## Cheremosh Dancers celebrate Alberta's 75

They spin and gyrate before They have successfully toured your eyes in an incredible kaleidoscope of colors and when they're finished you feel guilty about that spare flab you've always been planning to lose. But you also feel tremendously entertained and more aware of another culture, and that, for Edmonton's Cheremosh

Dancers, is what it's all about.
The word "Cheremosh" comes from a boisterous and impetuous river in the Western Ukraine's Carpathian Mountains and it equally applies to the vivacious style of Ukrainian folk dance as demonstrated by the Cheremosh Dancers.

This weekend the dancers will be kicking their heels high and flashing the most authentic and varied wardrobe of any Ukrainian dance group in Canada as they celebrate Alberta's 75th anniversary.

Their concerts at the Jubilee Auditorium will feature regional and contemporary dance styles staged with re-enactments of the historic struggle of the Ukrainian people and the building of their agrarian way of life.

If anyone doubts the validity of the Cheremosh Dancers they should first examine the credentials of its founder, Chester Kuc. Perhaps no man has done as much for the acceptance of Ukrainian dance in Alberta as Kuc. Kuc started teaching Ukrainian dance 26 years ago, after having received a thorough childhood training in Ukrainian folk dancing and music. In 1959 he formed Edmonton's Shumka Dancers and then left this troupe in 1969 to form the Cheremosh Dancers. Under his persevering leadership, the group has grown from 20 to 100 dancers.

· Since its inception, and especially in the last few years, the Cheremosh Dancers have taken their brand of Ukrainian dancing to many different places.

the Southwestern United States and have visited Belgium, Greece, Italy, Norway, Spain, Turkey and Germany. In 1977 they danced before 16,000 at an International Folklore Festival in Sidemouth, England.

Ukrainian dancing demands the utmost in physical conditioning, coordination, and Ukrainain Bookstore and at the vitality. Not surprisingly it door.

remains a showcase for the young. However, you don't have to be young to watch, enjoy and learn. The Cheremosh Dancers are for everyone.

The Cheremosh Dancers will be giving two concerts at the Jubilee; 8:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$6 and \$4 at Woodwards, the





