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Two more OMHA titles for Clippers

*Peewees come up big
in Oakville, Milton*

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Records are made to be broken, or at least tied.

In the case of the Stouffville Clippers rep hockey teams, they added two more Ontario Minor Hockey Association A titles to their collection Wednesday to raise the number to three this season.

Both peewee entries were involved. The Clipper A peewees downed the Oakville Rangers 3-2 in the deciding game of their best-of-five final series at the Glen Abbey Community Centre in Oakville.

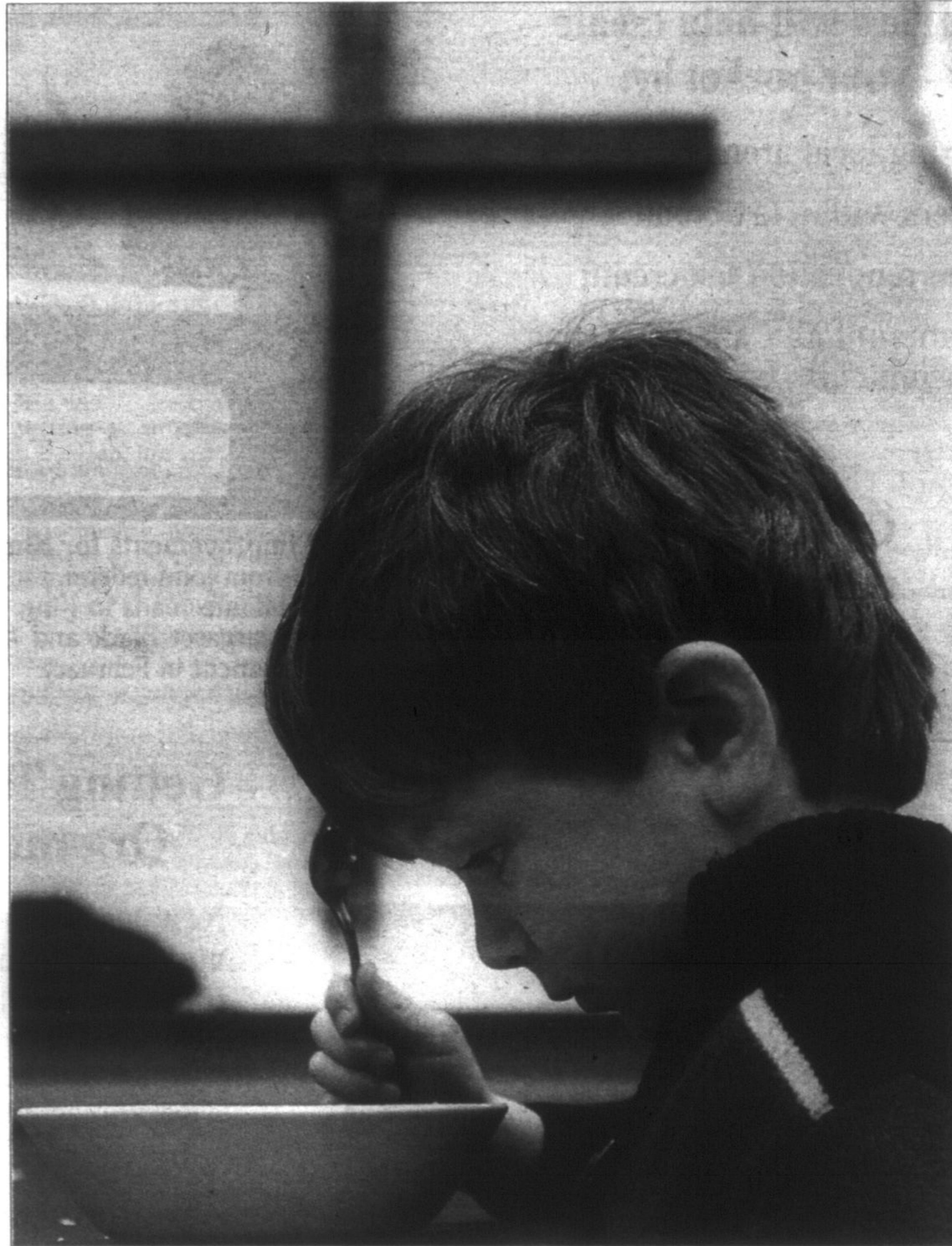
Meanwhile in Milton, the Clippers peewee AEs (additional entry) blanked the Milton Winterhawks 6-0 to claim their first OMHA title in the deciding game of their best-of-five final series.

With the peewees and peewee AE Clippers winning their respective championships and minor midgets defeating Riverside (Windsor) in their final last Sunday, Stouffville tied the town record they established in 2008.

Town celebrations, including a parade, are in the works, said Mayor Wayne Emmerson, a former OMHA champ as a player. He also coached a team to a final.

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FORK OR SPOON?



STAFF PHOTO/MIKE BARRETT

Joshua Baird, 5, reflects upon his stew during Christ Church Anglican's free Lenten suppers for the community. The final supper is on Wednesday, April 1, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Chamber not buying harmonized tax change

*Consumers paying more taxes,
but some will receive rebates*

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The boldest move by the Liberals in Thursday's provincial budget was a long-remembered plan to harmonize the PST and GST into a single 13 per cent tax: the HST.

"This single tax is a result of the provincial and federal government working together to foster job creation and economic growth," Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan said.

Not so fast, says the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce.

The new tax takes effect July 1, 2010. But what does it mean for you?

Firstly, many items which are now exempt from one of the taxes will be subject to the new tax.

The government has tried to offset this by maintaining exemptions for items such as children's clothing, books and feminine hygiene products.

They are further offsetting costs by providing Ontarians with cheques totalling as much as \$1,000 for families making less than \$160,000. The federal government, which supported harmonization, is providing \$4.3 billion in transitional costs.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce and

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