

OLIVE GRANGER, GRAY EAGLE OWNER, SELLS SHOP AND PLANS LEISURE HOURS



On October 15 the Gray Eagle on Cherry Street, owned and operated for the past five years by Olive Granger (Mrs. Arthur), will close its doors and reopen on Broadway to be owned and operated by Mrs. Edna Konrad (Mrs. Karlton, still under the well known name of The Gray Eagle.

When Olive opened her shop on October 15, 1959 she told everyone (and convinced herself as well) that five years from that date she would sell to someone who would carry on the shop in the same manner in which she planned (and has done). No one really believed her including her landlady, one and all pooh-pooed the thought that she would establish a business and turn it over to anyone else, she was told that she would be absorbed in the work, that she couldn't trade for life in the country (she and her husband live in the North Fork Section) and numerous

and prior to that by Wright's Feed Store. Olive had a studio in her New Jersey home and on Saturdays, while she was teaching art at Rutgers and also in the public schools of Maplewood, she sold handcraft items. This was her background in gift shop work, her contacts made at that time have supplied some of the unusual and artistic items to be found at the present shop.

Other interesting gift items are those made by her own family. "Art" makes much of the pewter ware plus a little copper; her sister, Mrs. Robert Kitchell, makes stuffed toys, a brother, Ernest DeWick makes silver earrings and Olive makes numerous items like the burlap shopping bags with the felt flowers for ornament and other interesting things from felt.

The purpose of the shop? To become acquainted with the people of Black Mountain. When they moved here neither of them knew anyone, their home was several miles from town, and she felt that it would not only be nice to know the tradespeople here, but it was a necessity.

"We have never faked like 'unwanted Yankees invading the South', we have been treated with such friendliness and warmth that the strangeness of change has not bothered us one iota. I wish I could explain to the others the feeling, it isn't any one thing I can put my finger on and say 'this is what I like best about my friends and neighbors here'. It is more the idea that they CARE and are genuinely concerned about the welfare of those about them, I could say it is putting into practice their religion and not just giving lip service of which we hear so much."

The personality and friendliness which radiates from Olive herself causes a similar response from those with whom she comes in contact. Her shop has become a sort of gathering place for many of our Senior Citizens who sit and chat, browse around the shop (one of the ladies even compared it to a museum), rest a bit if they are tired, or simply drop in to say hello and go on their way. It has the "cracker barrel" atmosphere which I presume is the ultimate in friendliness.

"I would like so much to thank the many who have been kind to me in these past five years, for the support they have given me by not only purchasing from my shop but by words of encouragement. Everything I felt that I could do seemed so stilted and cold. I suppose it is possible to do more than say a simple 'thank you' to one and all. I wouldn't take anything for the five years I've had in the business section of the town, but now I want to paint."

As difficult as it is to imagine Cherry Street without her, it is nice to visualize Olive, paints in hand, before her canvas, spending long pleasant hours doing the things she has most wanted to do ever since she came here.

I presume every gift shop owner has her favorite items.

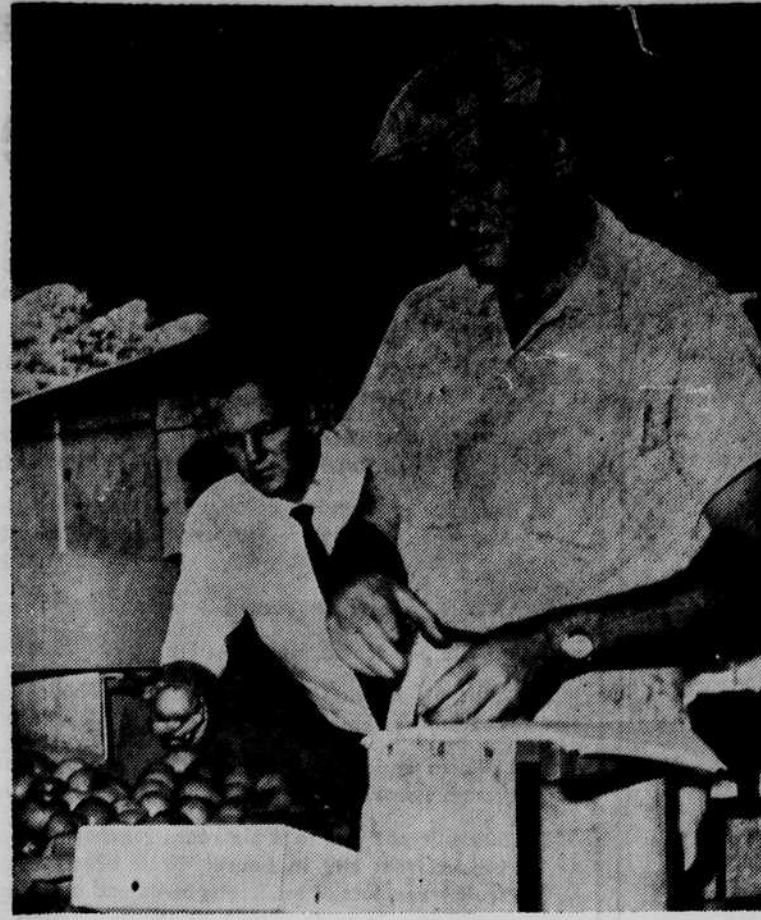
It is a little difficult to pin Olive down to only one, but she does love the stuffed animals, the Polly Cove prints which come from the place with the fascinating name of Bearskin Neck in New England and the Gwen Frostic prints. The former prints are on linen; the latter on paper and to me they are one of the dearest things. The animal or flower prints are so delicately done—there are even those insects, too—and the colors are so fragile that it seemed as though one has dreamed of seeing them and it didn't really happen. They possess a kind of misty shadowing, and her books are so in demand with these lovely illustrations it is nearly impossible to keep a supply. The carvings done from cypress roots are delightful. There is a squirrel with a bushy tail, an ole turtle with aged rings on his back and an elephant so cute you want to take him home with you.

We spoke of events over the past five years. Only twice has she known of anything taken from the floor. Both times have been in the summer around the 25th of July when so many organizations are having their "summer Christmas". Two of the above mentioned elephants were taken one year and another year a piece of jewelry from the show case.

The growth of the shop has been steady over the years, nothing very spectacular, although this has been the best year of all, but each year has been better than the preceding one.

Another time we want to tell you of the new shop being prepared by Mrs. Konrad, who plans to continue the same friendly atmosphere visitors have found so charming against the gracious background being prepared for the new Gray Eagle.

Olive's many friends wish for her many long hours of leisure and time to feast her eyes on the mountains visible from her home. Since she will be surrounded by her sisters and brothers it is unthinkable that she could ever be lonely for outsiders. She has made so many friends that the path to her door will be well worn, for, as Ralph Waldo Emerson said "The only way to have a friend is to be one".



THE TENDER TOUCH—Way Abel, foreground, inspects tomatoes ready for shipment from his grading and packing facility near Centon. A. Wayne Overcash, agricultural development engineer for Carolina Power & Light Company, looks on in the background. Electric motors help speed the delicate task of handling the tomatoes.

On that night for a wonderful time of praising God in song. A.M.E. Church.

The Rev. E. C. Kennedy of Winston-Salem will speak on the second Sunday, Oct. 11, at 3 o'clock. Rev. Kennedy is formerly of this area, and I'm sure we'll all want to hear him at the Thomas Chapel Church.

The Seventy-Fourth Session of the Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the A.M.E. Churches will meet at the St. Luke A.M.E. Church in Asheville all this week. Bishop W. J. Walls will preside. The host pastor is the Rev. J. Lipsy. Delegates attending from this area are: Mrs. Connie Doggett, Mrs. Kitty Lawton, Mrs. Gertrude Sapp, Mrs. Grace Greenlee, and Mrs. Mabel Laws.

Personal: Miss Creola Austin spent last Sunday with her grandmother, Mrs. Lillian Gardner. Miss Austin is teaching in Mocksville, N. C. Kenneth Whiteside of New York recently visited his nephew and his family, the Max Twittys.

The Education New Home Makers of America held their district rally Saturday, Oct. 3 in Bessemer City at the Lincoln High School. Those attending from this area were: Linda Twitty, Henrietta and Elizabeth Briscoe, Vicki Hamilton, and Alveta Weaver.

Mrs. Connie Doggett spent last week in Charlotte with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Graham.

The annual Ray reunion was held last Sunday afternoon at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Mars Hill. The morning service was conducted by the Rev. O. W. Ward, and the afternoon service was presented by the Rev. K. F. Lofton. A picnic lunch was served. Those attending from this area were: Miss Creola Austin, Mrs. Lillian Gardner, Tom Daugherty and Jacob Gardner.

On last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Stepp, Miss Cora Stepp, Miss Phylis Jenkins, and my husband and I attended services at the Blue Ridge Baptist Church in Edneyville where the Rev. W. G. Boyce is pastor. After the morning service we were the dinner guests of Deacon and Mrs. T. T. Hayden. Needless to say it was a most enjoyable day.

Mr. and Mrs. McCullough of Springfield, Gardens, N. Y., recently visited Mrs. McCullough's sister and her husband, the Floyd Rutherford.

Mrs. Lula Wilson has returned home from Morganton after an extended visit with her son and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Daugherty spent the weekend in Charlotte. Mrs. Barbara Logan recently accepted a position at St. Joseph's Hospital. A dinner was given for Al-night, Oct. 25, at 8 o'clock. The Rock Hill Male Choir will render a program at the church. This is one of the most spiritual groups ever to sing in this area. Be with us

Mr. and Mrs. James Kennedy, Mrs. Grace Greenlee, and Mr. and Mrs. William Hamilton.

With the Sick Bill Stepp entered the VA Hospital in Oteen last Friday. His condition was not good on Monday of this week. Mrs. Lucy Dillingham was on the not so well list this week.

Miss Faye Johnston has not been well for several days.

Death: Relatives and friends were sorry to learn of the recent death of George Greenlee of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Greenlee was a brother of the late Heskiah Greenlee and was formerly from McDowell County. He had lived in Youngstown, Ohio, for some forty or more years. At the time of his death he was living in Columbus, Ohio, with his niece, Mrs. Margaret Greenlee Clinkscales. Funeral services were held on Saturday in Youngstown. Birthday Greetings to: Albert Harper.

GRAND OPENING IS ANNOUNCED FOR SERVICE STATION

Grand opening of the Service Distributing Company, Inc., on Thursday, Friday and Saturday is announced in an advertisement which appears elsewhere in this issue.

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the Owen Freshmen, 14 to 14. Priscilla Miller who was It was hard fought all the hostesses. Mrs. Ruby Knight presented a program, "Your Day back strong in the second Socially". She discussed and half with Danny Bolick scoring on a 35 yard run and Lester Ballard scoring on a 2 yard sneak. Owen led 14 to 7 with 5 seconds left on the clock when H. F. tied it with a pass play and ran the extra point after the game clock had run out. Owen Freshmen play Enka at home at 4:00 P. M. this Thursday.

Sorority Hears Mrs. Knight On "Entertaining"

Gamma Pi Sorority members met Monday night, Sept. 28, in the home of Mrs.

Members were served a dessert course by the hostess. Mrs. Shirley Atkins, President, presided. The following members were present: A. J. Kerlee, Shirley Atkins, Toni Poe, Ruby Knight, Lou Lindsey, Bett Livingston, Jody Brown, Loree Whitaker, Carolyn Higgs, Faye Massey, Rosamond Schneider and the hostess.

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At the Church:

"Study to show thyself approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." II Timothy 2:15.

The following persons recently completed a church study course book and received certificates from the Southern Baptist Convention: William Hamilton, Erlene Hamilton, Joyce Pertiller, Archie Pertiller, Evelyn Jentry, Margaret Daugherty, Elizabeth Harper, Faye Johnston, Maggie Miller, Mary Fortune, Charlie Brown, Cordelia Wilson, Otha Sherrill and Jessie Sherrill. The certificates were presented last Sunday at Training Union.

The Missionary Meeting, scheduled to be held last Sunday afternoon was postponed due to bad weather, but has been rescheduled for this coming Sunday, October 11 at 3 o'clock at the Mills Chapel Church. All ladies of the church are invited to come and share this work with us.

On the fourth Sunday night, Oct. 25, at 8 o'clock, the Rock Hill Male Choir will render a program at the church. This is one of the most spiritual groups ever to sing in this area. Be with us

THAT'S A FACT



SMALLEST...

THE SMALLEST CRAFT TO EVER MAKE A TRANSATLANTIC CROSSING FROM WEST TO EAST WAS N.A. ANDREWS' "SAROLIO". IT WAS ONLY 14 FEET LONG! THE INTREPID ANDREWS LEFT ATLANTIC CITY JULY 2, 1892 AND ARRIVED AT FUZETTA, PORTUGAL, 24 DAYS LATER!

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