Construction hits roof in church's housing project



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The roof over the Marian Courtyard seniors' residence is finally going up.

"We are excited," said Martha Gleeson, chair of the non-profit organization that's building the independent living apartments beside Holy Rosary Church on Martin Street.

Construction started on the four-storey, 50-unit seniors' residence about a year ago, but construction and financial difficulties put the project on hold.

But the crane arrived Wednesday, and the building should be completed by the spring.

The apartments are non-denominational and ownership is in the form of 'right to occupy'. The 'right to occupy' means units may be resold at market value with net proceeds of the sale accruing to the seller.

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Cranes are a welcome sight at The Marian Courtyard seniors' residence. The project is back on schedule and construction should be complete by the spring.

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CCAS defends decision

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he said.

And that was a relief to Ms Fergus.

"We were afraid they had some big bombshell but they didn't have anything."

According to Ms Fergus, trouble with the CCAS began simmering last February. That was when the CCAS revealled plans to enroll the girl in a Guelph residential school for the blind. At the time, Ms Fergus argued that another year at home was vital. In September she was told the child would be moved. Ms Fergus responded by immediately appealling the decision

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But 10 days before the November 26 appeal date, the child was taken from

her school, and the hearing postponed.

Though the CCAS are unable to comment on specific cases, Ms McConville has said that careful consideration is given before moving any child.

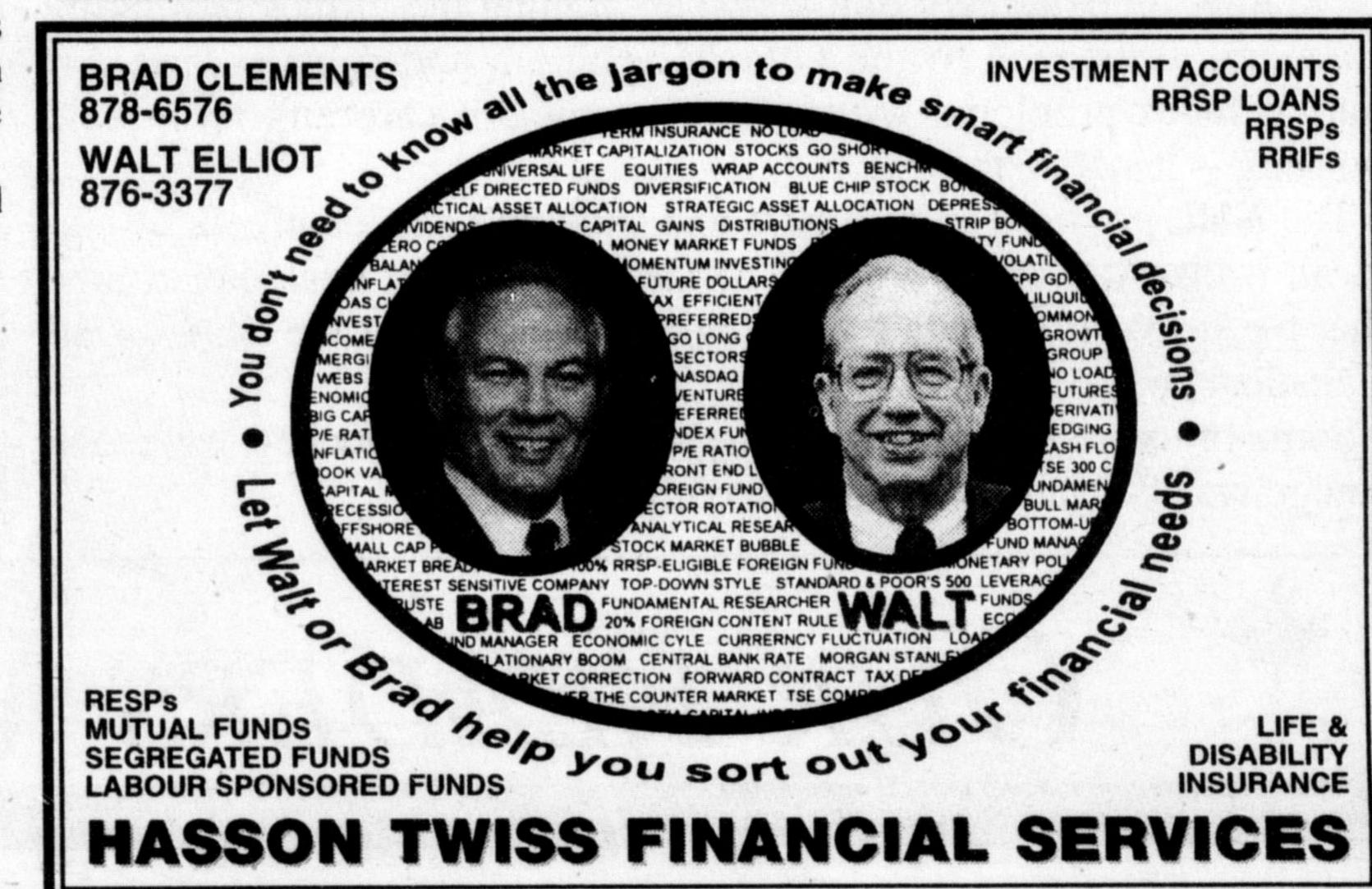
"A conscious decision is made with reasons behind it," she said.

She said that all decisions are made for the benefit of the children involved.

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