

Across the Kitchen Table

By MRS. MAC

During the past few years considerable interest has been shown in handmade candles, particularly at Christmas time when some wonderful confections of colored wax, glitter and what have you, make their appearance.

They are a far cry from the tall candles my grandmother used to make, sixty or more years ago. Although she has told me of making them by dipping the wick into the melted tallow, letting it harden and re-dipping until the candle was of the proper size, I remember seeing her candle molds that made a dozen at a time. They were the shape of the candles,

about ten inches long, and opened in the centre so that when they had been tightly closed, and filled with the tallow, they could be opened to extract the hardened candle.

I have just been reading an article about the largest candle factory in Britain, which was responsible for my thoughts flying back to my childhood days. In this factory, while they have some of the most modern machinery in the world, they still employ the old hand dipped or poured method, especially for altar candles which are made of beeswax instead of the paraffin wax that is used for most candles. One altar candle, made recently was six feet long, weighed about thirty-five pounds and cost over forty dollars.

To make the little birthday candles which our children so gleefully blow out, powdered wax is compressed, then squeezed out like a long cord and fed into a machine which cuts it to the proper size.

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Belated wishes for a happy birthday go to Mr. Syd Graham, who became seventy-two years young on January 20. I miss Mr. Graham since he is no longer the press reporter for the Rotary Club. I always got the reports from him regularly, every week and right on time and I wish he would take on the job again!

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I read a little news item last week about a man in England who had been deaf for eight years, and while listening to his radio, he heard something go "click" as one of the more rabid rock and roll screechers was blaring and he found that his hearing had returned. There's nothing remarkable in that. It happens in many homes when rock and roll becomes unbearable. What goes "click" is the off switch of the radio and immediately, normal hearing returns.

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Wouldn't it be nice in this age of hurry and scurry, if we had, or took a little more time for the peaceful things? There just doesn't seem to be any time, after the business of making a living and fulfilling our obligations, or what we think are our obligations, to the various organizations we belong to, to settle down and either do nothing for a few minutes, or else do some of the relaxing things we used to be able to do as a matter of course.

I have a neighbor who has had a bout with the dentist followed by a bit of infection which prevented her going out for a week. Do you know what she did? Made two quilt tops out of pieces of ma-

News from the Evelyn Shoppe

Once again Evelyn has gone over the coats, car coats, dresses and all other items of winter stock on the shelves, making further drastic reductions for quick clearance. Right NOW is the time for the thrifty shopper to take advantage of these low prices.

Among the bargains in coats are these — a smart blue and black tweed with a small fur collar, size 12, reg. \$69.95 for \$35.00 — one only black coat size 18½, marked down from \$49.95 to \$24.95 — a black coat with a brown mink collar, size 14, by Gordon, regular \$85.00 now only \$49.95 — a Poslun car coat in red with a white Borg hood, size 10, reduced from \$25.00 to \$14.50, and several others that are excellent value, too.

Nylon overshoes, with pile lining and fur trim, marked down from \$11.95 to \$5.95. If you don't need them now, remember there's another winter coming.

Whether you're Scottish or not, you'll love the Tartan wool housecoat by MacIntosh, size 18, formerly \$19.95 now going at \$8.95, also one in red tartan, size 16, at \$7.95. These are both full length, wonderful for chilly morning.

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The juvenile shelves have had some additions also. "Dale of the Mounted Sub Hunt", by Joe Holliday; "The Moccasin Track", Julie M. Street; "Valley of the Snakes", Norman Dale; "The Island of Horses", Ellis Dillan "Riders of the Pony Express", Ralph Moody; "Knights of the Air", John Harris; "Under the Red Ensign", Captain Frank Shaw.

Material that she has been collecting for a long time. And very attractive ones they are too, I saw a lovely design for a cross stitched quilt in a magazine this week. Maybe, when I get time! ! !

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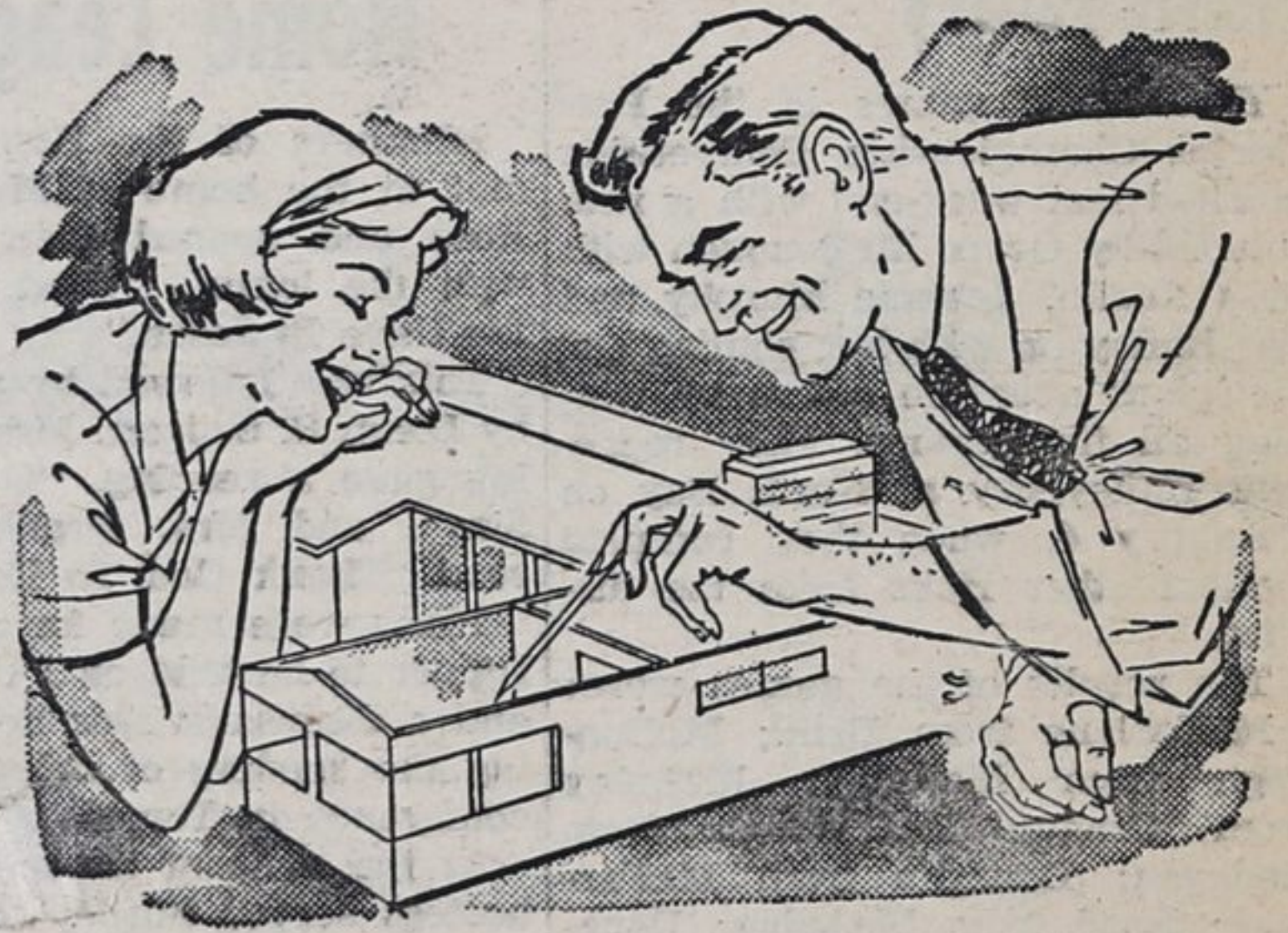
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