

### Family Of Former Rubbydub Entertain Skid Row Group

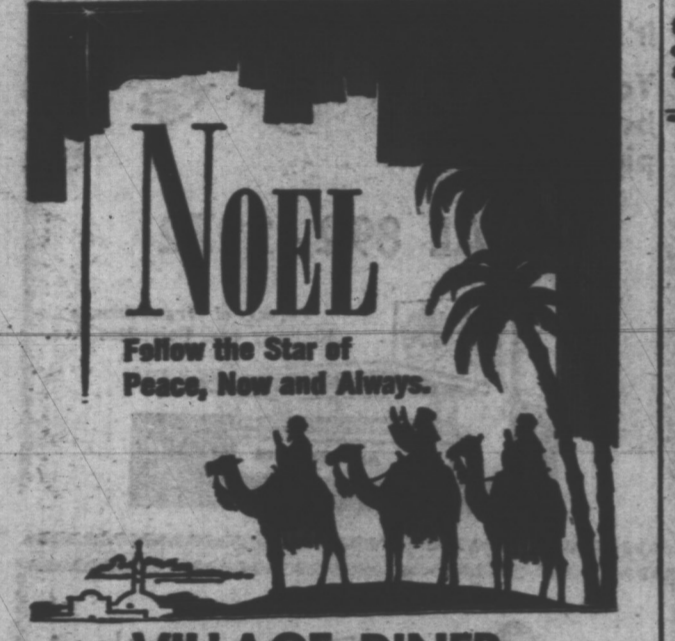
VANCOUVER (CP)—A Christmas dinner by the family of a man who knew the hunger and loneliness of skid row was served here at an east end mission.



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ing men and women was the result of months of planning by Mr. and Mrs. James Archibald and five of their eight children. Mr. Archibald, 42, a life insurance company representative, explained the story behind his family's interpretation of the Christmas spirit: "I was a rubbydub myself 16 years ago and, through the experiences I had with drink, I know what it's like for these people to be up against it."

The people he was referring to are "men and women who have gone off the road, down-and-outers, those who are having a tough time feeding themselves and social outcasts."

Mr. Archibald said he decided during the summer his children should put on a party for the men and women of the Emmanuel Mission.

**WORKED TOGETHER**  
Three of the family still have to reach the money-earning age, but the other five more than made up for that. Lorna, 14, started the ball rolling by finding baby sitting jobs.

Tommy, 12, got himself a paper route and Randy, 11, mowed lawns and picked fruit.

Merrill, 8, earned her pennies from her father by working extra hard around the house.

Through the summer and fall by the time the party was near, the money began to add up and it amounted to more than \$300.

The children invested in two turkeys, weighing a total of almost 30 pounds, and with the help of their parents were able to provide vegetables and Christmas cake to follow.

They had enough money left to present a bag of fruit and candies to each of the 30 guests at their party.

To many of the guests, the

### Pickersgill Asks Railways To Extend 'Freeze' Action

OTTAWA (CP) — Transport Minister Pickersgill has appealed to the railway companies to continue freight rate and rail line abandonment freezes beyond Jan. 1.

He warned the Commons that after that date there is no legal obligation on the railways to do so. But he hoped they would, pending passage of the government's omnibus transportation bill to establish a national transportation policy.

The minister spoke at the Commons began clause - by-clause study of the bill's 30 sections. One major effect of the legislation would be to free the railways from a number of controls on rate-setting and abandonment of services.

Mr. Pickersgill said the railways had frozen certain freight rates and suspended certain line abandonments on the understanding the new regulatory legislation would be in force by Jan. 1.

Archibald children's Christmas treat represented the only festive fare they will get during the holiday.

Said one elderly widow, a financial difficulties because her health will not permit her to work: "These children have made themselves a lot of friends tonight."

An old man, obviously moved by the kindness and natural pleasure the children took in their giving, said: "I think it is very, very wonderful - this night is something the men won't forget."

This now seemed impossible to meet and he urged the MPs to give quick consideration to the clauses, already examined at length in a parliamentary committee.

**TIME SAID LACKING**  
Jack Horner (PC - Acadia) charged the government with mismanaging Commons business so badly that too little time was left for full examination of the bill.

Ed Schreyer (NDP - Springfield) said it is the government's fault that it is embarrassed by the Jan. 1 deadline and the cabinet and railways would have to work out some agreement to honor the bill's

spirit and intent until Parliament approves it.

Mr. Horner predicted that the final result of passage of the legislation will be higher freight rates with a resulting inflationary impact on the economy. Living costs would rise.

The railways some years ago had started steps to abandon some 4,000 miles of track out of the 9,500 on the Prairies. The government had put a temporary stop to applications covering 2,200 miles.

The Prairies wanted to know whether these abandonment applications would be dealt with by the present board of transport commissioners or by the new transportation commission.

Mr. Schreyer said areas of primary production will suffer under the new legislation, which shifts from regulation to competition as the means of protecting the public interest.

### MONTAGUE

In dealing with the bill, Mr. Pickersgill also referred to provisions for the railways to pay grants in lieu of taxes in the calendar years after the legislation comes into force.

He said he hopes the CPR for the sake of good public relations will pay these grants. In 1967 since the legislation apparently won't be in force by Jan. 1.

The CNR would look at its position on this matter but Mr. Pickersgill made no promise what step the publicly-owned system will take.

**SET INQUEST DATE**  
DORION, Que. (CP) — Police Chief Jean Lapointe said Thursday a coroner's inquest into the school bus-train level-crossing tragedy here Oct. 8 in which 19 teen-agers were killed, will open Jan. 9. Twenty youngsters survived the crash.

### Elton and children, Cheryl and Mark of Lower Montague, left last week for British Columbia to spend the Christmas season with Mr. MacKinnon's sisters, Mrs. Charles Harvath of Fruitvale and Minnie MacKinnon of Cranbrook.

James Campbell of Moncton, N.B. recently spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Campbell, Whim Road.

### 1970 FAIR IN JAPAN

MONTREAL (CP) — Representatives of Montreal news media, swamped with advance material on Expo 67 opening here April 28, Thursday received a reminder that another world's fair will be held in 1970. The reminder was in the form of a Christmas card from the Japan Association for the 1970 World Exposition. To be known as Expo '70, the fair will be held at Osaka.

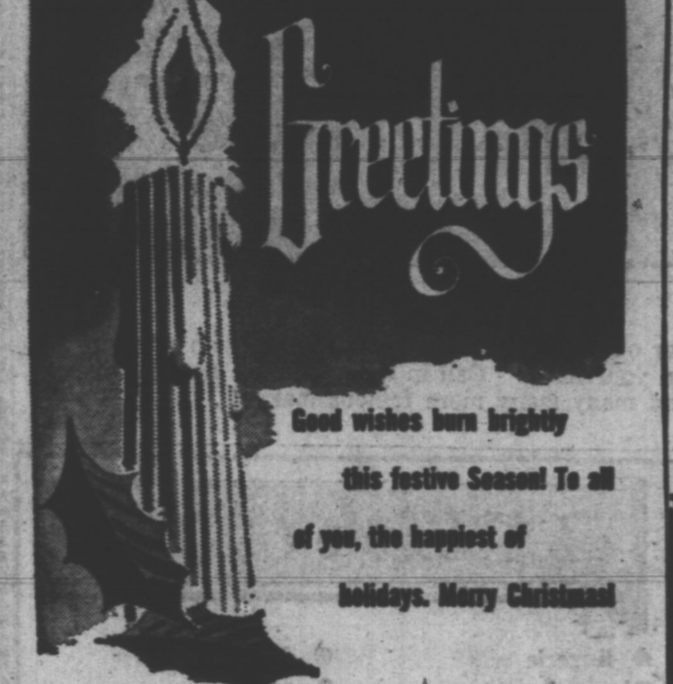


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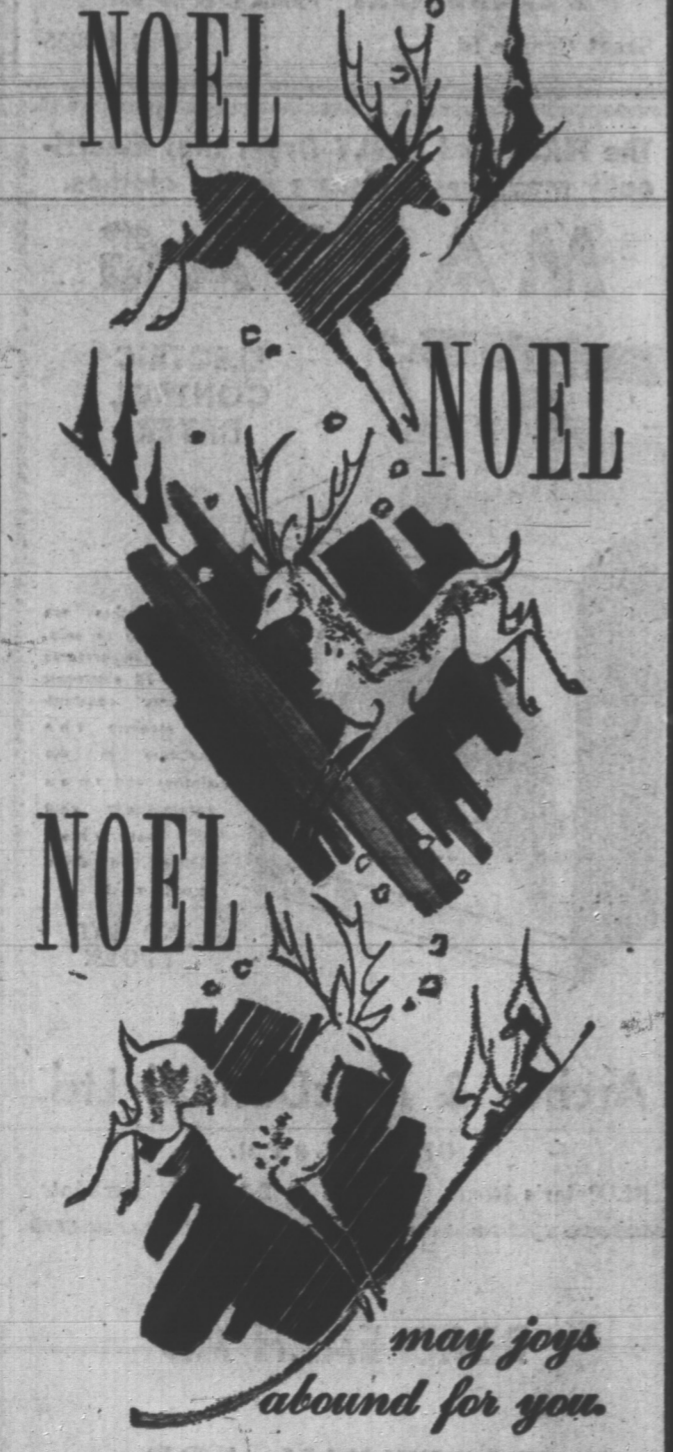


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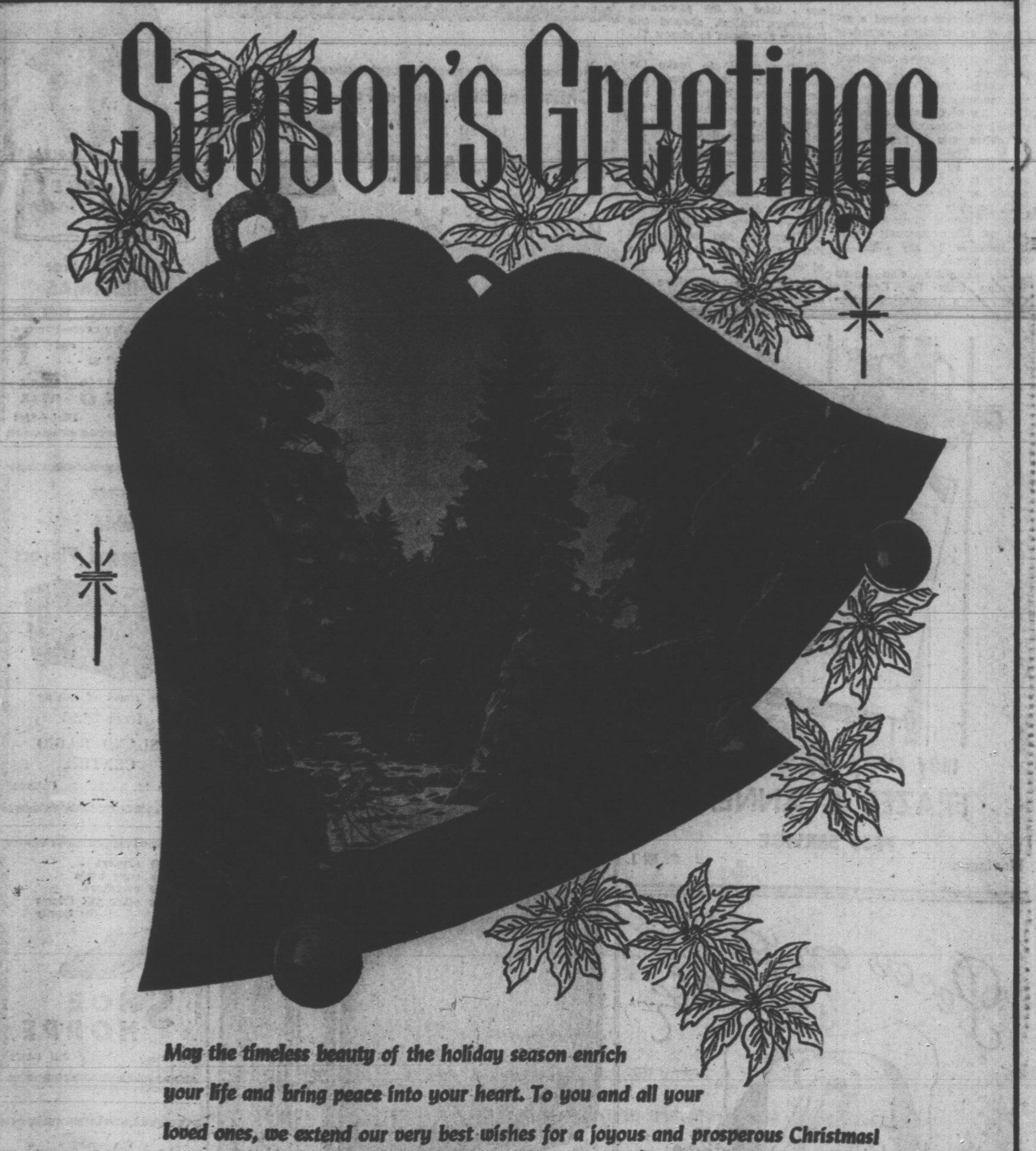


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