

## WHY I SELDOM READ NEWSPAPERS

The headline seemed strange.  
Two pages and five minutes later  
I flipped back to it.  
Sure enough it read,  
"More Tornadoes Hit Florida,"  
not "Tomatoes."

## PAPER BOY STRESS

I was a smart one at  
8 years old, Bringham, IN.  
Made change on collection day  
like Bobby Fischer chess moves  
until the Logansport Tribune  
that Wednesday was just too  
damned thick for my blood.  
Bud Abbott's obituary was on  
the front page that snowy  
evening after school as I  
removed all the ads and  
sports sections,  
hiding them in the basement.  
Thursday, making my way around  
the Bowery, I fended off  
all the elderly subscribers  
by giving them my goofy  
Huntz Hall impersonation  
("Geez, I just don't know!")  
accompanied by my imaginary  
sidekicks, Slip Mahoney,  
Louie the soda jerk  
and the rest of the gang.

— Davd Reeve

West Lafayette IN

## THE QUEEN OF SHEBA RESTAURANT

is almost always closed. Sometimes  
the OPEN sign is hanging  
in the window, and the place is still  
none-the-less closed. Once in a great while  
though the doors are open and the food  
smells great. I wonder  
how they pay the rent.