Crawford said it will be legal for people to carry open bottles while walking the streets.

"An 18-year-old boy can walk to the street with a lunch pail in one hand and a bottle of beer in the other, and the law won't be able to touch him."

Liquor unlimited
The chief also said that until now it has been against the law for one person to get another person drunk — but under the new law a barkeeper will be able to serve any quantity of liquor to a patron.

He pictured a scene of a town drunk, lying on the sidewalk unconscious with a bottle of liquor beside him.

If a citizen calls to complain, the police will have to give the drunk a ticket, but not take him in.

"No longer is it an offence to be drunk in a public place," Crawford said, unless injury to oneself or others is possible, or unless identification is not produced.

People uninformed
"I'm not prepared to admit that people know what's going on with the new liquor act," he added.

Speaking on other concerns, Crawford said policing will continue to be a very expensive commodity.

"The demand for service has risen drastically. As long as you, the people, increase your demands for service, costs will go up."

"As long as we continue to relax our laws, the costs to enforce these laws will increase."

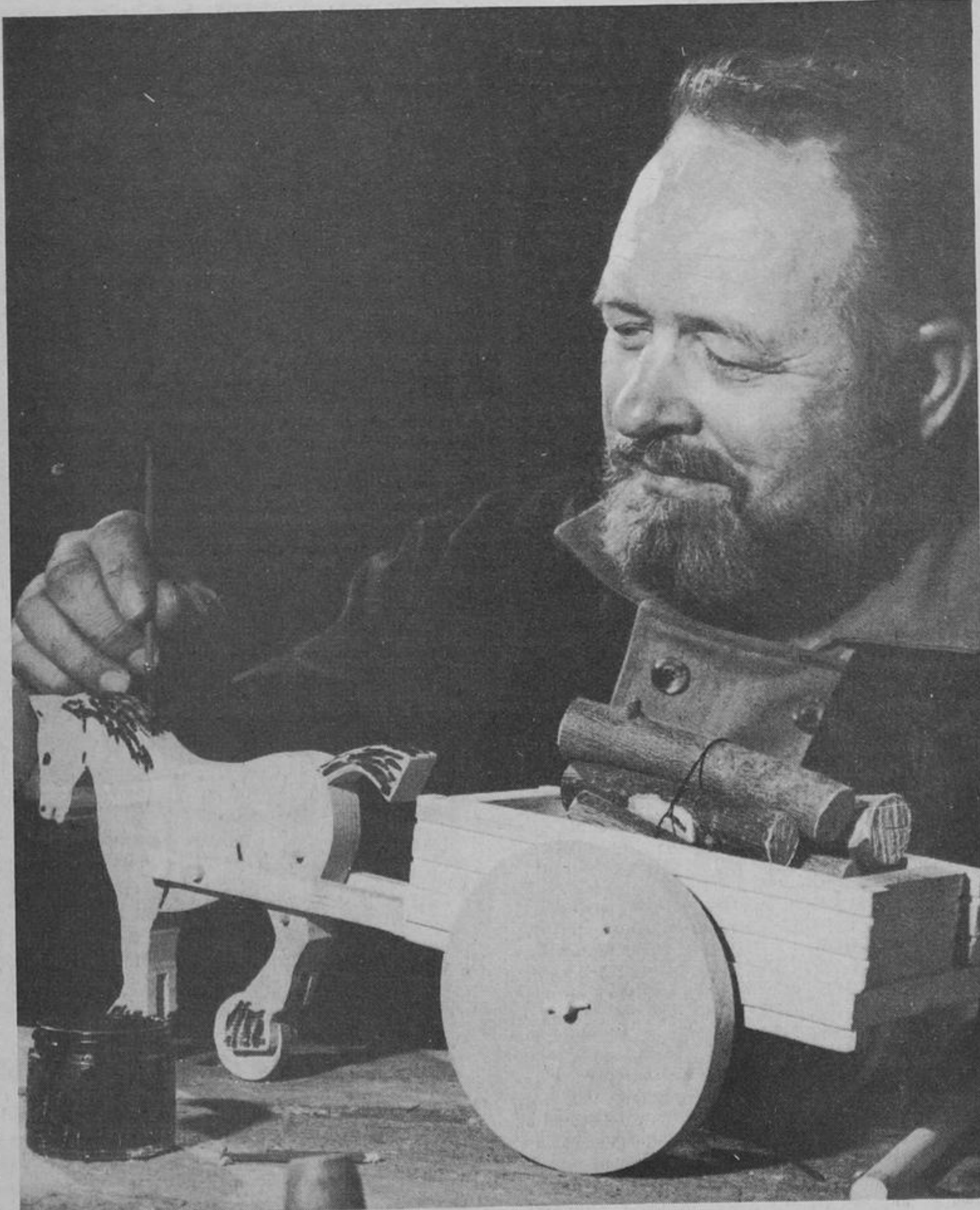
Crawford said York region has the seventh lowest police costs among 34 large forces in Ontario. Here, the cost of a per-capita basis was \$26.87 in 1974, as compared with \$34.70 in Metro and nine other regions.

Drug problems
"There was an 8 per cent decrease in crime last year, but we do have considerable crime in York region, with serious drug problems."

He added, though, that York's problems cannot be considered any more serious than those of other regions.

Crawford also said the force has had "limited experience" with organized crime in York. "We have no Mafia but some results from the Mafia," he said — without elaborating.

The meeting, attended by 35, was held at the King township library Dec. 10.



Village toy maker

The Village Woodworker and his displays of handmade toys are among the holiday attractions at Black Creek Pioneer Village at Jane and Steeles until Jan. 4. In addition to the work of Arnold Uhlin, shown above, the village is featuring the atmosphere of

pre-Confederation Christmas in Ontario, including the cooking, decorations and rituals associated with that era. The village is open 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekends. It will be closed Christmas day and New Year's day.

Christmas events at Black Creek

An invitation to enjoy Christmas preparations, pre-Confederation style, in Black Creek Pioneer Village, has been sent out by the Metro Conservation Authority.

The village staff demonstrate how settlers prepared and observed the Yule, from now to Jan. 4.

The village houses display the simple

decorations of the period: garlands of popcorn and cranberries, traditional kissing balls and wreaths of evergreen boughs.

Aromas of freshly baked fancy breads, mincemeat, puddings and cakes fill the kitchens.

Choir members from St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Islington will

sing carols in various locations each Saturday and Sunday afternoon between two and four, up to Dec. 21.

Reservations are essential for the Sunday Christmas dinners which will be served Dec. 14 and 21.

For reservations telephone 661-6654. The village is open weekdays from 9:30 p.m.

to 4 p.m. and on weekends from 10 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day only.

Black Creek Pioneer Village is located at Jane St. and Steeles Ave. on the Metro Toronto and Vaughan boundary.

For further information call Metro Region Conservation at 661-6600.

Legion midgets losers by 8-2

The Richmond Hill Legion Midgets were thumped 8-2 by Orillia Sunday after coming up with a previous 9-5 impressive win over Thornhill.

Sunday's encounter saw Legion goals by Randy Martin from Al Del Fabro and Dave Baker; and Baker from Del Fabro and Ron Abernathy.

The Thornhill game saw Richmond Hill scoring three goals in the first period with Randy Martin hitting the

mark from Tony Peden; Dale Strang from Dave Baker; and Phil Wood from Doug Lewis.

It was Wood scoring again in the second from Doug Lewis and Strang; Dan McVeigh from Dave Forster and Wood; and Forster from Strang.

The Midget team kept rolling in the third with Wood scoring his third goal of the game from Abernathy; Dale Strang unassisted; and Martin unassisted.

Scotia peewees win 5 in a row

The Richmond Hill Scotia Bank Minor Peewee Bankers made it five games in a row without defeat tying their last two games by 3-3 and 4-4 against Thornhill and King City respectively.

Only one penalty was called in each of the two games, both against Richmond Hill.

The Thornhill tie saw goals scored by

Kirisit, Hull and Flett with assists to Kirisit, Hull, Flett, Dunnett and Marinelli. Against King City the goal scorers were Head, Flett, Dunnett and Marinelli with assists to Moritsugu, Flett, Dunnett, two, and Easton.

The management of the team wish to take this opportunity to wish the team members and their parents best wishes at this season of the year.

Magna team lose by 6-0

The Richmond Hill Magna Midget 11 team was blanked 6-0 by Thornhill but managed to tie Bolton 4-4 in another game Saturday.

The Bolton game saw Magna jumping out in front with an early 3-1 lead only to have Bolton tie the game at 3-3. Magna then went ahead 4-3 but Bolton tied it at about the middle of the third period.

Goals were scored by S. Norman from B. Byers; G. Bauer from S. Taylor and M. Gossman; R. Frater from G. Macmillan; and C. Green from D. Moore and G. Macmillan.

spotlight on people

Teacher predicted American atrocities

By Valleri Sauro

Although it was nearly 10 years ago, teacher-writer Isaac Pfaff isn't about to forget the disillusion he felt upon seeing just how tenuous our so-called academic freedom can be.

And the blunt hand of government intervention came not in his native South Africa, but here in Southern Ontario.

Pfaff, now teaching at Thornhill secondary, was a teacher at Oakwood Collegiate in Toronto in 1966 when he was commissioned by provincial education official Fred Swayze to prepare a major lecture course in world politics.

"You are the expert in this matter; yours shall be the final word — I'll see that no one interferes with you," Swayze said on hiring him, Pfaff recalls.

"Unfortunately Swayze died before the project was even begun. Out of consideration for the feelings of the Consul General of the United States, Swayze's successors refused to honor his promise and kept a terribly tight rein on me," Pfaff says — although to the best of his knowledge none of them had ever taught a lesson in world politics.

"If Swayze's promise had been honored, at least a few hundred Ontario taxpayers who paid for my 'expert' writing might have been prepared for the subsequent shocks of the Pentagon Papers, the My Lai massacre, the American defeat in Asia and that painful insult to human dignity called Watergate."

The course that finally emerged with government approval was "two parts Pfaff to eight parts water," the teacher says.

By way of compensation, however, the "most stimulating" week in his career also belongs to that period. He was chosen to represent Ontario history teachers in a national centennial project on federal-provincial relationships. For a week he was at the University of Waterloo, involved in round-the-clock discussions and informal sessions with nine teacher representatives of the other provinces and 50 bright students chosen from all over Canada. Such an experience is the good fortune of a mere handful of teachers.

Pfaff, born near Capetown, was educated in English-speaking schools and received his BA from the University of Capetown, with a triple major, English, Dutch (and Afrikaans) and economic history.

He started writing when he was 15 and began publishing stories, poems and plays at 16. He put together, in book form, some of his short stories written in Afrikaans and entered them in a competition where they were judged the best collection of stories entered.

In 1951, he published a collection of his plays, some of which are still being studied in schools and colleges of South Africa.

One book of his that many South Africans will use for years to come is an Afrikaans version of the New Apostolic (evangelistic) hymnal, translated from German and English, which was completed in Canada in 1966 and is now used in Afrikaans-speaking congregations throughout South Africa.

Pfaff came to Canada in 1964 and began teaching at Oakwood Collegiate. He had previously taught a dozen subjects, including four languages at high school in South Africa — German, Dutch, English and Afrikaans. He also taught language methodology at teacher's college for some years.

"I took a couple of years off after university to relax from studying, and to raise a family," he says. "Then I began working on my Ph.D. in Dutch, but things became too political. So I switched to English. I came to Canada, though, before completing my graduate studies in South Africa."

"I stopped studying then because I was trying to raise my two teenage kids, as well as other peoples' kids in my teaching. I came back to studying a couple of years ago, because my wife was studying and I felt I might as well too. I received a B.Ed. from the University of Toronto and an M.A. in English. I am presently working towards my Ph.D. there."

An experienced director, he has produced some 60 plays during the past 25 years.

"My writing suffered from all these activities. But a couple of years ago, people started writing to



Isaac Pfaff
... prolific writer, teacher

me from South Africa, with the idea of placing my work in the new national artists' museums in Pretoria and Bloemfontein. They wanted me to send them all the manuscripts, documents and pictures, I could find. Their interest served to revive my own in my work."

He has been teaching English and theatre arts at Thornhill since 1968, where he is assistant head of the English department.

"My main interests in teaching," he says, "are to try to, as most English teachers do, get the students sensitive to the aesthetic, social and philosophical matters, things about life, through the study of literature, and to encourage them to be articulate. I don't believe in memorizing and doing a lot of mechanical work. I believe the student must be able to respond to certain things he or she reads. And this is one of the difficulties with students today."

"They often have such poor backgrounds because they seldom read and the elementary things you expect them to know, they usually don't. Biblical allusions, historical allusions, literary or philosophical allusions, they just don't know."

"I concentrate on creative writing to help them become articulate and we have a weekly discussion on various topics they have researched. This encourages them to speak out and express themselves."

His interest in teaching leaves him little time for writing these days.

But, as most writers, he hopes to be able to concentrate solely on his writing after retirement to his Woodsworth Road home in Willowdale or to more peaceful surroundings.

Realty nips Barrie

The Richmond Hill improvement with Garry Epic Realty Bantams Carvin assisting on two nipped Barrie 5-4 Sunday afternoon right in Barrie.

David Plaxton came up with an outstanding game with three goals and an assist.

Richard Hughes received the other assist. To date, Epic's have beaten every team in the league except Orillia and they meet that team on Dec. 21.

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North Bay	27	17	8	2	160 124 36
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Westford	26	12	11	3	122 110 27
Aurora	26	10	10	6	108 103 26
Ajax	25	10	11	4	127 123 24
Royal York	26	9	13	4	108 135 22
Weston	26	9	15	2	104 111 20
Markham	25	7	13	5	102 122 19
Dixie	27	6	18	3	93 159 15
Newmarket	24	6	16	2	95 116 14

Sunday's Results
North York 6, Dixie 3
North Bay 9, Markham 4
Aurora 7, Ajax 4

Malton Airport overflows in '77

Pickering Airport isn't dead yet.

And overcrowding starts at Malton Airport in 1978.

Federal Transport

Minister Otto Lang and Ontario Transportation Minister James Snow met Dec. 16 and agreed to set up a federal-provincial committee to discuss

transportation concerns affecting southwestern Ontario, including air traffic options.

Pickering "naturally has to be an option," Snow said.

Before that meeting is held, however, Snow will have to attend another one with Premier William Davis, who wants to discuss the transportation minister's statements with him.

Davis is firm
Davis said the government's position against building the airport had not changed, despite Snow's comments.

It was the province's withdrawal of support for the project that brought about its cancellation by Ottawa, Sept. 25.

Ontario said it wouldn't provide highways and other services to the 18,000 acre site, which the federal government expropriated for the airport.

Malton situation
At the same time, Hugh Devitt, general manager of the International Airport at Mississauga, outlined to a press conference some of the approximately \$44 million in improvements necessary at the overloaded facilities.

These include the upgrading and con-

solidation of parking facilities at terminal 2 into a five-storey structure accommodating 5,200 cars, up 2,200 from the present capacity.

The present road system at the airport will also be modified and expanded to allow for new highway construction in the area.

New aprons
Two new aircraft aprons will be installed, one for cargo and the other to house off-gate passenger loading positions serviced by seven passenger transfer vehicles.

A new escalator system is being installed to relieve congestion, and the present holdrooms are being expanded.

New single-chair public seating will also be brought in later on. Limit in 1978

Devitt said the upgrading program would provide an improved level of service until 1978, but beyond that it would deteriorate in proportion to the overcrowding.

The airport will then be able to handle 12-and-a-half million passengers, compared to 11 million in 1974.

Morals trial continues

William Sylvester, 36, of Vaughan, who is being tried in Toronto for a variety of sexual offences involving children, has changed his plea from not guilty to guilty on four of the 10 charges against him.

Sylvester admitted to being guilty of participating in acts of immorality, conspiring to commit acts of gross indecency, having carnal knowledge of a nine-year-old girl and procuring a 13-year-old.

His wife, Barbara, 26, pleaded guilty to 11 similar charges earlier.

Det.-Sgt. Robert McCausland of York Regional Police, introduced as evidence, magazine advertisements offering "young slaves" for sale.

He said the ads offered various forms of torture and bondage.

McCausland told the court he first became aware of the situation when the Children's Aid Society informed him of

disturbing stories about the Sylvester household, which had circulated through the same school as that attended by the 13-year-old child involved in the trial.

A search of the house revealed torture devices, pornographic photos, films and tapes, books on bondage and electric vibrators.

The Sylvesters were then arrested for gross indecency and indecent assault.

A room upstairs was used for spankings and whippings, the court was told.

Sylvester's guilty plea means the children, who have since been taken into protective custody by the Children's Aid, will not have to testify.

During the hearing, county court Judge Harry Waisberg banned the public from the court and also barred photographs and publication of the names of juveniles.

The trial has been adjourned for sentencing.

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