

William Edward “Bill” Dressler

Bill Dressler was born May 27, 1914 in Hinton, he was the son of the late Charles James and Lottie Lillian Briers Dressler.

A lifelong resident of Hinton, he graduated from Hinton High School in 1934 along with his soon to become wife, Virginia Clotille Harford. Together they raised Dr. William Conrad Dressler, Kloris Ann Dressler McCormick and Jean Karen Dressler Beasley, all of whom were Valedictorians in their Classes at Hinton High School.

Bill served his country in the United States Army during WWII. On his return from active duty, he resumed his job as clerk for the C&O Railway Company. He retired as chief clerk for the C & O Railway Company, Hinton Division in 1974. He supported and was very active in the community, a member of the B.R.A.C. (Brotherhood of Railway Clerks), the Hinton Kiwanis Club, and the Riverview Chapel in Hinton. He also served as past president of the Summers County Senior Citizens and Summers County Historical Society.

Bill served as Mayor of Hinton from 1971 – 1973, and as City Councilman for ten years. During his tenure as city councilman and mayor, Bill entered notes in small spiral-bound pads which are archived in his family’s possession. It has been said by his son-in-law, Jerry Beasley that, “Those pads are brimming with details about city government, probably enough to earn a PHD in political science and surely enough to inspire deep gratitude for those good people who serve us locally.”

For many years, Bill wrote two newspaper articles for the Hinton Daily News (later became The Hinton News) called “Reminiscin”.and “Railroadin” Here’s a list of the titles of his articles:

First Steam Locomotive in Hinton, WV	Uncle Wilson Meadows, Charlie Dressler and the Hog	Uncle Bud Anderson
Riverview School	The Briers Family	Photography or Picture Taking
The Great Depression of 1932-33	Customer in the Briers and Dressler Store	Harold Brooks
World War I Veterans in Washington, D.C.	Uncle Wilson Meadows and Uncle Eddie Briers	Reverand and Mrs. Willie J. Briers
		Fond Memories

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Ice Coupon Book	Muskmelons and Cucumbers	Mrs. W.J.B. Simmons, Sr.
The Kitten with Bathroom Issues	Mr. and Mrs. Willie Higginbotham	Mr. and Mrs. J.B. "Chic" Garrett
Virgil Ward	Mr. and Mrs. Floyd D. Hocum	C&O Yard Office Quartet
Harford Family	The Frozen Waterpipes	Mr. and Mrs. John E. Burdette, Sr.
Brakeman Jumping into the Car of Hog Intestines	Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Garten	Walter Carter and the "Talk Back" System
The Naked Carman	Mr. and Mrs. Elmer S. Anderson Family	Mr. and Mrs. John H. Richmond's Family
Steam Engines of the Late 1800's	Laurie and her Daddy Setting Tomato Plants	Ralph A. "Gabe" Bostic Family
James L. Davis and the Roundhouse	The Pulley Clothesline	Mr. and Mrs. Darrell R. Bias
The Raleigh Run	Garnet B. and (Effie) Samples Ratliff	Mr. and Mrs. H.J. "Easy Money" Cavendish
Jimmy Noel	Mrs. Shirley Wheeler's Family	The Surprise Funeral
Mel Cindy Fields	Our First Breakfast	The Hilldale-Talcott Ruritan Club
Clyde Harford's Tonic	My First Paint Job	John E. Faulconer
Mrs. Connie (Samuel) Newton's Literature Class	Colonel and Mrs. James W. Vallandingham	Stokes Stadium
Paul E. Lilly	Mr. and Mrs. Londie L. Cales	The New Stadium at Barksdale, WV
Dave McGlaughlin and the Green Beans	Camp Car X 100	The B52 Bomber
Mr. and Mrs. William T. Maddy Family	Crew Caller	
The Positive and Negative Batteries		
Isaac and Eloise Bennett		

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Bill was an avid observer, listener and reporter of our community. He had a keen sense of humor and incorporated that into his articles. Hinton will not likely see this type of man again, who contributed so much to enlighten the readers of Summers County.

William Edward "Bill" Dressler, age 75 of 1323 Temple Street, died Sunday December 31, 1989 following a long illness.

William Edward "Bill" Dressler, We Salute You!

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W.E. "BILL" DRESSLER
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR
MAYOR OF HINTON, W.VA.



"DYNAMIC -- SINCERE -- HONEST"
PRIMARY ELECTION MAY 12, 1987

