

# Clubs To Square Dance On Large Outdoor Floor

Setting the square dance theme at the fair this year will be the statewide festival of Oregon's young federation of square dance clubs.

An estimated 1,500 to 2,000 costumed dancers will participate in festival events Friday through Sunday on an indoor square dance floor just inside the Fairgrounds entrance.

Square dance instructors, Frank and Caroline Hamilton of Pasadena, Calif., will head all clinic and workshop periods at the festival. They will give instruction in round dances and square dance calling.

Music for dance programs all three days will be played by recording artist Eddie "K" Knechtges of Vancouver, Wash. Impromptu dancing will also be held Friday and Saturday afternoon.

There will be several dance exhibitions including a contra and teen age exhibition Saturday night.



**FESTIVAL PLANS** were co-ordinated by Curley Reynolds of Roseburg, shown here with his wife Georgia. Reynolds helped schedule events for the program and was one of the many local club members who arranged the festival.

## THE COVER

The swirling skirts and dancing figures on the cover of this section represent the square dance theme of the 1957 Douglas County Fair. Pictured are members of the Boots and Calico, Buckeroos, and Hayloft Squares dance clubs of Douglas County. They will be part of the festival of the Oregon Federation of Square Dance Clubs held in conjunction with the fair.

A style show will be presented by the Castle-Eighters club of Portland during the intermission of the dance Saturday night.

Dances Friday and Saturday night will be called by 52 guest callers, each calling one dance. The callers come from clubs all over Oregon, with one each from California and Washington. Representing Douglas County clubs are Norval Cockeram and Curley Reynolds of Roseburg and Elsie Downs of Sutherlin. Masters of ceremonies at the dances will include Mel Stricklett of Portland and Doug Fosbury of Medford Friday, and Clude Charters of Salem and Bill Cyphert of Springfield Saturday.

Instructors working with the

Hamiltons during the festival will include Roland Onfroy of Boise, Idaho, Shirley Anders of Portland, Wally and Sunny Lutz of Spokane, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pederson of Vancouver, Wash.

The federation will hold a business meeting Saturday at 1 p.m. to determine the fate of the festival. Oregon is the only state where an annual festival has not been a regular event. The state federation, which is only 15 years old, has about 4,500 members now. Participation in the classes and dances of the festival is open to the public for a \$3.50 fee. The registration charge is \$1.75 for youths from 12 to 19, and 75 cents for younger dancers. Registration will open at the Fairgrounds 10 a.m. Friday.

## Rodeo Turnout Estimates Vary

Rodeo, the most unique sport in America, is also one of the largest. Guesses on annual attendance are plentiful and highly contradictory, ranging from 10 to 53 million. Whatever the exact figure, it ranks among the top sports in America, just behind football and baseball as a crowd-getter.

This sport is unusual in that it is of native origin. Other popular spectator sports of this country have all originated in some similar form in other sections of the globe. Rodeo however, first saw the light of day, as such, in the Southwest.

The term rodeo itself has been rather late in arriving. Until the 1920's contests such as those found in present day rodeos were known by various titles — such as — stampedes, roundups and frontier days. Rodeo is still principally a community project, organized by local groups as a form of entertainment found most satisfying to the greatest number of people.

There is no way to estimate accurately the attendance at all rodeos since there is no way to even

count the contests held each year outside the jurisdiction of the Rodeo Cowboy Assn. A generally accepted figure is that all other rodeos, including junior, high school, collegiate and amateur contests should add another 11 or 12 million to the overall attendance.

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