

"Greenhorn Reporter"

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On February 15 of this year, the *Livonia Gazette*, *Lima Recorder*, *Honeoye Falls Times* and the *Honeoye Lake Courier*, hired a new reporter. His name is John T. Hopkins. He has a background in the newspaper business. For several years in high school he delivered the Times Union to homes of subscribers on Westminster Road in Rochester.

A month later, we interviewed Mr. Hopkins to see what his reaction was to reporting.

His biggest complaint was about meetings. Night after night of meetings, he said, and always a table full of goodies to eat. And pitchers of stuff to drink. Very fattening.

What sort of food was he offered? Mr. Hopkins replied there was a great variety. At the Town Board meetings, he told us, it's cold turkey and plain water.

At the Church Board, he continued, it's filet of soul. The Library Board has nothing but food for the mind. And the

scouts - ah, the scouts!

What did the scouts serve? he was asked. "At the cub scouts I was offered baked mud pies. And the girl scouts served cookies. Nothing but cookies! At the Legion, however, they had k-rations. And the Rotary came through with little glasses of sunshine. The firemen offered char-broiled steaks, of course, and hot tomasles."

"At the Sewer District they served pea soup. The Senior Citizens came up with Irish coffee to keep the blood in circulation. The Chamber of Commerce has progressive dining; it's hard to describe exactly what they eat."

Do you have any other gustatory treats at meetings? he was asked. He replied the height of his eating experience was the night he visited the Rochester Common Council.

How was that? he was asked.

"Beef - nothing but beef from start to finish," replied the Greenhorn Reporter.

Hyphenated Americans

by John T. Hopkins

When Suzie Smith-Hollowell married George Adams-Fenster, their children were called Harry Adams-Fenster-Smith-Hollowell and Amy Adams-Fenster-Smith-Hollowell.

Their third child, nicknamed "Finis," packed his bags at the age of thirteen and

went to live with an aunt in South Lima.

He explained to his aunt that his parents' house was simply too crowded. And he took the name of Adam A. Adams as soon as he was able. He fell in love with a girl named Eve and they both vowed to retain their own names.

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