#### Formic acid, liquid ether out they go

Potentially dangerous chemicals, handled and stored properly, pose little danger says Brian McLean, head of the science department at Thornlea Secondary School.

Even so, he intends to get rid of containers of formic acid and liquid ether in storage at the school, just to be on the safe side.

Both chemicals pose possible hazards. Formic acid, if exposed to sunlight and oxygen, can become extremely volatile. Ether, used commonly as a dental anaesthetic, can also become unstable if stored improperly.

One gallon of ether has the explosive power of a case of dynamite, according to York Regional Police explosives expert Detective John Morrison.

In recent weeks regional police have recovered and destroyed seven bottles of potentially dangerous acids.

Picric acid, a substance with four times the power of dynamite, was found in five schools and at a provincial government lab.

A Container formic acid found at Thornhill Secondary School was recently destroyed. Thornlea's science department has three bottles of formic acid on hand, but only one has

been opened, Mr. McLean said. He plans to turn two bottles over to police for disposal. The third container of acid will be

diluted, he said. The acid, like ether is used only occasionally in biology experiments.

The school owns two small containers of ether. One will be destroyed, the other retained, Mr. McLean said.

"I frankly don't think there's any problem in using (the chemicals)," Mr. McLean said. As long as they are used properly their danger is minimal, he emphasized.

Common household items like bleach can be just as dangerous as highly volatile chemicals, he said.

#### Netherlands bazaar in Thornhill

Bazaar, a bi-annual out thanks to supporters function designed to of the Bazaar. provide financial assistance to Canadian families of Dutch extraction who live in Ontario, is ready to go this Saturday at the the Netherl Committee. Centre.

This is the group's only source of funds and all of tivities start at 11 a.m. the money raised is used and go on until 9 p.m. to help those who are Admission is free. There stricken by illness or will be many crafts stalls other misfortune.

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zenberg, delivered the valedictory speech at McKinnon (left) and former principal Bill Langstaff Secondary School's annual com- Armstrong (right) now at Woodbridge High mencement exercises Saturday night. Pictured School. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg)

Last year's top Grade 13 student, Carol Gan- here with Carol are this year's principal Don

## Transit for handicapped lauded

Council's report on a transit system.

mittee for the Social transportation services subsidy, and

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Richmond Hill council requirements, as seen by system in Richmond Hill committee. unanimously applauded the Social Planning for the physically the Social Planning Council now, for such a disabled, an advisory the thought a system such

Andre Chateauvert, municipalities in Ontario proceed as expeditously heading a special com- who have been providing as possible.

provincial government Specifically they asked that a member of the support of such a system, for endorsement in town engineering compossibilities of provincial principle of a transit mittee be added to the

committee be set up and as the one proposed has proposed transportation The presentation asked the engineering depart- long been necessary as system for the physically for the town of Richmond ment be advised to work well as desired in this disabled, Monday night. Hill to join many other with the committee to community.

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#### Police will participate in Santa Claus Parade

The Regional and "Sparky", the force's perform in the parade is Provincial police forces safety emblem on wheels 10. have confirmed their into what is obviously support for the November going to be the best 18 Santa Claus Parade in parade Richmond Hill Richmond Hill. has ever seen.

The colorful Golden The parade will follow a Helmut Motorcycle route from Bayview Riders of the Ontario Secondary School at Provincial Police will be Bayview and Markham in the parade with their Road, along Markham skillful handling of their Road to Yonge Street, and formation, call Mr. York Regional Police, Heights Plaza.

again this year to enter number of big bands to chcliffe at 884-3990.

Band Chairman Jim Grainger confirmed this week that the popular 60piece Etobicoke Crusaders have agreed to participate.

For further innorth to the Richmond Gallant at 884-7005 or 884-1214 or Committee meanwhile, have agreed The latest figure on the Treasurer Doug Hin-

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