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## They'll put Milliken on the map

On screen Sarah, 13, and Christopher Charlesworth, 10, are two of the "famous" Kids of DeGrassi Street, but here at Milliken Mills Public School, they're just plain kids. The television series won an

international Emmy in New York last week. Sarah's been on the show since 1984 and her brother has recently been introduced as a regular. See story page 10. — Sjoerd Witteveen

## Eldercare project given green light

By CHRIS SHANAHAN  
Staff Reporter

Work is expected to begin in March on Stouffville's Eldercare Manor, now that the rest home's expansion project has received the green light.

On Thursday, the Town's committee of adjustment officially approved minor variance applications submitted by Eldercare Equities Inc.

Eldercare owner Manny Simon said in a telephone interview that he's happy that his proposal can now proceed.

"We're very happy that we've received the neighborhood's and the Town's approval," he said. "And the residents that are in here now will definitely enjoy a better quality of life."

Mr. Simon is about to enter a site plan agreement with the municipality, a process that he expects will take about six weeks to complete.

Construction will then proceed on a three-storey addition to the south of the existing building at 88 Main St. West. This is to be complimented by extensive interior improvements to the existing structure, bringing the project's total budget to between \$900,000 and \$1 million.

As for the possibility of escalat-

ing costs, Mr. Simon chuckled, "Hopefully it won't turn into the Dome Stadium."

The rest home owner hopes to have his enlarged 60-bed facility fully operational late in 1987.

"This time next year we'll be 100 per cent complete," according to Mr. Simon, who claimed his proposal is partially motivated by financial factors.

The dimensions of the new residential wing have been reduced to about 11,000 square feet with the addition of a three-foot rear setback on neighboring O'Brien Ave.

Mr. Simon anticipates a strong future need for rest home facilities, especially considering the projected 40 per cent increase in York Region's over-65 population to the year 2,001.

And he feels the demand for the type of care offered at Eldercare will increase with the arrival of the Markham Stouffville Hospital.

"I know that when the hospital is built there will definitely be a requirement," Mr. Simon said, noting that patients often enter rest homes following a hospital stay. "When the hospital gets closer to home, they'll be looking for accommodation closer to home."

## Uxbridge trustee decides not to run

By CHRIS SHANAHAN  
Staff Reporter

Heather Beveridge will not challenge for the chairmanship of the Durham Board of Education — at least not this time.

The Uxbridge public school trustee told The Weekender Thursday that after much consideration, she has decided not to take her fourth run at the post.

But trustee Beveridge stressed that she's still interested in the chairman's job, one that she has unsuccessfully contested the past three years.

"I'm still interested, but I'm willing to wait a little longer," the North St. resident said.

Pickering trustee Lorna Murphy and Sandra Lawson of Ajax have both entered the race to succeed veteran chairman Ruth Lafarga when her current one-year term ends Dec. 8.

Mrs. Beveridge made her decision public while attending Thursday's official opening of an \$800,000 renovation project at Uxbridge Public School.

Also included among special guests at that ceremony were Mrs. Lafarga, Uxbridge Twp. Mayor Gerri Lynn O'Connor, Durham York MPP Ross Stevenson, former Uxbridge P.S. principal Doug Hogg and present principal Richard Hannah.

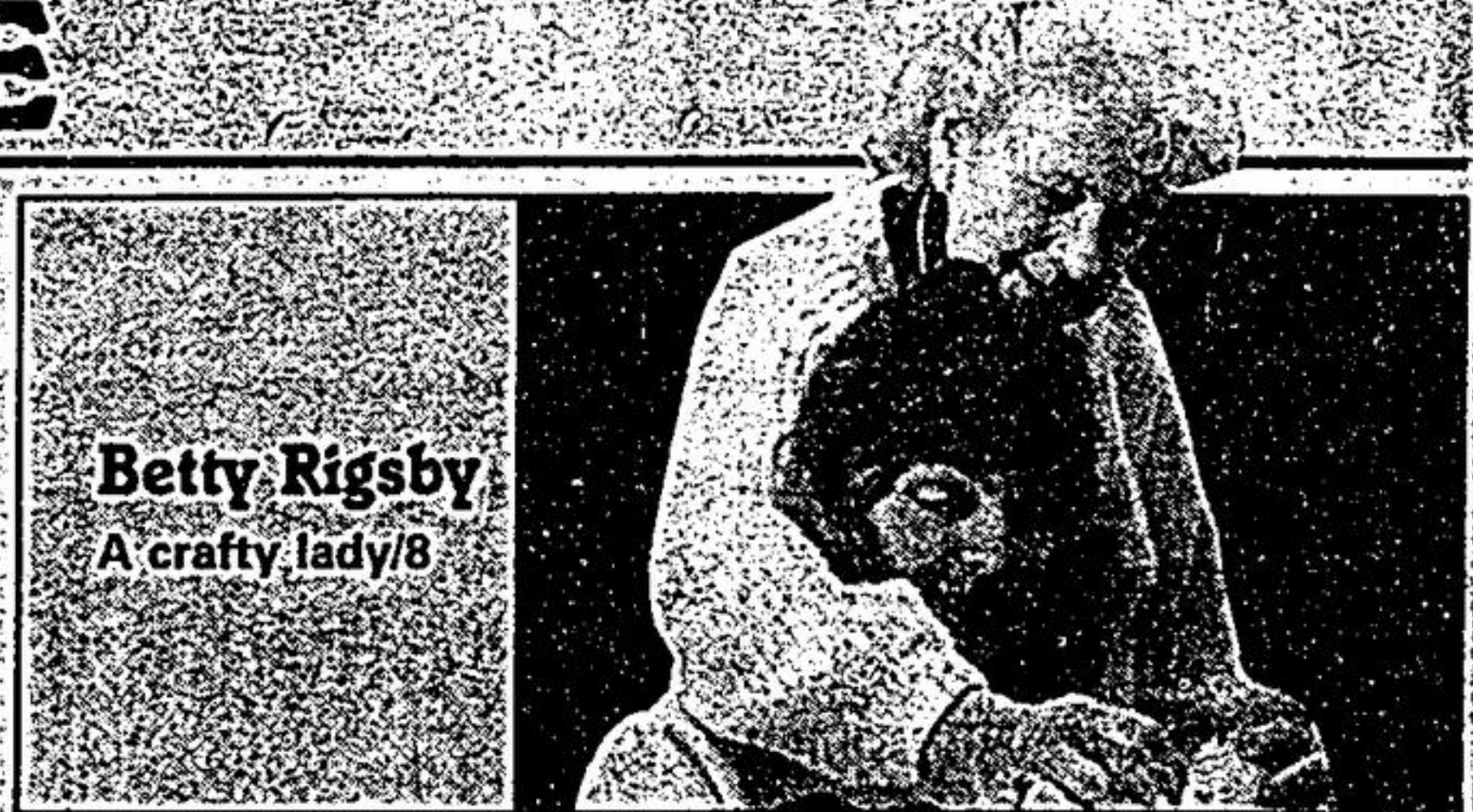
Mrs. Lafarga praised trustee Beveridge for her "tenacity" in securing funds for the Uxbridge renovation.

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