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Being associated with the Courier-Times and Burlington Journal has opened up a whole new world to me. Before, when I read a newspaper, I just took the whole thing for granted and didn't realize what went on behind the scenes.

When I would find a mistake in spelling or some letters transposed I thought someone had really goofed. After being here I have found it is remarkable how few errors there are considering the work that goes into publishing a paper.

First, the article has to be written "in the rough," typed by the reporter then it is edited to get the proper breakdown and continuity.

After that, it goes to the typesetter. This can involve a number of different techniques. Then it is proof read, and this is when an error is sometimes over

looked, but not often, considering amount of material that is handled.

Now, if you will visualize it, we have a number of separate pieces of paper, each with a story, announcement, schedule of coming events, advertisements, etc., and they all have to be pieced together to make an attractive newspaper.

It was hard for me to realize how thousands of pieces of paper, glued to one large page would turn out to be a neat, readable page of the paper. But turn out OK it does, through the process of photography.

And then it goes through the printing press, and out comes the Courier-Times and Burlington Journal!!!

If you are interested in the above processes, drop by the Courier office and we'll give you a tour of our newspaper plant.