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                       (During its centennial year , The Wall Street Journal will report events of the past century that stand as milestones of American business history . )

— p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x n:x _ q:i-h-h named:x-c named:x-
                            But he struck out with the decimal system of metric weights and measures the French had invented c:i-i-i pron:x v_out:e-i _ p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x n_of:x-i _ a:e-p n_of:x-i _ n:x q:i-h-h n:x _ v:e-i-p _
                                                                      Congress opted for the inches , feet and yards the colonists had brought with them named:x-c v_for:e-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x _ n
                                                                uns did n't dislike metrics ; they simply ignored them _ neg:e-h v:e-i-p n:x _ pron:x a:e-e v:e-i-p pron:x
                          [20676006]
                            Scientists felt differently .
n:x v:e-i-p a_than-from:e-e _
                          [20676008]
                       By the end of the century scientists had embraced the system pre-u-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ q:i-h-h n:x n:x _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _
                            Businessmen took their cue from the engineers .

n:x v:e-i-p-u q:i-h-h n:x p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x _
                          [20676010]
                                                              Congress finally passed the Metric Conversion Act in 1975 , industry was far ahead named:x-c a:e-e v:e-i-p q:i-h-h named:x-c named:x-c n_of:x-i p:e-u-i yofc:x-c __n:x __x:e-u p:e-i __
                           Because the law made compliance voluntary , it inspired little more than jokes x:e-h-h q:i-h-h n:x v_cause:e-i-h n:x a:e-p _ pron:x v:e-i-p x:e-u much-many_a:e-i _ n:x
                          (The press had a field day with questions about what would happen to "six-footer", " "yardstick " and " inchworm . " )

- q:i-h-h n:x v:e-i-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i n_of:x-i p:e-u-i n_about:x-i _ thing:x v_modal:e-h v_to:e-i-i _ card:i-i-c _ _ n:x _ _ _ n:x _ _ _
                                                                                             (ARGI)
                        General Motors , for example , uses metric terms for its automobile bodies and power trains . named:x-c named:x-c _ p:e-i _ p:e-i _ v:e-i-p a:e-p n_of:x-i _ p:e-u-i q:i-h-h _ n:x _
                          [20676015]
                      ( In auto advertising , however , items such as wheelbases are still described in inches . )

_ p:e-u-i n:x n:x _ _ n= n_of:x-i p:e-u-i n:x _ a:e-e v_to:e-i-p-i p:e-u-i n:x _ _
                            Farm-machine makers such as Caterpillar and Deere work in the metric system n:x n_of:x-i p:e-u-i p:e-u-i named:x-c _ named:x-c v:e-i-p p:e-u-i q:i-h-h a:e-p n_of:x-i
                        The liquor industry went metric 10 years ago . q:i-h-h n:x n:x v_state:e-i-h a:e-p card:i-i-c n:x p:e-i-u _
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