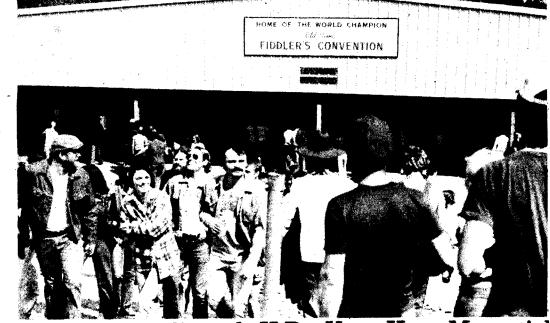
## r Blues Away!



The newly-dedicated H.P. Van Hoy Memorial Coliseum - named for the founder of the Fiddler's Convention.



ho's decided it's about time on to business.



prepared. Last year, my first trip down, I didn't ograss festival in Union Grove, North Carolina? North Carolina.....down-South, deep-in-theh Carolina. I had pictured about half-a-million His name is Jeff, and his hat says it all.



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Convention and Competition in Union Grove re) every year. It's been held on Easter weekend d is far from redneck. In fact, if you get right of generalization about the crowd that you can ; and 2) they know how to party.

en, belting down moonshine and beating the s who had the balls to invade "their" festival.

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