

Leeds rush for "Tom Sawyer"

ABOUT 3,000 children have made Leeds Art Centre Children's Theatre's Christmas production, "Tom Sawyer," at Leeds Civic Theatre, a record sell-out.

When booking opened one day this month there was a rush from schools which had organised parties, and parents wanting to book for their children; next day there was hardly a seat left.

"It was like a stampede," Mrs. A. Brown, who has been secretary of Leeds Children's Theatre since 1938, told me, "and after the first day we were virtually booked up."

THE play is being presented from December 4 to 9, when over 3,500 people will see it.

Apart from a break during the war, Leeds Children's Theatre amateurs have been presenting delightful children's plays since 1933. Usually they have two separate productions a year, but the demand for "Tom Sawyer" has been so great the play is to be repeated during March 12 to 17.

"And we look like having full

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houses in 1951, too," said Mrs. Brown, "bookings for March are already pretty heavy."