



A going-up ceremony marked the transition of four cub scouts as they made their way into the ranks of scouts. Back row, Troop Scouters Ron Jenkins and Jason Titus. Front row, from left, Michael Cairns, Philip Elliott, Dale Fuller and Bruce Key, and Cubmaster Margaret Jenkins and Ken Watson. (Photo by Jean Layman)

Cubs make their way to Scouts

By JEAN LAYMAN
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A going-up ceremony was held recently for 4th Georgetown Cubs of St. Andrew's United Church. Philip Elliott, Michael Cairns, Dale Jenkins, and Jason Titus, all of 4th Georgetown, went up to scouts in an impressive ceremony on the camp property on the 8th Line. Troop Scouters Bruce Key and Ron Fuller held an annual going-up

ceremony and camp to familiarize the new scouts with the scouting program, allowing them to learn some of the basic skills, so the boys are all ready to go in September. The 5th Georgetown Beavers had a party night last Monday at St. Francis of Assisi, for their final meeting of the year. Games were enjoyed, which included musical chairs, bowling, pass the parcel, and balloon volleyball.

Four Beavers, Robin Deeley, Tom Flaher, Andrew Wright, and Jim Harper swam up to cubs, for their second big step in Scouting. Organizers for this party were Beaver Leaders Sue Deeley, Carol Harper, and Nicholas Deeley. The 4th Georgetown "B" Cub Pack increased their numbers by two when Beavers Adam Salachita and Stephen Dane swam up to Cubs last Thursday night at St. Andrew's United Church.

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Several local scouts are shown here on a log bridge Jason Titus, Philip Elliott, and Scouts William Harper they helped make, by winching the log up a grade by block and rope tackle. From left, Cubs Michael Cairns and Andy Fuller. (Photo by Jean Layman)

Parties making ready

Two political parties have already launched their campaigns from the starting gate in Halton Peel and the third party is not far behind.

Both the Progressive Conservative and Liberal parties have set dates for their nomination meetings but the New Democratic Party has yet to even field a candidate.

The Liberals will kick off election preparations June 10 at Gordon Alcott Arena where Milton's Oriana Currie and Caledon's Pierre Klein will battle it out for the Liberal nomination.

The Tories will follow suit 12 days later at the same place but they have four candidates declared. Carlo Testa, Warren Hilliard, Rod Pinkney and Garth Turner will vie for the PC nomination at Alcott June 2.

The New Democrats will meet in Oakville at the Galaxy Hall June 8 to discuss election strategy and possibly set a nomination date.

The cutoff dates for declaring candidacy to seek the PC nomination and for purchasing a membership to the party is June 17, said Halton-Peel riding president Ian Fraser.

The local association will not know what their financial situation is until the new boundaries take effect July 13. That's when other riding associations which merge to form the new riding (there are four altogether) will each pitch in their share of the funds.

"We're more than ready to go to battle," said Mr. Fraser, who expects a fall election.

But the rules are different for the Liberals. Riding President Joe

Hewitt said the Grits' cutoff date for signing up new memberships was May 11.

However candidates could declare their intention to run until today (June 1).

Financially, the Liberals are in the same boat as the Conservatives, said Mr. Hewitt. Their financial status is in limbo until other riding associations merge their funds with Georgetown on July 13.

But the controversy surrounding the \$6 million deficit the federal party has incurred has not significantly affected Halton Peel, said Mr. Hewitt.

"I don't... think it affected the local ridings that much."

The Grits have about 800 members signed up for the nomination meeting, he added.

NDP riding president Allan Moore said his party is in no hurry.

"There's not very much you can do when there's no election been called," he said.

"Everybody seems to be in a mad hurry to get a candidate."

Although no one has declared their intention to seek the NDP party nomination in Halton Peel, Mr. Moore said there are "a few interested parties."

Campbellville's Bill Johnson, a regional councillor, who ran twice provincially, was rumored to be ready to run but he ruled that out yesterday (Tuesday). Mr. Johnson said he intends to run for a spot on Halton Regional council again in November's municipal elections.

Mr. Moore said the NDP is in an excellent financial position in the riding with about 1,000 members signed up.

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