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The next time you're faced with the quick meal problem, serve these tempting open-faced peanut butter and bacon sandwiches. Cook slices of bacon until crisp. Crumble and combine with Skippy creamy or chunk style peanut butter. Spread on slices of bread, and top with sliced tomato and hard cooked egg. Remember that one tablespoon of peanut butter provides almost the same amount of protein as an ounce of meat. Make variations of basic open-faced sandwiches by combining Skippy peanut butter with raisins, sliced pickle or pickle relish, grated raw carrot, or shredded cheddar cheese.

With the sandwiches, serve a crisp salad of mixed greens, dressed with real mayonnaise.

Quick meals need not be all cold foods. While preparing the salad and sandwiches, simmer a pot of Knorr garden vegetable soup, rich in flavor and filled with tender noodles and vegetables.



GARDEN TIME
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Do you know where you can find an American holly tree more than 102 years old? Or more than 41.9 inches in diameter four feet above ground?

An American holly has been located in Pamlico County, near New Bern, which meets these specifications. Why don't you look around and see what you can find. I have seen some very large trees in the Sandhills but have made no measurements or attempted to determine the age.

The Holly Society of America is considering the tree near New Bern to be the "granddaddy" of all American hollies and a committee has been appointed to investigate the claim. If you know of a bigger tree, and will let me know, I will pass the word along to Jackson M. Batchelor who is president of the Holly Society of America. He lives at Willard, N. C., and is the owner and operator of "Gardens Beautiful." He has one of the finest collections of hollies in the Southeast.

There is presently much interest in the giant tree near New Bern and plans are being made to develop the area round the tree into a holly arboretum.

It is still surprising to some to learn that the American holly (*Ilex opaca*) has two sexes; a male plant which produces flowers but no berries; and a female plant which produces berries, provided, pollen is available from the male. As far as I know, there is no way of deter-

mining the sex of a plant until it blooms.

Some of the English hollies and Burford's hilly (*Ilex cornuta burfordii*) bear berries in the absence of male plants but the seeds will be sterile.

There may be other reasons why hollies do not produce berries other than lack of pollination: It may be a male plant and will never bear berries; a female plant with no nearby pollen source; the male and female plants may not bloom at the same time; cold rainy weather may interfere with pollination; or the flowers may have been injured by late spring frosts.

HOME ECHOES

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7. — Is there a special way to lay a pattern on material that is referred to as an even plaid? Yes. An even plaid is one in which the plaid design repeats itself in both directions. Make certain, however, all of your matching notches are laid on the same color stripe of the plaid in both horizontal and vertical directions. Note — the placement of the vertical lines should be balanced on both sides of the center front.

8. — What is a one-way design in fabrics? One-way designs refer to one-way prints, or sateen. Napped fabrics have

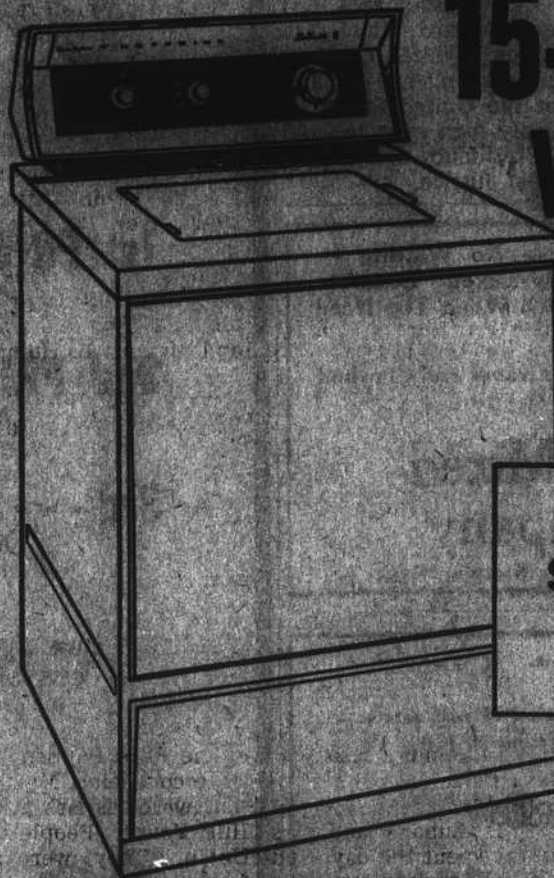
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