

**Title:** Silly blues in black and white

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Since newspapers first appeared, errors and ambiguously constructed sentences have made them a rich source of humour. Church bulletins have also provided happy hunting grounds for misprints and items that could have been better expressed. Years ago a man called Denys Parsons used to collect such gems and published many books of them. In 1981 his seventeenth book *The Best of Shrdlu* brought together howlers old and new; he assured readers all were genuine. Some samples:

- The font so generously donated by Mrs Smith has been set in position at the east end of the church. Babies can now be baptised at both ends.
- John F ---, the celebrated singer, was in a car accident last week. We are happy to state he was still able to appear the following evening in four pieces.
- Due to a misunderstanding on the phone, we stated that the couple would be living at the home of the bridegroom's father. They will in fact be living at the Old Manse.
- Under the baton of Mr S. Rutherford, the Cosmopolitan Club orchestra provided musical numbers. Miss Maisie Robinson's outstanding features convulsed the audience.
- The choir will sing a special anthem composed by the organist, after which the church will be closed for repairs.
- Sir Hugh and Lady C--- received many congratulations following their horse's success. The latter wore a yellow frock trimmed with picot-edged frills and a close-fitting hat.
- For sale, 1928 Rolls Royce hearse, original body, excellent condition.
- A large music store in the centre of Louisville has been completely burnt out. The fire brigade played on the burning instruments for many hours.
- You can order our rings by mail. State size or enclose string tied around finger.
- Police were able to gain entry to a house in Station Road and went from room to room searching for gnus.