

# OHA convention worthwhile for PGH



## Pulling their weight

About 1,700 students attended a pep rally held before Wednesday's football game at Midland Secondary School where they

were treated to tug-of-war action between the school's two top teams from classes 5C and 2U. 5C shown here won the struggle

through concerted efforts over the younger team from 2U.

## St. Paul's Church comes long way since circuit-riding pastors

St. Paul's United Church has come a long way since Methodist circuit-riding ministers frequented this area.

Sunday morning, the church in Midland on King Street, will be marking its 105th anniversary, with former church pastor Rev. R. G. Gillingham providing the message.

Back to the church's earliest beginnings, 105 years ago, Midland was not unlike other newly-settled communities with regard to the difficulties under which Divine Worship was conducted by the different religious bodies, represented in our early settlers.

However, despite the trials that beset them, the building of places of worship showed the imperative craving and affirmation of man concerning things eternal and unseen.

Every such place of worship declares that whatever appearance may suggest, man is fundamentally, incurably and universally religious, knowing himself bigger than any merely earth-bound life

can satisfy.

In 1879, the Methodists of Midland held services in an upper room of the town jail located on Dominion Avenue East.

The room was used generally to hold meetings and assemblies, as there was no public building in the village at that time.

After 1879 or 80, Methodists worshipped in a church erected by the Baptists on a Manly Street lot adjoining the former Manly Street School (until recently occupied by Fabulous Formals).

Methodists continued to hold services in this church until the Midland Avenue church was built by them in 1881-82. This place of worship is now the Calvary Baptist Church.

It is interesting to note that the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McMurtry were the first couple married in the Midland Ave. church. The congregation presented them with a family Bible to mark the happy occasion.

Mr. A. W. Ruby was

also presented with a Bible for meritorious work in the Sunday School of this early

Methodist Church.

The Methodists remained in this church until the King Street

church was erected by them in 1902, during the pastorate of Rev. John Dunlop.



St. Paul's United Church - Midland

by Ken Regan

The Ontario Hospital Association held its annual convention in Toronto earlier this week and according to PGH Administrator Sister Joan Whalen, who attended the event, the gathering was informative and "very worthwhile".

Theme of this year's convention was "More Older People-More Older Patients", and the occasion was designed to inform hospital personnel with the growing need for chronic care programs and the methods of instituting and practising them.

Sister Joan who was joined at the convention by other PGH staff said the three day affair went very well.

### Sessions

"We had very interesting sessions", she stated, and added there were specific sessions for various hospital personnel. For example, there was a session designed to update nurses as to care of chronic patients and the technical equipment available for such care.

The PGH Administrator however was particularly interested in the Trustee, Administrator and Chief of Staff Day, which featured an address by Minister of Health, Dennis Timbrell.

In his address, Timbrell explained that the main thrust of hospital care must move toward the chronic aspect, meaning care for individuals such as the elderly who are infirmed and often must spend lengthy periods in hospital.

### Hospitals

The minister said there must be made available in hospitals, more chronic beds and a balance must be created between the chronic and active bed ratios. Active beds are those used for patients such as those in hospital for surgical purposes.

According to Sister Joan, Timbrell explained the increased need for chronic care as twofold. Firstly, there is a growing population of senior citizens which will peak around the turn of the century, and these people will require and benefit most from a more comprehensive chronic care program.

In addition, she pointed out that preventative medicine is helping to keep younger patients out of hospital, meaning that there should be decreased need for the active type service.

### Program

According to Sister

Joan, the chronic care program being developed in Ontario can be described as having three phases and presently, PGH is involved in the first phase.

The three phases are: Institutional Care, Home Chronic Care, (a new concept), and day chronic care. PGH is currently completing its expansion to a ten bed chronic care section and this unit will provide in-hospital care for infirmed or incapacitated elderly patients. (Patients young and old who may be required to spend long periods in hospital for any reason may be cared for here.)

The home chronic care system being developed will utilize trained hospital staff to visit chronic patients at their residence and provide therapy and council there. The PGH Administrator said that since many elderly patients become wary or tired of going out for care, this program will allow them to receive proper medical help where they feel most comfortable.

The day chronic care system was explained to the group by a speaker from England, and involves a patient checking into hospital perhaps once or twice a week where they can be examined, treated or simply helped in their personal care.

### People

Sister Joan explained that this would allow working people, who do not always have the necessary time to provide complete care for an elderly person, yet who want that person at home with them, to have proper care available.

The thrust of the convention's program was to try to keep the chronic care patient "as independent as possible, for as long as possible."

### Advance poll tomorrow

Those voters who will be unable to take part in the Nov. 10 municipal elections in Midland can take advantage of an advance poll scheduled to be set up tomorrow, Saturday, in the Dominion Avenue West council chambers from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.