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TIME FLIES: 'We've come a long way'

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check our copy, instead of us having to proof it the old timey way of reading every line.

We still had to read every line, though, because anyone who has ever used a computer knows that a spell check will not catch a word that spells another word. That's why, sometimes in newspapers you will read a word like "form" when it's supposed to be "from." I have also seen a lot of misspelled words that came out dirty, but

we won't get into that.

As the years passed the computers advanced to the point where we could actually "paginate" the stories and pages instead of standing hour after hour for a couple days a week trimming them out with scissors, waxing the back of the copy and pasting it on the page.

Now the entire paper is laid out by computer and put on a disk - one much, much smaller than the one that resembled an Elvis Presley record.

Newspaper photography has come a

long way, too. When I first started with the Herald we had to send pictures by bus to Spartanburg, SC to have the image engraved on a piece of wood, which was mounted on the press on those big metal pages I was talking about earlier. We later advanced to half-tones, PMTs, and probably a lot of other methods that have escaped my memory.

Our first camera was a Polaroid. Martin Harmon, David Hughes and I rode over to Van Ness Camera in Charlotte to purchase it I never liked a Polaroid camera, so a few years later I purchased a 35-milimeter for myself which I used mostly for the paper. With that, though, I had to learn how to do darkroom work and that eventually led to me processing film and printing pictures for the Kings Mountain, Belmont, Mount Holly, Bessemer City and Cherryville papers

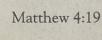
Thank goodness, as time went on the digital and computer age advanced to the

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"Come, follow me, Jesus said,
"and I will make you fishers of men."

Matthew 4





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