

Coronation Candles For Briton's Queen

WITHIN a few days after the death of Great Britain's King George VI an order crossed the sea to A. Ajello & Bros. for 2,300 tapers to illuminate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II next summer.

The little Mamaroneck, N.Y., factory is one of the oldest candle-making firms in the world. Through 175 years, six generations have brought to near perfection one of man's oldest methods for turning back the darkness with light.

Ajello candles burned at the coronation of the new queen's

father, and at her marriage to Philip Mountbatten.

The family's special candles have served countless occasions. Galli-Curci once ordered a 1,400-pound Ajello masterpiece to burn in thanksgiving for a successful throat operation. A giant two-ton candle is set to burn one day a year for 18 centuries in memory of Enrico Caruso at his tomb near Naples.

A veteran of World War I ordered Ajello to make a candle that matched his size and weight, with a hole in it representing the wound he survived. He hired a brass band to help him escort the candle from the factory to a church where he lighted it in Thanksgiving.

When Antonio Jello died, at the age of 78, hundreds of tapers with his secret ingredients exuded the odor of orange blossoms at his funeral.

The 2,300 tapers for the crowning of Elizabeth will be in graduated sizes from 12 inches to six feet, all of the same design.

The base of each will be a wax model of the scarlet and gold crown of the ruling House of Windsor. From the center of the crown's surmounting cross leaps a Florentine taper, hand-dipped in virginal beeswax, its shaft finger-molded and then sprayed with

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Oregon Division Cancer Report

The cause or causes of cancer are still unknown despite seven years of concentrated research, "but we, nevertheless, have come a far way on the road to the ultimate solution of the riddle," says the annual report of the Oregon division, American Cancer Society.

Research is now less a by-product of other studies and more a direct attack against the many facets of the problem," the report says. "It is not expected that the riddle of cancer will be solved in a sudden flash of discovery—nor is it likely the solution will be the work of any one investigator. The problem is complex and there will be many men and women who will contribute to its final solution."

Preparations Made For Holiday Season

All about are signs of the approaching holidays. Stores have on display special Christmas merchandise and windows are bright with tinsel and toys.

Danna Baird was seen putting the finishing touches to a painting of her own design on the Chetco store window. Kerr Electric & Hardware is broadcasting at intervals Christmas music from a loud speaker attached to the outside of the building.

Children are counting the days until Santa will arrive. Everyone is rushing here and there, selecting gifts or getting packages ready for mailing. The post office is one of the busiest places in town, especially at mail hours. People are seen getting big bundles of mail, indicating that cards have started to arrive. Each day there are more and bigger mail sacks.

The community Christmas tree stands in place ready for trimmings and lights.

22 carat gold dust until the tallow resembles beaten precious metal. Prototype specimens will be flame-tested for dripless, smokless burning and the gold formula will be proved in advance against green tarnish by long exposure to daylight. Four hundred individual dippings in wax at controlled temperature will be required in the making of each of the half dozen six-foot candles.

Using modern methods as well as the ancient hand-dipping, and working with specialized machinery under fluorescent lights, 50 Ajello craftsmen turn out millions of candles annually.

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Evenings by Appointment

Basketball News

The local Bruins upheld their first string record last week when they "took" Port Orford, 60 to 56, in their first county league game of the season. The game was one of those "see-saw" anybody's game affairs which kept the spectators on their toes and yelling. Score was tied, 56 to 56. However, the local team took two baskets in the overtime, turning the tide in their favor.

The Ophir game, played on the Ophir home floor, ended with a total of 83 to 61 in favor of the Bruins.

It is to be hoped that all of the scores are running higher this year due to the new rule which allows two tries at free throw in case the first try is missed.

Tuesday the Bruins play Gold Beach at Gold Beach; Friday Ophir comes to Brookings. Tuesday, Dec. 23, Eagle Point comes to Brookings.

Christmas vacation has been set from Tuesday night, Dec. 23 to Friday morning, Jan. 5.

Harry Lyness drove one of Scotty Williamson's cars to Seattle for him and after a visit with Mrs. Lyness flew back on Tuesday. Mr. Williamson is reporting selling what cars he can from his used car lot and moving the rest to Seattle.

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