



The Norfleet House in Suffolk, Va.

Cupola House To Host Wassail Bowl Event

The Cupola House Association will host its third annual Wassail Bowl Christmas Party on December 6th, from 5 P.M. until 7 P.M.

The Wassail Bowl, like the Yule log, is a Christmas custom that developed in medieval England. "Wassail" comes from the Anglo Saxon phrase that means "be whole," or "be healthy." A drink from the traditional Wassail Bowl is thus, a toast to the health and prosperity of friends and neighbors.

Residents of Edenton and Chowan County are invited to attend the Wassail Bowl Party, and to bring a small gift of money for the Cupola House. A plate for a "silver offering" will be provided in the hall. Funds will be used to insure the continued preservation of the historic Cupola House, its furniture and grounds.

For the Wassail Party, the Cupola House will be decorated in 18th Century Christmas fashion by the Garden of Eden Club. Local guitarist, Elizabeth Stevens, and Wesley Gregson, an instructor at Elizabeth City State University who plays the recorder, will be accompanied by a madrigal group from Elizabeth City to provide Christmas music for the occasion.

Mr. Poston, 88

Died On Friday

COLUMBIA — Ernest Poston, 88, of Columbia, died Friday in Chowan Hospital.

A native of Lake City, S.C. he was a son of the late John and Tillton Poston and was a retired minister.

He is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Ruth Combs of Hyattsville, Md.; Mrs. Evelyn Wood of Cove City; and Mrs. Ernestine Whittemore of Silver Springs, Md.; three sons: Julian L. Poston of Columbia; Clem S. Poston of Fairfax, Va.; and Paul L. Poston of Fairbanks, Alaska; one-sister, Mrs. Nora Brown of Florence, S.C., and 12 grandchildren.

The body was taken from Swindell-Bass Funeral Home to Cotten Funeral Home in New Bern. A graveside funeral service was held in New Bern Memorial Cemetery Sunday at 2 P.M.

Mrs. R.N. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Clarence Leary, Jr., Mrs. Nelson Crandall, Miss Elizabeth Moore, Mrs. William B. Rosevear, and Mrs. J.G. Wood will receive guests in the hall of the Cupola House. Mrs. William Culpepper, Mrs. Hobart Truesdell, Mrs. John Becker, Mrs. Terrence Boyle, Mrs. Neil Dirom, Mrs. Hood Ellis, Mrs. Roland Vaughn, and Mrs. Alexander Schenck will assist in serving.

The Cupola House Association wishes to thank John Smith for the generous gift of his silver punchbowl for the wassail.

Mrs. Campbell, fund-

Candlelight Tour Set In Suffolk

The Suffolk Nansemond Historical Society will be sponsoring a Candlelight House Tour on December 4 from 3 to 7 P. M. Two 19th Century Suffolk homes will be featured, "Old Magnolias" at 431 North Main Street and the Norfleet House at 210 Bank Street.

Both houses will be decorated with traditional Christmas arrangements and candles. A piano and violin duet will be presented at "Old Magnolias", the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gillette by Mrs. Gillette and Bruce Stewart.

Refreshments will be served at the Norfleet House now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watkins.

Both of these Suffolk

houses were bought and restored by young families who have made them very liveable while retaining the charm and beauty of the period.

"Old Magnolias" was built in 1837 after the "Great Fire" by John B. Wyatt, a sea captain. In 1858, John Wyatt sold the home to Dr. Robert Murray who maintained it during the Civil War when Suffolk was under military rule. Dr. Murray's heirs sold the home in 1891 to Ida Lewish Harper, wife of Luzerne P. Harper, postmaster of Suffolk.

The Norfleet House now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watkins was built in 1883 by Sarah Norfleet. She bought the land for \$450 from Betty King and Mary Moore, daughters of William Moore. She owned the home until it was purchased in 1915 by John

Norfleet for \$1,730 including the property and buildings. John Norfleet, Jr. inherited the house in 1949 and sold it that same year to a Mr. Butler. In 1957 Buck and Marjorie Wells bought the house and bequeathed it to their nephew, Mr. Garland Jones. The Watkins bought the house from Mr. Jones on July 7, 1970, coincidentally the same date that Sarah Norfleet bought the property in 1883.

Counselor Sets Visit

Hazel Tayloe, Job Corps counselor, will be at the Chowan County Department of Social Services during the morning hours of December 28 to interview possible enrollees.

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