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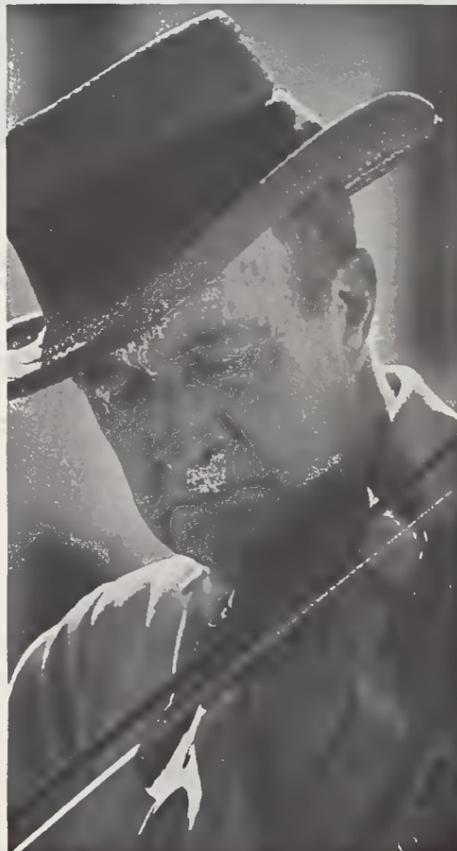
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*Byard Ray, a long-time fixture at Bascom Lamar Lunsford Festivals, demonstrates the fine points of making his mountain fiddle sing.*

*Photo by John Campbell*

## Craftsmen, Musicians to Gather for Annual Festival

The 9th annual Bascom Lamar Lunsford "Minstrel of the Appalachias" has been set for September 30, October 1 and 2. Billed as the "world's most authentic festival of mountain music and dancing," the festival was established by Lunsford and Mars Hill pharmacist Ed Howard.

Lunsford, internationally known for his vast knowledge of mountain ballads, music and dancing, worked at a number of professions before returning to his first love, mountain music. He became a virtual one-man repository of old tunes and conducted a crusade to rekindle the pride of his own people in their music.

He was born on the campus here, where his father served as president during the 1870s and his mother oversaw one of the residence halls. He maintained close contact with the college and donated many of his manuscripts, recordings,

and instruments to the college. He said that he first learned ballad singing and banjo picking as a child on the mountain campus; and of all the festivals he founded, this is the only one he allowed to carry his name.

The festival, expanded to three days in 1974, will again feature a Thursday night devoted to mountain dancing, both clog and smooth. The event will be held in the gymnasium of the Madison County High School in Marshall starting at 7:30 p.m. Beginning, junior and adult classes will be featured. An admission charge of 50¢ for all students and \$1.00 for adults will be made. The money raised during the weekend will go to support the Southern Appalachian Center.

One of the primary functions of the Lunsford Festival

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## Faculty Additions Total Sixteen

Sixteen new people have been added to the Mars Hill College faculty. The new members join the departments of Music, Social and Behavioral Sciences, English, Math, Education, Allied Health, Religion, Business, and Physical Education.

Mr. J. Gary Armstrong, Instructor in the Music Department, received his BME from Murray State University and his MM from Catholic University.

Dr. Donald Bearden, Instructor in the Music Department, received his BM from Samford University and his MCM from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Richard E. Getty, Associate Professor in the De-

partment of Social and Behavioral Sciences, secured his BA from William Jewell College and his MA from the University of Missouri.

Mrs. Kay Gregory, of the English Department, has received her BA from Mars Hill College and her MA from East Tennessee State University.

Dr. Phillip A. Hartman, Assistant Professor in the Math Department, received his BS from Auburn University, his MA from the University of South Florida, and his PhD from Emory University.

Ms. Laurel Horton, Instructor in the Education Department, received her BA and MSIS from the University of Kentucky.

Mrs. Susan Kiser, Assistant

Professor in the Math Department, received her AA from Mars Hill College, her BS from Appalachian State, and her MA from UNC at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Michael Allan Kraft, Instructor in the Religion Department, received his BA from the University of California and his MA and PhD from the New School for Sociological Research.

Dr. H. Neal McKenzie, Associate Professor in the Department of Business Administration and Economics, received his BS from Auburn University and his PhD from Georgia State University.

Mrs. Linda O. Masburn, Director of the Allied Health

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