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# EDITORIAL

Justice Brandies, of the United States Supreme Court, tendered his resignation to the President this week to take effect at once. Old age and ill health was given as the reason.

We are suggesting our readers who failed to read the report of the ABC Board of Franklin County in the last issue of the FRANKLIN TIMES, to go back and read it. It contains information the public has been calling for for some time and shows that the management has done a good job. It will be noticed that the expenses have been quite high, but a good portion of this is required by law and the State Board. The Board members are to be congratulated upon their decision to give this information to the public, and we are sure it will serve well to build general confidence and satisfaction among the people of the county.

### NEW VOLUME

Like the average individual, the FRANKLIN TIMES delights in passing another birthday. With last issue it completed its sixty-ninth anniversary and begins its seventieth year with this issue. During all these years it has striven to labor for progress and the things that lead to better living, business, social and religious movements and ideals. In its reflections it can see and enumerate many culminations that bring pleasure and satisfaction and the results of its labors unfold in real transition into actual accomplishments. Although many of these were at one time considered impossible their presence has proven the fulfillment of a great need.

All of these, of course, were not the individual accomplishment of the FRANKLIN TIMES. It only led the way by suggestion and influence. It was the fine judgment and cooperation on the part of the people, that has proven the wisdom, from which the pleasure of the TIMES, its management and force is increased.

Therefore to those of our citizens who have given their cooperation both through advertising, news and personal efforts the TIMES extends its most lasting appreciations and extends a hearty invitation to all other citizens to come in and join with us in building a bigger and better County in which to live and earn a livelihood. To which we re-dedicate our efforts, and hope for a long, happy and prosperous future for all of us.

### HOW LONG IS AN INCH?

Probably it is not of world-shaking importance from a practical everyday point of view, but it does seem that Congress might do something about the length of the inch.

In the last session a bill was introduced to establish the legal length of the inch at the same as the British inch, which is four-millionths longer than ours. In nine million yards of goods that would make a difference of a yard between English measurements and ours, but what are a few millionths between two great nations?

The status of the inch today is a good deal like the width of a window which a green workman was asked to measure. The boss handed him a two-foot rule. The man reported that the window was as long as the rule and a half a brick and the length of him thumb over.

There is a law on the statute books of the United States which defines the length of the world-wide unit of measurement, the meter, in terms of inches, but it doesn't say how long an inch is. Working backward from the legal definition of the meter, it comes out that an inch is .025340005 meters and then some. You can carry the division to infinity and you never will come to an exact numeral.

It would be difficult to make a political issue out of the exact length of the inch, because nobody cares, much, except physicists and other scientific highbrows, and they haven't enough votes to count.

Indeed, most Congressmen doubt whether scientists ever vote, and few of them know much about science anyway. Nobody else has the power to define the inch, however, and some lover of truth might find a way to persuade Congress that even such a trifling thing ought to receive attention from that august body.

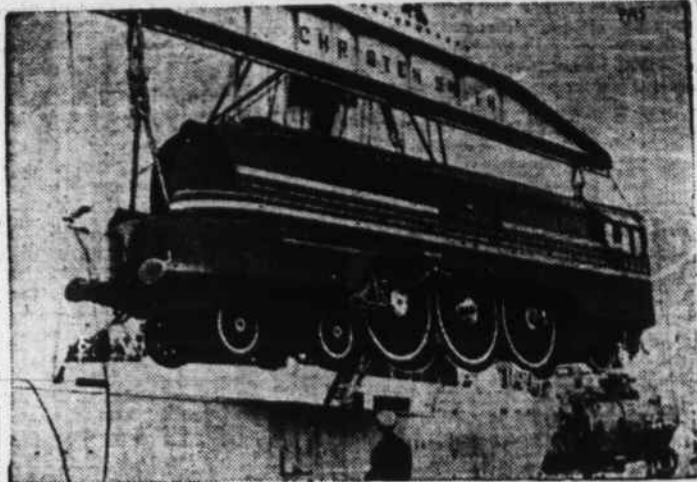
### AN EDUCATIONAL NEED

A common criticism of the public schools is that they do not teach pupils to read and speak the English language correctly. Insofar as that is true, it is partly due to the fact so many children come from homes where the correct use of words is not understood or observed, and they find it difficult to learn a new way of speaking.

Children are especially sensitive to the accusation of being "stuck up" with which they are often met by their familiar out-of-school associates when they pronounce words differently from the common usage of their environments, or use the correct word among people who consistently use the wrong word.

Now the same charge is being made against great uni-

### Off for Tour of United States



SOUTHAMPTON, England... The Coronation Scot, crack British train, is loaded aboard the motor ship Balpamela for shipment to the United States, where after a tour of approximately 38 cities it will be placed on view at the New York World's Fair.

versities, notably Harvard and Trinity, that they do not turn out graduates proficient enough to read and write their mother-tongue correctly.

This is a serious matter, especially for those who have to make their own way in the world. As between two candidates for a job or for promotion, the choice will always go to the one who speaks better English, all else being equal.

Too many youngsters of both sexes get through their school years still addicted to such misuses of language as the classic example: "If I had of knew what I'd ought to have known I'd never of did what I done."

The early schools gave first attention to the "Three R's"—Reading, 'Riting and 'Rithmetic." The schoolmasters of those older days recognized that a child who went forth into the world solidly grounded in those elements of education carried with him the keys with which to unlock every other door of knowledge through which he might seek to enter.

Two widespread influences are at work today to improve the language of the masses of the people. They are the talking pictures and the radio. But any lasting knowledge of the elements of education must begin in the lowest grades of the schools.

### FRANKLIN COUNTY FARM ITEMS

By County Farm Agents

One and seven tenths cords of wood were harvested from one tenth of an acre plot on the farm of M. C. Wilder, Louisburg, R. 1, in Forestry Thinning Demonstration conducted Tuesday, Feb. 7, with 15 farmers attending. A count of trees left standing after proper thinning had been made showed that 50 trees were left and 79 had been cut which was equivalent of harvesting 790 trees to the acre and leaving 500 standing. The wood harvested was estimated to be worth \$2.50 a cord by those attending the meeting. The trees present were mostly Loblolly Pine and were 30 years old.

Mr. Q. S. Leonard, Louisburg, R. 4, reported that he had 33 living lambs in his flock of 35 adult ewes. He further stated that he had lost two ewes and several twin lambs due to the fact that he did not have proper housing, feeding too much corn causing ewes to be too fat, and lack of needed attention. Mr. Leonard desires to build a sheep barn as soon as convenient.

### EX-SOLDIERS IN RESERVE ARMY

The United States Army is conducting a campaign to enlist 75,000 ex-soldiers in the Regular Army Reserve, who are under 36 years of age, physically fit and who have served continuously in the Regular Army for at least one year, announces Major General S. D. Embick, Fourth Corps Area Commander.

Five hundred former soldiers residing in this Corps Area were enlisted during January, bringing the total enlistments accomplished up to 1,400. Each of these men receive an enlistment allowance of \$8.00 three times a year. Checks are being mailed daily to Reservists, and all former soldiers are urged to avail themselves of the opportunity to be a "Modern Minute Man" in the military force of the United States.

An enlistment in the Regular Army Reserve will in no way interfere with civil occupation. No demands will be made upon the Reservist's time as he will only be called to active duty upon an emergency declared by the President of the United States. Enlistments in the Reserve will be in grade held at time of last discharge from the Regular Army.

Former soldiers who desire enlistment in the Reserve should address a letter or postal card to the Commanding General, Fourth Corps Area, Post Office Building, Atlanta, Georgia, stating such desire, and special arrangements will be made immediately to accomplish their enlistment in or near their home towns.

**RURAL POWER**  
The Rural Electrification Administration, formed three years ago to lend money for establishment of rural electric lines, has announced that 70,000 miles of REA-financed lines were in service in 43 states at the end of 1938, with thousands of miles more under construction.

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### Timely Farm Questions

Answered at State College

**QUESTION:** To what extent is *Lespedeza sericea* grown in North Carolina?

**ANSWER:** Due to the fact that it takes two or three years to get this crop to the stage where hay can be cut very little is grown in this State. Roughly, there is not over 5,000 acres grown, and this estimate is rather high. There were, however, a total of \$82,000 acres of the annual *Lespedeza* grown in the State last year, which makes this the third crop from the standpoint of acreage grown last year, being exceeded only by cotton and corn.

**QUESTION:** What is the proper temperature for a brooder house?

**ANSWER:** The brooder should be regulated for the first week to 98 degrees F. at the outer edge of the canopy and on a level with the chicks' heads. The temperature should then be reduced five degrees each week until the sixth week. Where brick or rock brooders are used, a room temperature of 70 to 75 degrees is sufficient. Care must be taken not to run a subnormal temperature as the chicks will crowd and cause disease and deaths from over-heating.

**QUESTION:** Can strawberry plants be moved this month and still make a crop this year?

**ANSWER:** If it is absolutely necessary that the plants be moved it is possible to get a small crop of berries this season if you will dig the plants carefully and leave as much dirt as possible adhering to the roots. A much better plan would be to set some of the younger plants in a new patch and get a good crop of fruit from the older plants this coming spring. The old patch could then be plowed up and the new patch filled in with runners from the newly set plants in the summer. However, if the plants must be moved, February is the safest month for the work.

**PROFITABLE CORN**  
Allen Jarvis, 12-year-old 4-H club boy of the Beulah community in Surry County, made a net profit of \$45.51 on his first club project last year when he produced 82 bushels of corn and \$25 worth of soughage on one acre of land and then won \$3 on an exhibit of the corn at the Mt. Airy Fair.

**RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE FRANKLIN TIMES AND HELP SOME BABY.**  
**TOBACCO SEED**  
"If all the tobacco seed I have cleaned and treated in Davidson County are planted, there will be enough plants produced to set the County solid in tobacco," says Phil M. Hendricks, farm agent. Mr. Hendricks said 193 farmers had seed recleaned and treated last week.

**SAVED \$163,000**  
Farm Agents of the State College Extension Service estimate that North Carolina swine growers saved \$163,000 in 1938 as a result of extension educational work in better hog marketing.

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### Former Kaiser At 80



DOORN, The Netherlands... The most recent photographic portrait study of the former Kaiser of Germany, Wilhelm II, who lives in exile here. He celebrated his 80th birthday recently.

### POTATO COOPERATIVE

A small cooperative association has been formed by a group of sweet potato growers in Nash County to market their surplus sugar spuds. Forty growers will take part and the steering committee is now at work.

### DEADLINE

Growers of spring wheat who want to insure their 1939 harvests under the "all-risk" wheat crop insurance program must have their applications on file in county AAA offices by March 1.

### HOGS AND CHICKENS

Columbus farmers sold 15,941 pounds of poultry for \$2,383.17 cash at the car door and 77 other farmers shipped 65,210 pounds of fat hogs for \$5,005.89 as a boost to the farm income of the county last week. The sales were arranged cooperatively by the county agent's office.

### BLUE GRASS PASTURE

W. L. Overcash of Kannapolis, Route 1, unwittingly started a blue grass pasture on his farm two years ago by covering eroded places in the pasture with a coating of barnyard manure. He liked the blue grass so well that he has seeded 200 pounds of seed on an adjoining nine acres. He says blue grass and manure seem to go well together in pasture building.

### Uncle Jim Says



It's fine to expand the home market through new industrial uses for farm products, observe economists of the State College Extension Service, but first the uses must be found and made economically practical at prices fair to the farmer.

**GOING PLACES**  
American farms are now being electrified at the rate of 200,000 a year, a far more rapid acceleration than was recorded in all the years prior to the depression. Nearly a million and a half farm homes are now using electricity.

**DROP**  
The government index of prices for farm products dropped two points during the past month, falling to 94 per cent of pre-war in mid-January as compared with 96 on December 15 and with 102 on January 15 a year ago.

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