

Magical toyland

Santa Claus has a most comfortable place to stay during his visit to Markville Shopping Centre this year. He greets local youngsters in the replica of a train station complete with train, water tower and level crossings. — Greg Coates

Special guest at the Zoo

The Metro Toronto Zoo has invited a special guest to visit the zoo during weekends in December and he has accepted. Santa Claus will be at the zoo on December 10 and 11, and 17 and 18.

Santa will have his sleigh parked in front of the Americas restaurant and he will be greeting children from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Santa will also be bringing along some of his Reindeer.

Children will have an opportunity to have their picture taken with Santa and the instant photos will be selling for \$4.

Children are invited to bring their letters to Santa Claus, containing a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They should be addressed to: Santa Claus, North Pole, Canada, H0H 0H0.

Inside the restaurant, McDonald's will be selling hot drinks, juice and cookies.

After visiting Santa, visitors can walk to many of the zoo's most popular exhibits. The Polar bears are always active and they are treated to a special fish snack each day at noon.

Photographers will want to visit the zoo's White Tiger in her home across from the Australasia Pavilion. For visitors with a love of birds, the zoo offers a free flying Bird Demonstration in the meadow area at 1 p.m. each day.

Watch hawks, owls, falcons and eagles being flown. Camel rides take place each

weekend from 1-3 p.m. at a cost of \$1. Admission to the zoo is \$3.50 adults, \$1.50 seniors and youths (12-17); \$1 children 11 and under and four and under are free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Parking is free. The zoo is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with last admissions at 3:30 p.m.

A YSO Christmas

The York Symphony Orchestra's Christmas season started off with a Young People's Concert, Saturday at Richvale Community Centre.

Lisa Kim, an 11-year-old pianist, was featured. On the program were seasonal favorites such as Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty and Humperdinck's Hansel and Gretel.

In a second seasonal event, the orchestra, the Cantabile Chorale and organist Victor McCorrey are brought

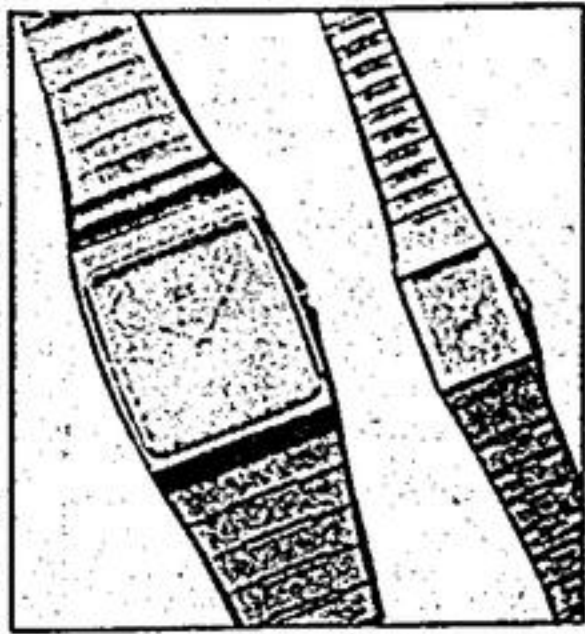
together Dec. 9 and 10 at Marylake Shrine in King City for a Christmas concert.

Shows on both nights start at 8:30 p.m. There will also be a matinee Dec. 10 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students. They can be obtained at Bigg's Gallery in Aurora, Sam the Record Man stores at Hillcrest Mall and Markville Shopping Centre, and the Information Kiosk at Thornhill Square.

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