

Stationed in Cyprus - local youth in Army

If someone asks 19-year-old Kevin Harrison what it is like living in Cyprus, attempting to keep peace between the Turks and the Greeks, he would answer "boring".

Kevin joined the Canadian Armed Forces one and a half years ago, going to boot camp in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia; combat training in Wainwright, Alberta and with the battalion in Victoria, British Columbia before shipping out for Cyprus about six months ago.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Harrison of Speyside and is a former student of Acton high school.

He is with the army's Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and except for two weeks has been living with the Greeks in Cyprus. For those two weeks, his sniper patrol was stationed in Kronberg, which is in the neutral territory.

Kevin says the Canadians associate more with the Greeks and find the Turks hard to communicate with.

Receives plaque

The private says there is no open warfare with the Canadians, but there have been problems with other United Nations peace-keeping contingents. Kevin was awarded with a plaque after he reported a dangerous situation arising between the Turks and Greece to his senior officers. Because of his quick action, a major incident was able to be avoided. There have only been three such plaques handed out in his battalion, so Kevin feels especially proud of it. He also has a medal given to him for his tour of duty in Cyprus.

Some free time

Everything is not centred around fighting and the army, however. Souvenirs Kevin has brought back home for his family, priceless in Canada, cost him only a few dollars. The shopping is very cheap for almost everything.

Some of the Canadian soldiers have made friends with a Greek millionaire who frequently takes them out in his large yacht to go scuba diving.

Trips to Nicosia also help the soldiers get their minds off their jobs for a while.

To help pass the time, Kevin has invested some of his money in photography equipment, so he can take pictures of where he is and

send the photos home to show his family what everything looks like.

The scorpions so far have been no threat but he surmises they may be a problem in early summer. Tarantulas are found mainly in the Troodos mountains, which are not too close to where the Canadians are stationed.

Numerous letters have

been flying back and forth across the ocean between Kevin and his family. Phone calls have been all but ruled out as one 15 minute telephone call on New Year's Day cost \$96.

In the Harrison home just south of Speyside school, there are several items to remind the family where Kevin is and what he is doing.



PRIVATE TIM Power, Kitchener, and Private Kevin Harrison, Speyside, took a few hours off regular army duty and went to Nicosia. They are members of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and are stationed in Cyprus.

Wilderness camping, canoeing on program

The Lure of the North has you in its grip but you don't know where to start?

Wilderness camping and canoeing, a program sponsored by the Halton Hills Public Libraries, Monday evenings at 7:30 on April 26 and May 3 will help you to get organized.

Norm Cornwell and John Malcolmson between them have years of experience growing up and working in the bush. On April 26 Norm Cornwell will share some of his experiences in a discussion on the arts of:

Choosing your trip; where to go for maps, information and help.

Preparing for life in the woods: equipment for packing, living and eating.

Surviving once you get there: cooking, sleeping, outfitting insects, map reading and preventing disaster.

On May 3, John Malcolmson will join the group at Fairy Lake in Acton for a practical demonstration in the basics of canoeing: what to look for when buying a canoe, how to transport one, how to lift, portage and paddle.

Novice voyageurs are especially welcome but expert wilderness travellers are invited to come and share their knowledge too.

Poor control said serious

In spite of pleas from Treasurer Don Farmer, Halton Regional Administration Committee members turned down a request for a stock control clerk.

Mr. Farmer said his department was unable to exercise proper control over the region's inventory of stock in the various departments.

He claimed the problem of poor control would become worse as the work load in the region increases.

"In my opinion, the lack of

good control over all of our inventories is still a very serious problem within my department."

"Roy Higgins (Purchasing Agent) and I are greatly concerned about this matter, and we feel the only way in which some improvement can take place is for an additional person to be approved in that area."

The committee made it clear, however, that the priority lies in restraint and the inventory control would just have to suffer.

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Volunteer Program

for
Acton Community Services Centre

will be discussed at a meeting at The Centre in the "Y"

Wednesday - May 5 - 7:30 p.m.

Volunteers could become involved in a variety of community programs... as drivers, visitors, shut-in phoners, assistants, but not in the professional work of the centre.

ANYONE INTERESTED WELCOME

For further information call:
JUDY McLIN, Co-ordinator 853-3310

Information ready

Recreation department, centre work together

When Judy McLin first started her new job as co-ordinator of the Community Services Centre in the Y, she was surprised at the number of phone calls she received asking about recreation.

When is the pool open? Is there a hockey game tonight?

Judy works with area recreation co-ordinator John Cooper in providing information and sometimes referring calls.

His office is at the front of the Y building and hers around the back.

Informed

John regularly keeps her informed of programs that are underway or coming up.

Leisure counselling, he says, is one aspect of his work here. For instance, he can talk with a person who wishes to lose weight. Possibilities include exercises, jogging, diet under a doctor's direction, or checking with one of the groups in town.

The fall recreation brochure is out now and he is working on the summer brochure.

Playgrounds

Playgrounds this year will operate in the same way as last year, he said. However there won't be a playground at the Robert Little school; it will be integrated with the park.

There will be playground programs at Limehouse every morning only and Speyside every afternoon only.

A playground will begin at Norval for the first time.

Letters engaging playground leaders will go out this week.



Tennis

Tennis nets have been up for two weeks, Mr. Cooper reports. The tennis club has met and is making a proposal of hours of public time and club time for the courts. The recommendations must be approved by council.

He says he is trying to arrange a meeting with members of the Golden Age club. Students may be assisting them in a flower planting program this year.

Permits

All groups using parks have to have permits now - an innovation. Ball and soccer teams all have permits which show their house for use of facilities. John Cooper says this keeps things better organized.

He doesn't know yet where men's and girls' lacrosse teams stand yet for the year, as they have not been issued permits.

The beach will be open this year as usual and the wading pool for the younger children.

He is hopeful that a parks worker may

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Receive \$255,000 toward laundry

The Regional Municipality of Halton has received \$255,000 in progress payments towards the cost of improvements at the Halton Centennial Manor Home for the Aged in Milton, James Taylor, Minister of Community and Social Services, announced today.

The Ministry will provide an estimated total grant of \$276,300 or 50 per cent of the cost of a new laundry facility and an addition to the garage at the Manor.

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May 15 Shaynes
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