

John Shalh
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Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnic 8 July 1978

Dear friend,

Roscoe Fillmore was one of the Maritime's most influential socialist leaders, from the time of his joining the Socialist Party of Canada until his death in 1968. While a member of the Socialist Party, Roscoe agigated for socialism throughout the region and participated in the building of party branches in many Maritime centers. In the 1920s he journæed to the Soviet Union to lend his horticultural skills to the revolution and on his return to Canada settled in Centerville. Roscoe was a founding member of the Communist Party of Canada and devoted much of his time in the 1930s and 1940s to popularizing socialist ideas among the region's working class. In the years before his death Fillmore continued to be an active socialist and was the mentor of many of the younger socialists of the 1950s.

In recognition of the valuable contribution Roscoe made to the cause of socialism, he and his friends gathered annually at the home of Charlie and Kay Murray to celebrate his birthday. This 8 July would have been Roscoe's 91 birthday and to mark the occassion we are inviting socialists from across Nova Scotia to a Roscoe Fillmore Memorial Picnic. The purpose of the afternoon is to bring us together to relax and enjoy fresh strawberrys and the famous Murray Punch Special. Many of Roscoe's friends will be at the Murrays and hopefully we can wrestle a few words from them on his involvement in the Maritime socialist movement.

Date : 8 July (Saturday) if rain 9 July

Location: Charlie and Kay Murray, Connolly Rd., Lower Sackville

Time: 3:30 pm

Food and Refreshments: Hamburgers, hotdogs, salads provided
Murray Punch for refreshment (Those wishing to drink other liquor, please bring your own.)

*** Food and refreshment costs will be divided among all of us attending the picnic. That cost is estimated to be about \$5.00 per person. ***

*** In order to ensure the success of the event, we must have a reply to this invitation before 1 July. (If possible please enclose a cheque.)

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