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**Measures Approved
 By Legislature**

Salem - (AP) - Measures approved Wednesday by the legislature:

By the House:
 HB1860 - Public assistance.
 HB1780 - Publication of legal notice.
 HB1827 - Clarifying administration of justice in charter counties.
 SB328 - Teachers sick leave.

By the Senate:
 SB370 - New workmen's compensation measure.
 SCR11 - Praising Oregon track and field team.
 SB180 - Botanical plants.
 SB185 - Relating to appraisal.

SB211 - Relating to liquor.
 SB 260 - Letting state institution superintendents stay beyond retirement age.
 SB295 - Bureau of labor.
 HB1087 - Validity of school district matters.
 HB1238 - Clarifying non-support law.



**Small
 Worlds
 Around
 Us**
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**Is There Color in Darkness
 Or Sound Without Hearing?**
 The silly discussion still goes on: Is the inside of a ripe watermelon red before it is opened?

Sounds like a ridiculous question. Let's kick it around a bit and see if it gets sillier. Perhaps there is a little something to the question that doesn't show on the surface. Admittedly, it resembles the argument regarding the light inside the electric refrigerator, and whether or not it goes out when the door is closed.

Or, take a plum: Is the pulp inside the skin blue before the skin is broken?

Color depends on light. Theoretically, there is no color where there is no light. We know a red carnation is red. But if we turn off the light in a dark room, the color is not present or at least not evident.

Ten carnations of different colors become 10 colorless flowers in the dark as the inside of the ripe watermelon or the pulp of a plum.

All Color Blind
 To add a little more confusion to the organized chaos, scientists say that animals detect no color in any object. Your dog, they say, sees everything in various shades of gray. Even the angry bull, supposed to become very angry at the side of a red cape, is hopelessly color blind.

There are, of course, some pretty wise folks who contradict this color blindness theory in animals. I'm not wise, but I have seen evidences of what looked like color consciousness in many animals, but I sure can't prove it. So I must be wrong.

These lines of reasoning open up other equally confusing questions, one of which has to do with sound. It seems as silly as the colorless inside of an unopened watermelon. This one, too, has been batted around a great deal. The question: Does a tree crashing to the earth in a deep forest make a sound if there are no ears there to hear it?

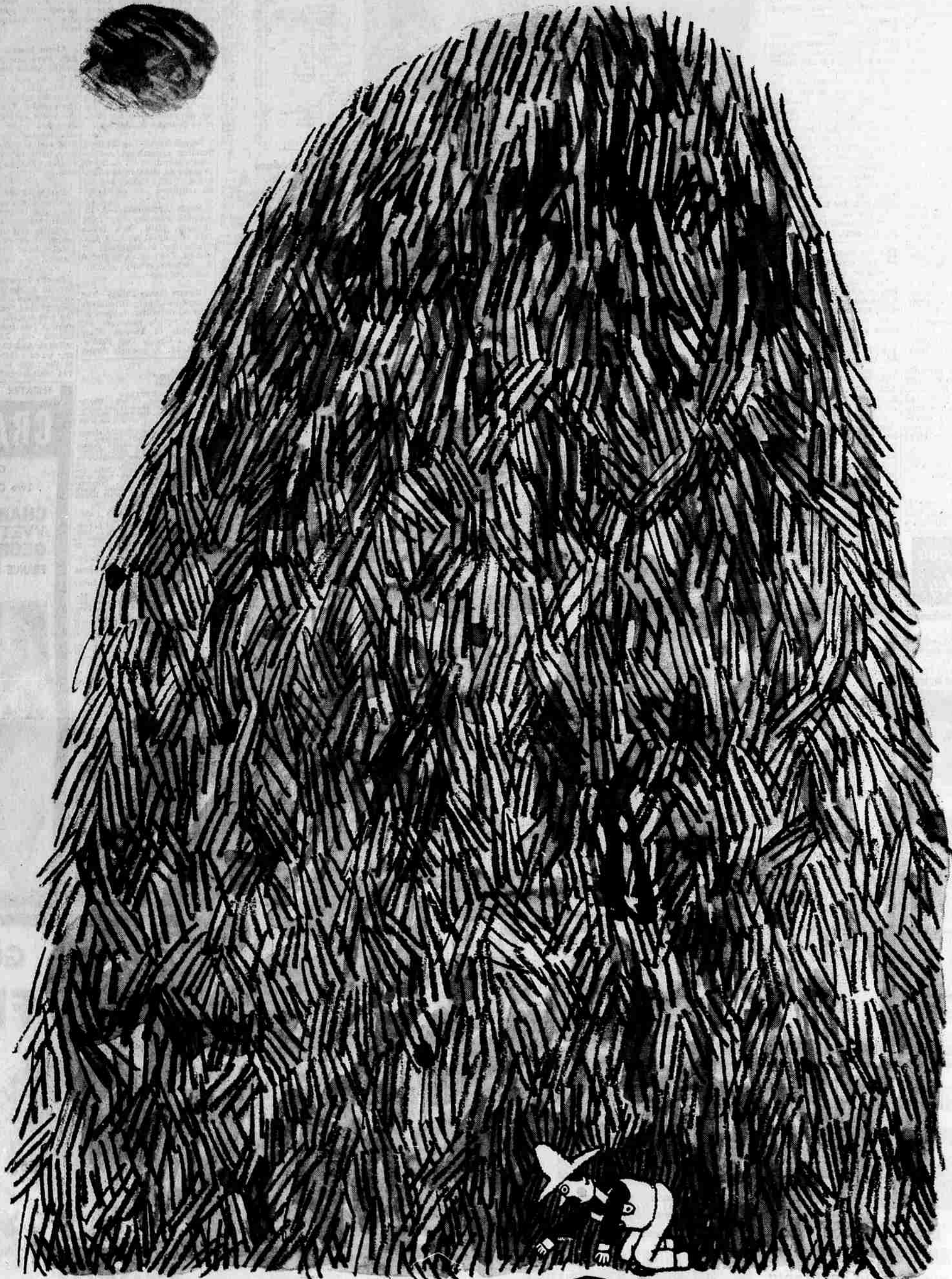
Superficially it sounds silly; theoretically it poses a subject for argument. Seriously, there is something about it just a little hard to understand or explain. Before you become too vehement in denying it, think about radio waves that emit from a broadcasting station. The sound is everywhere in the air but we cannot hear it without a radio tuned to the frequency of the wave impulses.

Pitch Too High
 There is a dog whistle that makes no sound as far as human ears can detect. The pitch is too high . . . far above the range covered by our auditory nerves.

The curious character who worries about whether or not the light goes off inside the refrigerator when the door closes actually hasn't much of a problem. There are many ways he could find out besides shutting himself inside. He was stupid enough to think of such a thing in the first place.

All of which probably gets us no closer to a solution to the problem, if it is a problem, of noise where there are no ears to hear, or color where there is no light. But it all does help to show there are many seemingly stupid things that many of us cannot completely understand or explain. Perhaps it doesn't make any difference, but it can give us something different to worry about.

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