Breaking News: Spread the “Acta Diurna”

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All the way back in the year 59 B.C., there was a simple publication that, in reality, formed one of the earliest new mediums known to man. It worked quite amazingly for all the busy-bodies who needed to know everything that was going on around them. Obviously, this creation was **not** Facebook, though Facebook itself can be considered a branch of this creation, it was not a book, or the television. It was the creation of the newspaper.

This first newspaper was called Acta Diurna, which literally means “daily acts” in Latin, and was used throughout the reign of Julius Ceaser. According to hubpages.com,”the Acta Diurna were also known as Acta Populi (Acts of the People), Acta Publica (Public Acts), or Acta Urbana (Municipal Acts).”

The way the Acta Diurna worked pretty muched layed the ground work for how the journalism field would be. According to hubpages.com, “News was collected by reporters (actuarii) employed by the state, who then posted the Acta on a whitened board (album) so that anyone might read or copy the reports. After a time the originals were taken down and filed in the state archives as a record…”

It is easy to argue that without the Acta Diurna, the way journalism is today would not be the same.