

## Greetings From Alpha Art

The Alpha Art Club anticipates with an enormous amount of enthusiasm the meeting of the State Federation of Women's Clubs here in High Point on the fourteenth of May. This club has a special interest in the State Convention, as it is the oldest of the High Point Clubs affiliated with the State Federation and is responsible for the organization of the City Federation.

Organized in 1924, the club at first was purely a social club, but soon came to realize that although social activities were worthwhile, the civic needs of the community demanded attention. The object of the club as revealed by its constitution is to promote the interests of members in art, to aid and promote civic betterment in the town and to aid delinquent Negro girls in North Carolina.

The subsequent history has proven the truth of the saying, "Rest is rust and real life is in love, laughter and work." Women who have been with the organization through the years look back with happiness and pride to many evenings spent in social enjoyment; point to many pieces in their homes that were made by their own hands during club hours; but above all they are glad of the things they have been able to do to help others in the community and the state and particularly Efland Home.

The club is able to boast the fact that Mrs. O. T. Griffin, one of its greatest influential characters was an executive member of the State Federation for a number of years and at the present time Mrs. L. B. Curtright, a charter member of Alpha Art is on the executive board of the Federation.

Annual donations are made to the Red Cross, Community Chest, Empty Stocking Fund, Girls Training School at Kinston, Polio Drive and the Cancer Drive.

Other varied activities of the club have been the support of the Youth Center by a purchase of a piano, the maintenance of a rental shelf at the public library, generous contributions to the Hospital Drive, free lunches to children of need, and maintenance of a linen chest at the hospital.

These civic projects have been heartily supported by the entire community. The club has been made to feel that it has a real place and all members are now willing to agree that they are just as happy working hard to put over some civic project as when spending a quiet evening in some home for recreation.

Among the memorable trips Alpha Art has enjoyed are visits to the Morehead Planetarium in Chapel Hill to witness the Christmas and Easter performances and a day spent sight-seeing on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Each year finds club members preparing articles of handicraft for the annual

## THE ALPHA ART CLUB



Seated, first row, left to right are: Mesdames Lillian B. Merritt, Janie K. Williams, Dahla D. Ingram and Gwendolyn P. Davis. Seated, second row, left to right are: Mesdames Lola B. Curtright, Thenia Y. Brincefield, Terah W. Whitten, Margaret J. Simmons, Cornelia B. Smoot and Mattie J. Haizlip. Standing, third row, left to right, are: Mesdames Ethel B. Ballenger, Ethel P. Wilson, Ora K. Martin, Julia I. Hall, Ethel G. Hughes, president; Mary H. Blackburn, financial secretary; Lavinia M. Greenwood; Sara B. Davis, treasurer; and Alice P. McLeod.

club exhibit. These exhibits are seen by at least three hundred persons annually.

Enthusiasm is inspired each year by a program booklet which among its leaves are words of wisdom. Found in the booklet this year is a . . .

### "RECIPE FOR AN AMERICAN"

Sift one cupful of patriotism with an equal amount of tolerance. Stir in a heaping tablespoonful of ambition, tempered with a proportionate amount of restraint.

Beat well slowly adding the milk of human kindness in bountiful measure. Fold in a half-cup of brotherly love mixed with charity.

Flavor to taste with Christian, Jewish, Mohammedan or any desired extract. Pour mixture into a mold and let it rise in the heat of competitive spirit. Bake at an even temperature.

Frosting may be any desired color: Red, white, brown or yellow.

Serve in unity — enough for one hundred forty million people.

—Robert J. Otsot  
Mrs. S. E. Burford,  
Program Chairman.

Aid to the less fortunate people of High Point is oft-times discussed at the bi-monthly meetings of Alpha Art, whose motto is "To lift as we Climb."

## BLIND BARTIMEUS

Blind Bartimeus at the gates  
Of Jericho in darkness waits;  
He hears the crowd—he hears a breath  
Say, "It's Christ of Nazareth."  
And calls, in tones of agony,  
"Thou Son of David, pity me."

The thronging multitudes increase;  
"Blind Bartimeus, hold thy peace!"  
But still, above the noisy crowd,  
The Beggar's cry is shrill and loud;  
Until they say, "Oh! wouldst thou see?  
Take courage, rise, He calleth thee!"

Then saith the Christ, as silent stands  
The crowd, "What wilt thou at My  
hands?"

And he replies, "O give me light!  
Rabbi, restore the blind man's sight."  
And Jesus answers, "Follow Me,  
Thy faith hath made thy blind eyes see!"

Ye have eyes, yet cannot see,  
In darkness and in misery,  
Recall those mighty Voices Three,  
"Thou Son of David, pity me!"  
"Take courage, rise, He calleth thee!"  
"Thy Faith hath made thy blind eyes see!"

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow