



### "SPARE ALADDIN" PETITION DEMANDS

THE EMPEROR (ED BURMAN) listens as a Peking peasant (June Scullay) reads a petition asking that Aladdin's life be spared in this scene from the Globe Productions pantomime to be presented during the holiday season. Also hearing the peasant's plea are Abdulla (Tony Haywood), and the Princess (Joyce Van Loewen). The show is being rehearsed in the vacant garage at the corner of Main and James Streets.

### United Church Women Choose 1966 Officers

Officers and committee chairmen for 1966 were elected at a meeting of St. John's United Church Women Wednesday December 1.

Mrs. D. MacLaren was elected president, but the officers of last year were not killed. The past president is Mrs. L. E. King and honourary president Mrs. I. M. Fleming.

Mrs. E. MacArthur is recording secretary, Mrs. D. French corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. B. Wilson treasurer, Mrs. E. Hall envelope secretary.

The committee chairmen are Mrs. W. Brownridge Christian

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### ASHGROVE

Mrs. R. J. Graham last week enjoyed a four day visit with her friend Mrs. Peter Dick in Brampton.

The most wonderful season of the year is fast approaching. May the birthday of our saviour ever be the centre of our Christmas celebration, as well as the centre of our lives throughout next year.

### LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

BY BILL COATS

One of the methods of developing tricks at contract bridge is to lead toward your high cards. This is a rule that I give to new bridge players, in my instruction class. It's lucky that I follow my own advice for I was the only declarer to make high tricks at spades on the following hand.

This is Board No. 18 from last Monday night's duplicate bridge game at the Acton Bridge Club.

Dealer — West.  
Both sides vulnerable.

North  
S-A Q 4 3  
H-10 9 5  
D-Q J 5  
C-Q 8 7

West East  
S-8 6 S-9 2  
H-A J 3 2 H-Q 7 4  
D-A 8 7 4 D-K 10 6 3  
C-10 9 3 C-A J 8 2

South  
S-K J 10 7 5  
H-K 8 6  
D-9 3  
C-K 5 4

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass Pass Pass 1 S  
Pass 1 S All Pass

I was most surprised to find that there were three passes before me. I didn't feel like opening South's hand but this was duplicate bridge and I did have a nice spade suit. I am very glad that my partner didn't jump to three spades.

East-West played a neutral defense which made things very difficult. West led a trump, won in South's hand. A diamond trick is essential to the contract. Since neither opponent made a bid, there is a good chance that the diamond hold-ups are split.

Declarer led a diamond. West played low, the jack from dummy and East won with his king. East led another trump, won in South's hand. Another diamond lead produced the ace from West, who continued with another diamond. On this diamond, declarer pitched a club.

Now a club is led and the king wins. A club returned and East wins and leads a third club. Declarer ruffs the club, enters dummy with a trump and leads a heart. The defense is dead for South just plays the heart eight.

West wins and must either

lead a heart to declarer's king or give a ruff and a sluff. The key play in this hand is the early lead towards dummy's diamond honors. It is essential to make one diamond trick and this must be done early.

Remember to lead up towards your high cards. Make at least one defender play his cards before you have to play your high ones.

Monday's Winners:  
1st, Bill Hamilton and Lou Bertozzi; 2nd, Bill Waddell and Bill Coats; 3rd, Duke Wilson and Mike Lorusso.

### Hold First Euchre Plan More Later

At a Georgetown Lawn Bowling Club euchre at the home of Mrs. George Muckart, Young St., prizes went to high man Ed Yeeers, high woman Mrs. S. Sabir and second high Mrs. J. Williamson. Low man was Albert Pattenden. A lucky draw was won by William Cromar. Lunch was served by the ladies' section. More such evenings will be held in the future.

Mrs. MacLaren opened the meeting with a poem and devotional followed conducted by Unit F. The singing of White Shepherd's Watched opened the devotion period. Miss Mabel Forgrave read the scripture and Mrs. C. Buck and Mrs. V. Sinclair each read a Christmas message.

A group of girls from the junior choir favoured the members with the singing of two carols, and Mrs. B. Shrubsole closed this portion of the meeting with a prayer.

Seven members of Unit C presented a skit. The Gift Money Can't Buy, the message being the gift of love, not only at Christmas but all year round.

Various announcements were included in the business part of the meeting. Mrs. D. Latimer reported that a U.C.W. bazaar held recently was quite successful and plans would be underway early in 1966 for another.

Rev. Ian Fleming presided over the election of the 1966 officers, and at its conclusion pronounced the benediction. A lunch was served by Unit A. Thanks to the ladies was expressed by Mrs. J. Hamilton.

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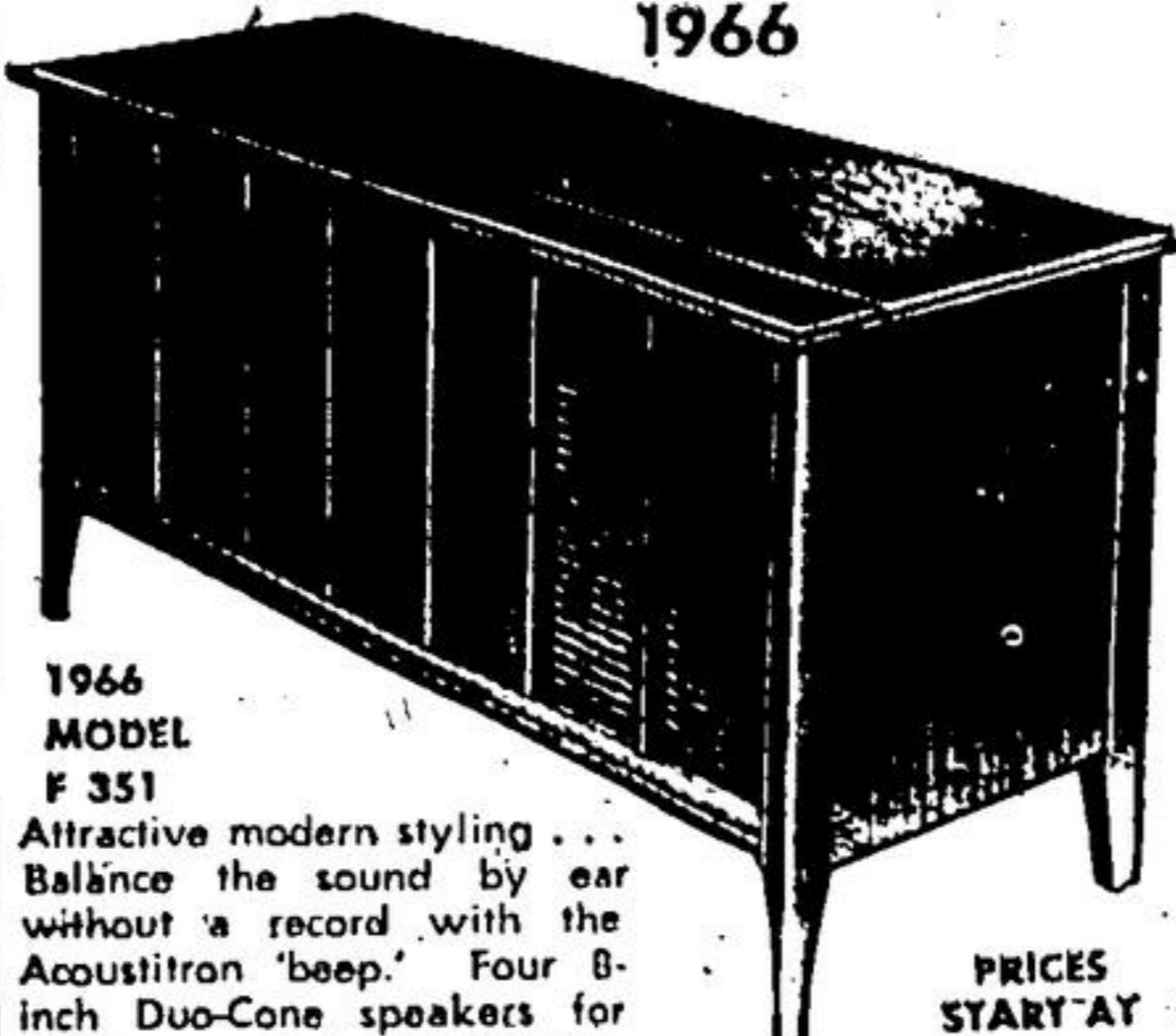
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