

Ronald Sinclair (Ra Hould)

Titles: 14 Sources: 1 Stills: 6

Born: Richard Arthur Hould; Dunedin, New Zealand; January 21st 1924
Died: Los Angeles; November 22nd 1992



RA HOULD in PARAMOUNT PICTURES

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From **"DANGEROUS HOLIDAY"** – before he Anglicised his name

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The Moving Picture Boy entry:

"The aristocratic Sinclair had a New Zealand father and a British mother; his real name was Richard Arthur Hould. Having made a modest four-year old stage debut as an elf, he found himself in 1933 acting with Sybil Thorndike at a Dunedin theatre.

Billed as "Ra Hould", he had the main child part in **"DOWN ON THE FARM"**, New Zealand's first talkie. Then, on Miss Thorndike's advice, his parents took him not to England (their original idea) to further his movie ambitions, but to Hollywood. It worked, and he got a part in **"BELOVED ENEMY"**.

At the end of 1937, for **"THOROUGH-BREDS DON'T CRY"** (a film with Rooney and Judy Garland) he changed his performing name from Ra Hould to Ronald Sinclair. It did no harm. Nor did playing young Scrooge in **"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"**. The out-rageously handsome youth continued to thrive.

Three more **"Little Peppers"** films absorbed Sinclair's energies in 1940; he was also in **"THAT HAMILTON WOMAN"** (41) and **"DESPERATE JOURNEY"** (42). The other Pepper boys were Charles Peck (the rich boy in

"DEAD END"), Tommy Bond ("Butch" from **"Our Gang"**) and Jimmy Leake.

After World War Two Ronald Sinclair abandoned acting and learnt the craft of film editor, which he practised for the next 25 years. Films he worked on included - for Roger Corman - **"THE PREMATURE BURIAL"**, **"THE RAVEN"** and, oddly enough, another **"TOWER OF LONDON"**."



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Sassy broad corners Ronald in **"FIVE LITTLE PEPPERS AND HOW THEY GREW"**

Source: *The Moving Picture Boy*

FILMOGRAPHY

Year	Age	Title	Role
deb	35	11	As RA HOULD:
	36	12	DOWN ON THE FARM
	37	13	BELOVED ENEMY
	37		BOOTS AND SADDLES
	37		DANGEROUS HOLIDAY
			with <i>Bobby Winkler</i>
	37		A DOCTOR'S DIARY
			with <i>Scotty Beckett, Mickey Kuhn</i>
			As RONALD SINCLAIR:
	37		THOROUGHBREDS DON'T CRY
			with <i>Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland</i>
	38	14	A CHRISTMAS CAROL
			Ebenezer Scrooge as a boy
			with <i>Terry Kilburn, Clifford Severn Jr</i>
	39	15	FIVE LITTLE PEPPERS AND HOW THEY GREW
			with <i>Edith Fellows, Charles Peck, Tommy Bond, Jimmy Leake</i>
	39		THE LIGHT THAT FAILED
	39		THEY MADE ME A CRIMINAL
	39		TOWER OF LONDON
			with <i>John Herbert-Bond, Donnie Dunagan</i>
	40	16	FIVE LITTLE PEPPERS AT HOME
			with <i>Edith Fellows, Charles Peck, Tommy Bond, Jimmy Leake, Bobby Larson</i>
	40		FIVE LITTLE PEPPERS AT SCHOOL / FIVE LITTLE PEPPERS IN TROUBLE
			with <i>Edith Fellows, Charles Peck, Tommy Bond, Jimmy Leake, Bobby Larson, Freddie Mercer</i>
	40		OUT WEST WITH THE PEPPERS
			with <i>Ronald Sinclair, Bobby Larson</i>
	41	17	THAT HAMILTON WOMAN
	42	18	DESPERATE JOURNEY



Nothing like a good brawl to cement transatlantic friendship – as shown in **"THOROUGHBREDS DON'T CRY"**
(Rooney's an arrogant jockey, Sinclair an English boy with a horse to race.) Source: The Moving Picture Boy