Alachlor is not threat

by KATY AUSTIN

herbicide found at soon recommended a unacceptably high permanent ban on it's levels in several wells in use. But Agriculture southern Ontario does Canada was reluctant to not pose a threat to impose a ban, saying it people in the Elmvale would be inconvenient area.

the Ministry of the the agriculture Environment in Barrie, department put tighter said Friday that the well restrictions on the use of serving Elmvale alachlor. There is residents will not be speculation that it may among the seven chosen be banned by next in Simcoe County for spring. testing of alachlor levels this summer. Surveys Ministry among farm supply Environment tested 175 stores are not using the wells across southern

weeds in corn and the herbicide in three soybean fields, was wells in Middlesex shown as early as 1983 to County, and in one well cause cancer

laboratory rats and A cancer-causing mice. Health officials and costly to farmers. Neil Embree, from Last winter, however,

The provincial of the herbicide extensively. Ontario this spring and Alachlor, used to kill found unsafe levels of in in each Essex, Lamb-

ton, Simcoe and Prince Edward Counties.

Embree explained that alachlor can be removed from the water with activated carbon. In the meantime, the ministry is supplying or paving for

alternate supplies of drinking water for people those wells are affected. In Innisfil Township, the Ministry will probably pay for a new well or cistern for soybeans. one family.

Agricultual Representative in Elmvale. explained Friday that local farmers use little alachlor partly because they grow less soybeans than farmers further south. There are more herbicides to use with corn than with Nesbitt added that another Clint Nesbitt, reason may be that

aware at an early date Monsanto. of the dangers of modern chemicals and information.

of the chemical con- alachlor. troversy are calling on the government to do more research into the wants a provincial inarea. Monsanto Canada pesticides or fertilizers. Ltd., which produces He has seen in that alachlor under the trade time a 90 percent name Lasso, believes decrease in that its product is safe if veterinary bills. used according to animals," says Boker, directions on the label "are telling me directions on the label.

many farmers today are Sunday, he agreed with

The federal government has agreed to the respond quickly to the company's request for an independent public Groups on both sides review of the safety of

Harold Boker used potential hazards of Lasso as recently as five herbicides. In Prince years ago on his large Edward County, the farming operation near Women's Institute Elmvale. Since then, he has switched to organic vestigation into what it methods of farming. says is a dramatic in- abandoning the use of crea e in cancer in the all chemical herbicides.

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Georgian College graduate

At the June 15 convocation ceremonies, Suzanne Copeland received her diploma, Tourism Management (Marketing, Planning Hospitality Award and of Georgian and Development) after successfully College's Faculty Association Award completing a three year School of for her distinguished academic Tourism and Hospitality Tourism Management Program. Suzanne's

name was placed on the College's Dean's List. She also was the receipient student of the Seagram's achievement.



Graduates

Julie Ann LeClair, daughter of Pat and Jackie LeClair of Midland, graduated June 21st from the Flight Services course

at Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology in King City. Julie will be joining Marlin Travel August 1st.

Pulling down the shades

Midland Sidewalk Sale last week was not without its characters including this fella who modelled a few glasses for our photographer.

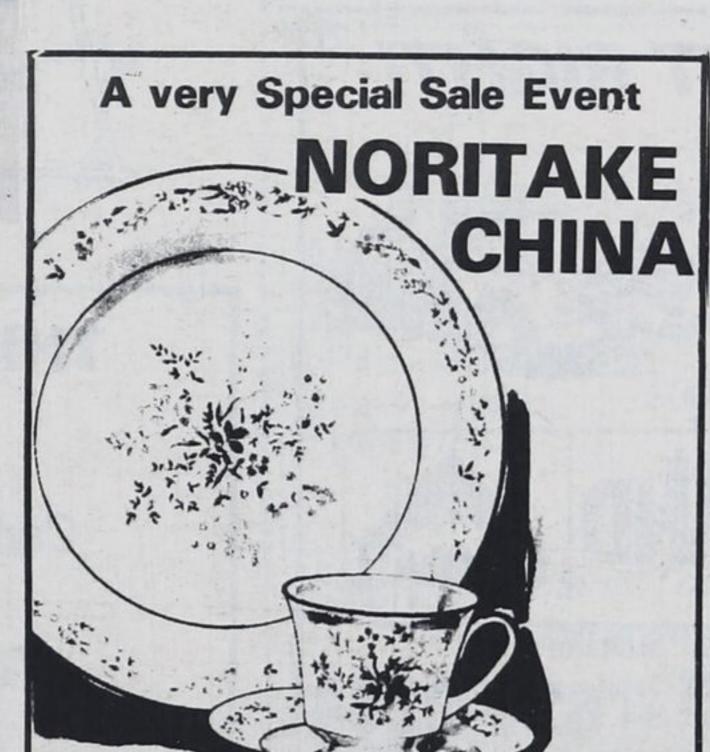
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