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lated, arise from the same origin and are similar, the big difference being that one travels over water and the other over land.

Add to electricity and meteorology, Franklin's interest and work in aeronautics, agriculture, botany, medicine, horticulture, engineering, oceanography, and public health, and it is a good start in describing the scientific interest of America's most cherished scientist-statesman.

When today's scientists honor Benjamin Franklin, they do so in no greater degree than did the scientists of Franklin's own day.

Considered the first American scientist, Franklin gained world-wide recognition and did much to foster the interchange of ideas among the world's scientists.

He was a member of 24 scientific and educational societies in America, England, France, Scotland, Germany, Holland, Italy, Spain and Russia.

He was the founder and president of the American Philosophical Society, senior scientific society in America.

Dr. Franklin had a strong belief in one idea. This was that ideas themselves should be exchanged and that, through this exchange and communication, all mankind would benefit.

This year, more than 200 societies, associations, institutions, businesses, and public service units throughout the world will foster this idea and make it live.

The year-long homage will be offered by many of the world's leading scientists, authors, educators and statesmen to emphasize Franklin's dream of a much closer, cordial understanding between all the nations of the earth.

This will be part of the tribute paid to the man who, as Poor Richard, told mankind, "we may make these times better, if we bestir ourselves."

Science News Letter, January 14, 1956

NUTRITION

Hormone-Grown Meat Found Safe to Eat

➤ HORMONE-FED steer meat is safe to use, say scientists of the department of animal husbandry, Purdue University.

The scientists, led by T. W. Perry, came to this conclusion after performing assays on the meat from hormone-fed steers. The assays showed that no residual hormone was present in the meat.

The tests were conducted by the university scientists as part of a planned program of study to learn the effect of growth hormones on weight gain, sexual behavior, and carcass quality.

Steers on the 123-day test gained 50 to 52 pounds more than those not receiving hormone treatment. The carcasses were graded as slightly inferior when stilbestrol was the hormone fed.

Meat from steers fed hexestrol or dienes-trol was graded equal to the meat from the control steers that had received no hormone.

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