

LEEDS CHILDREN'S DAY

It's a great day for the kids in Leeds as they gather in thousands at Roundhay Park - no they're not the Everest conquerors, just part of a grand fancy dress parade among the many items on the programme for Leeds' own Children's Day.

Alderman Cowling and Mrs. Cowling, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress lead the procession of the "Queen of Children's Day" for the crowning ceremony. Jacqueline Kneeshaw of the Roseville Secondary Modern School has been selected from many applicants as this year's Queen. Now the Lady Mayoress performs the Coronation ceremony.

The crowned Queen of Children's Day leaves the dais, escorted by eight attendants and two train bearers.

Another function performed by the Lady Mayoress is helping to judge the "healthy children's section." And even if some of the babies weren't born with silver spoons in their mouths, well better late than never. For that's the prize for the winners - a handsome silver spoon.

The Lord Mayor looks on as 792 children from 41 local schools take part in a magnificent display of English country dancing.

The Queen and her court watch closely as 720 children combine in a real old-timer, a Maypole dance.

"The best time we've had for years" is the verdict of all the children in Leeds on this, their own day.