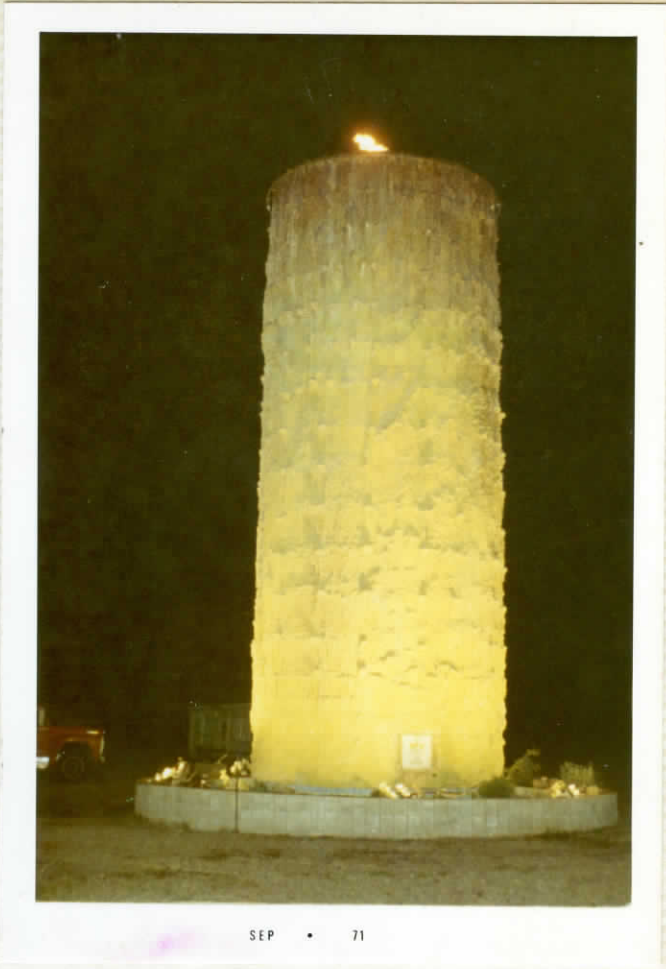


# Mother's Day



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Listed from left to right are: Leonard Stoudt, Richard Allmon, Darrel Brock, Richard Erickson, Delvin Phillips and Jerry Phillips. This large 50 ft. structure stands today as a result of many hours of hard work and dedication by the six men you see standing here. Our sincere gratitude goes to these men for the added beauty Scappoose now enjoys as a result of their labor.





Crowds began to gather early for the 2 o'clock lighting of the Peace Candle of the World, a truly great event for Scappoose.



Darrel Brock, owner of Western Candle, proudly answers all questions concerning the construction of the Peace Candle.



Mothers from every direction crowd in to claim their free replica of the Peace Candle.





Birdseye view shows the lovely layered effect of the candle.



A beautiful spray of flowers in the traditional and patriotic shade of red, white, and blue were donated to help adorn the stage.



Mona Brock, Darrel's parents, and Monna's mother are honored guests at the Peace Candle lighting ceremony.





More special guests begin to make their way to the stage. Tention rises as we await the arrival of the governor.







Finally, the sound we've been waiting for....

The arrival by air of Oregon Governor Tom McCall marks the beginning of an exciting Mother's Day celebration.



GOV. McCall arrives at the Candle Farm Sunday afternoon by helicopter. He asked the crowd to forgive his white shoes as he had just completed a tour of the Portland Harbor with the Ambassador of West Germany.





Certainly, God was answering prayer.  
We couldn't have asked for a nicer  
day to honor our mothers.



The governor was very pleased at  
the sizable crowd which turned  
out for the ceremony. Over seven  
thousand people were estimated to  
have come from miles around to  
view the beautiful 50 foot structure.





The governor certainly seems to be enjoying himself. I'm sure he senses the friendly atmosphere of today's celebration 'just for mothers.'



Final friendly greetings are enjoyed just prior to the beginning of the ceremony.







**THE CANDLE** Lighting ceremonies get underway in the great American Tradition, the presentation of the flag. Scappoose Scouts Den 7 presented the flag and the SHS band played the Star Spangled Banner to open the dedication ceremonies. The band also entertained the crowd prior to the 2 p.m. dedication and also gave the lighting the proper touch with a rendition of America the Beautiful.



Our boy scouts can certainly feel proud of their part in todays celebration. They looked very impressive carrying the flags tall and straight to the platform.







GOV. McCall's pretty wife is shown accepting a gift of the occasion from the Candle Farm.



MRS. LORA McKenzie was presented a candle and floral arrangement prize for being the oldest Mother present at the Sunday afternoon lighting of the Peace Candle. Mrs. McKenzie of Scappoose is 92 years young.

Our oldest mother present is an especially honored guest. Besides the presentation of the candle arrangement received at the ceremony today, she will receive a candle in the mail each month for a complete year.





Two blushing young ladies came forward to receive the prizes for our youngest mothers in the crowd.



Darrel's own mother all the way from South Dakota is pictured here holding the arrangement she received. I'm sure she must have felt very proud of her son as she looked about at the large crowd gathered in honor of all mothers everywhere.





**SCAPPOOSE** Mayor Forrest M. Sanders, known as Stubby, explains to the crowd why they asked the 6'6" Governor to light the tall Peace Candle, instead of himself.



**DARRELL BROCK** tells the crowd of his hopes and reasons for creating the world's largest living candle, "The Peace Candle of the World."



**GOV. Tom McCall** pays tribute to Darrel Brock and his Peace Candle so appropriately dedicated on Mothers Day.



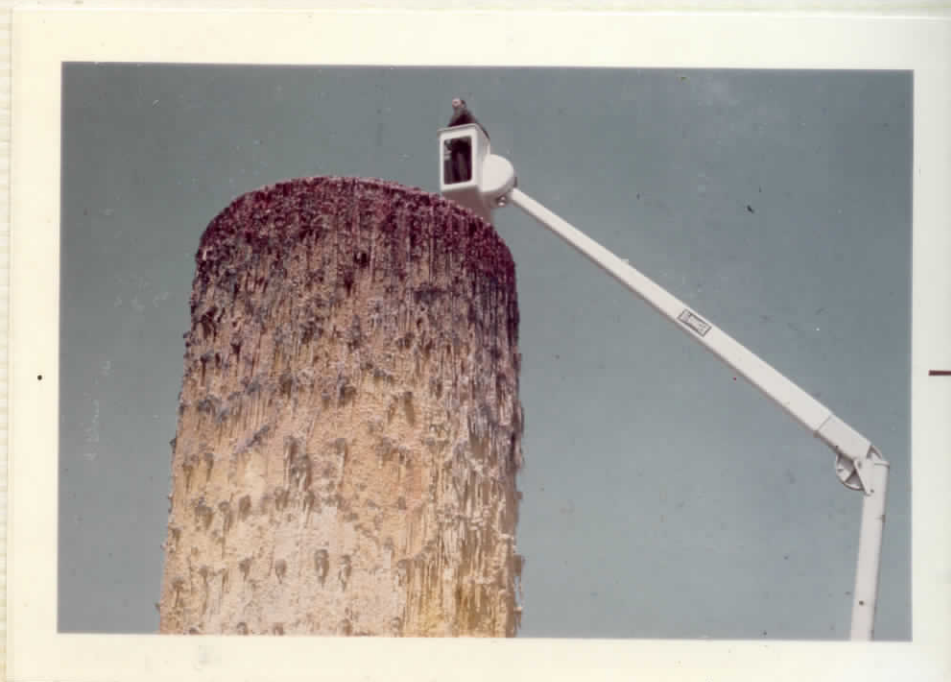




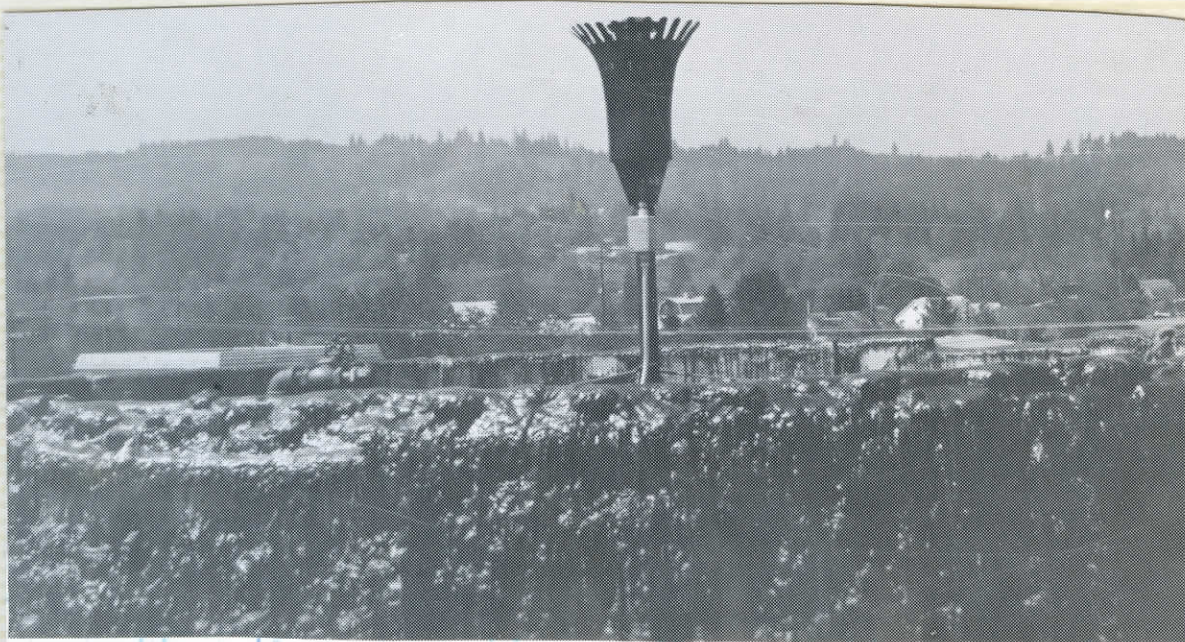
Even tall 6'6" Tom McCall may find it hard to light a 50 ft. candle without the aid of a boom truck.











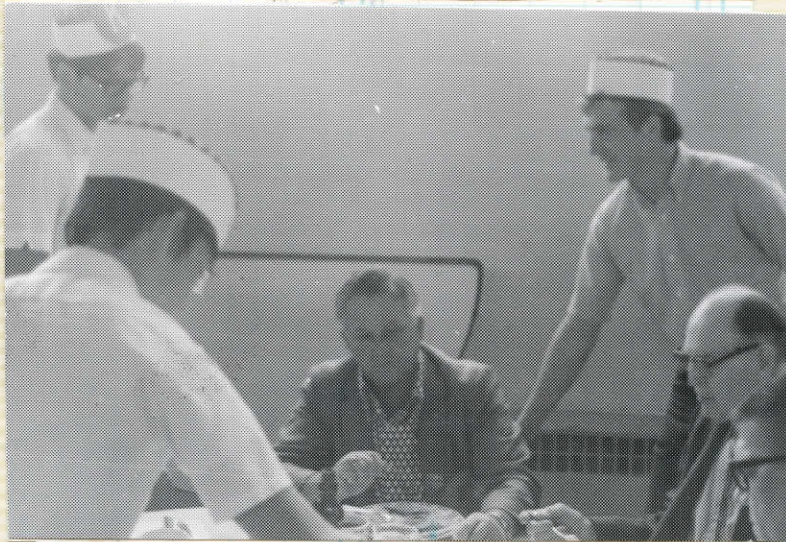
AN EYE level view of the specially constructed wick for the Peace Candle of the World. The wick sits atop the giant 50 ft. candle and following

lighting ceremonies Sunday. it hopefully will burn forever as a symbol of world wide peace.





**MOTHERS DAY** in Scappoose began with the Kiwanis breakfast at the High School cafeteria. Above is seen the serving line who dished out generous portions of pancakes, eggs, ham and coffee.



**GETTING SPECIAL** service at the Kiwanis breakfast is Scappoose Mayor Forrest M. Sanders. Members of the keyclub from Scappoose High proved to be fast, efficient and courteous waiters.



**AN AERIAL** photo, shows just one section of the over 5,000 people on hand Sunday to witness the lighting ceremonies of the Peace Candle of the

**World.** The crowd was said to be the largest outdoor gathering in any community the size of Scappoose in Oregon.









# 'PEACE CANDLE OF THE WORLD'

*(Photographs Taken by Scappoose Spotlight Photographer)*

**By: Pat Reed Davis**

It all began when Darrel Brock was a little boy....His mother was cleaning out his ears one day, and he asked, "What's that stuff maw?", to which she replied, "That's wax, the same thing they make candles out of". So when he became 21 years of age, he began work in a candle factory.

Throughout his years in the candle business, it's been Darrel's dream to build a large structure out of wax. This dream became a reality in May at Scappoose, Oregon, where Governor Tom McCall of Salem, Oregon lit the "Peace Candle Of The World" during dedication ceremonies attended by hundreds of well-wishers.

The World's largest living candle stands 50 ft. high and is 18 ft. in diameter. It contains 45,000 pounds of wax and over 80 pounds of perfume. It took six months to make the candle, appropriately dedicated on Mother's Day. It is located just off the main highway from Portland to Scappoose on the grounds of Western Candles Ltd.'s Scappoose Factory, (manufacturers of Jewelite Candles).

For years, Darrel notes, an idea had been bouncing around in his head to build something large and impressive out of wax. He thought perhaps an entire wax tree. No, possibly a small model city fashioned entirely out of wax. But he told himself this was not the answer. The idea was there, but he couldn't decide what to make of wax.

Then in 1969 Darrel and family visited Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif. He was indeed impressed with the tremendous array of man-made objects there. That's when

he realized his dream was at least going to be possible. He told himself that man had created many marvels and there should be nothing to prevent him from doing the same.

Upon his return to Scappoose, Darrel's eye fell on the vacant grain silo outside the Candle Farm (retail outlet for his Jewelite candles) and for the first time it looked like a candle. For a man like him, the dream had a form, now all that remained was how and when.

His first step was to wrap the silo frame entirely with heavy wire mesh. He used 250 feet of it as a foundation for the wax. Without the frame, large chunks could later fall to the ground, driven by their weight in absence of a satisfactory bond with the frame.

The next step was to install over 400 feet of metal pipe to carry liquid wax 50 feet up to the top of the candle, allowing passage through a metal ring punched every six inches with holes to allow wax to drip down sides of the structure. Copper tubing carrying steam was then wrapped around the pipes to heat them. This prevented wax inside from cooling and possibly clogging the pipes.

Almost three and a half months ago, the first stream of wax cascaded down the candle and in the next two days 10,000 pounds of melted wax was applied in the same manner. Dripping was then halted for two days to enable wax to harden.

During the interim periodic inspections were made to see if the dripping method was to be the correct procedure to use. Everything appeared to be in order, so dripping was resumed at the rate of another 10,000 pounds during the next two days. After application of the first 10 tons (one

thousand pounds of wax) spurts of color cascaded down each day, (giving off a pleasant aroma which could be detected for miles) until the accumulation of color, scent and wax reached 40,000 plus pounds. This dripping procedure continued until just three days prior to Mother's Day.

A reflection pond, complete with rings of flowers, was built surrounding the base of the candle.

A giant wick five inches in diameter was inserted at the top. This lights the candle during fair weather. If inclement weather prohibits cloth wick from burning, an automatically controlled gas torch functions as its flame.

Darrel also took care to provide assurance of the candle not melting from Oregon's summer temperatures by providing Peace Candle with a cold water stream. This comes from the same perforated pipe atop the candle, used originally to drip the wax. This cools the candle's surface and prevents melting.

The entire project would not have been possible, according to Brock, without the assistance of various businesses and organizations who highly approved of his Peace Candle idea. Norda Perfume Co. of California donated 100 pounds of perfume for the project. Twenty thousands pounds of finishing wax was provided by Standard Oil Company of California. (This comprises half of the material required for construction).

Hertz Equipment Company in Portland loaned a 50 ft. lift truck to enable Governor McCall to strike a match at the lighting ceremonies to ignite candle's eternal flame. The Bange Electric Co. of Portland provided all flower arrangements for the stage at the celebration along with the orchids presented to honor guests.



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Employees were on hand to demonstrate various procedures involved in the making of candles from beginning to end.

Visitors were also invited to tour their retail outlet (called The Candle Farm) where each mother registering was given an exact miniature replica of the Peace Candle (which would retail at around \$5.00, if purchased). Hundreds and hundreds of these were given out that day to mothers, who will certainly treasure them as I treasure mine.

A few days prior to the Lighting Ceremonies, representatives of Western Candles Ltd., of which Darrel Brock is owner-operator, presented 90 miniature replicas (along with an appropriate fact sheet) to each Senator and Representative of the Oregon Legislature. Governor and Mrs. McCall were presented with a 40 pound replica of the Peace Candle.

Bumper stickers reading "We visited the PEACE CANDLE, Scappose, Oregon" were given out at the ceremonies. I'm proud to say that my humble car displays this tribute to the magnamous edifice, another "first" for our beloved Pacific Northwest. It's a small but fitting salute to the ingenuity and dedicated efforts of Darrel Brock and the others who banded together to make our "first Peace Candle" possible.

In my estimation, our country is the greatest place in the world to live. I feel that it is such because of the concentrated efforts on the parts of so many talented, patriotic and dedicated people, such as Darrel Brock, who have strived from the beginning of time to try to make our world a better place.

Standing tall, its bright eternal glow visible for miles, Oregon's "Peace Candle Of The World" offers "A better tomorrow" for all Americans.











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