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### LEEDS CHILDREN'S DAY.

It's the greatest day of her life for Susan Clarkson, descending the steps of Leeds Town Hall for the procession to Roundhay Park. For 15-year-old Susan, a prefect at Allerton Grange Country Secondary School, is Queen of Children's Day, and she's on her way to be crowned. Today, everything else in Leeds comes to a standstill for twelve hours, while the town concentrates on giving its children a day they will remember for many months to come.

After the Queen's car, the gaily-decorated floats with their tableaux of boys and girls - for this celebration is not only for children, with grown-ups of course glad to be allowed to take part, but by children. At Roundhay Park the crowd is 60,000 strong and still growing, as the moment approaches for the Lady Mayress Mrs. Hiley, to crown Susan the Queen of Children's Day.

The Lord Mayor, Alderman Joseph Hiley, addresses the huge crowd. His years of experience in public formality are matched by young Queen Susan's natural dignity as she walks round the arena before the massed display begins. Hundreds of schoolchildren are ready to stage this display, and weeks of careful rehearsal are rewarded when the audience shows its appreciation of a truly professional performance.

Most colourful item of all is the maypole dance.

Now the older children give a mass display of advanced P.T.

Other towns and cities in Britain hold special events for children - but surely nowhere are they on such a scale as this. Today the people of Leeds think of little else but Children's Day; and they pride themselves on having the biggest and best children's day in the country - perhaps in the world. As for the children themselves, whether they're watching or taking part, they're having the time of their lives - and tomorrow, they'll be counting the days to next July.