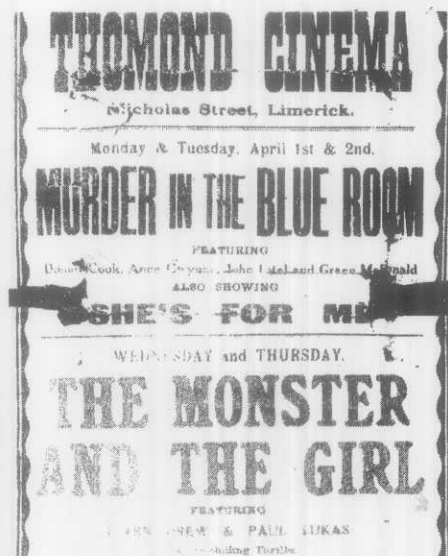


THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD

BY E.C.

Memories of The Thomond Cinema



● Memories of the Thomond Cinema were revived this week when I was shown one of the two colour (red and blue) posters which were such a popular feature of the era of this cinema.

● The late "Paver" Dillon opened this cinema in Nicholas Street in the 1930's and its policy of three changes of programme each week followed the trend set by such established local houses as the Tivoli and the Coliseum.

● The Thomond was famous for its serials - when an eighteen minute chapter held a generation of youngsters in suspense from week to week. The serial, of course, ensured that we came back to the cinema each week (sometimes up to fifteen weeks in a row) to see the serial in full.

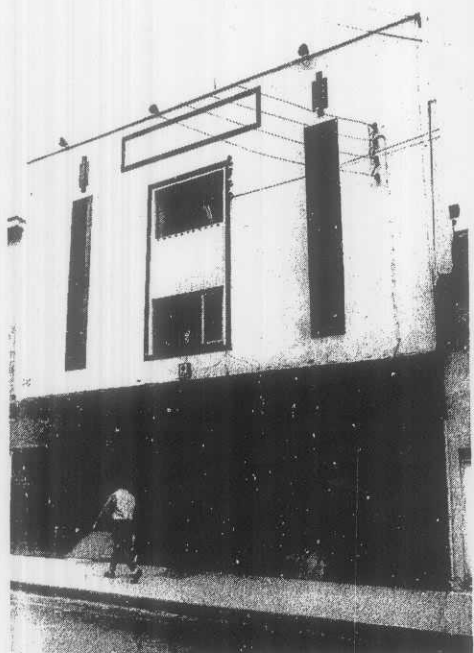
● These films are quite often shown on television these days and prove just as fascinating to the young boys and girls of to-day. Universal Films were the main suppliers of programmes to the Thomond Cinema - a house which was kept neat and clean by a most conscientious staff.

● I must thank former Thomond projectionist, Paddy Greaney, for this poster, which he unearthed quite by accident.

● Paddy joined the Thomond staff in 1942, and down through the years has worked in many local cinemas.

● I was a regular "Thomondite" until the arrival of the palatial Savoy in 1935.

● Thirty months later I was handling all the advertising requirements for this magnificent new cinema in Bedford Row - a story which I will tell in the next month or two.



● The frontage of the former Thomond Cinema as it looks today.

DOON FESTIVAL '85

DOON FESTIVAL '85 opens a ten days run this Friday with an official opening ceremony followed by a fun run, an open-air talent competition, and then dancing to the music of Ireland's biggest orchestra-The Maurice Mulcahy Orchestra.

● This Saturday will feature Radio 2 DJ Mike McNamara in a disco spectacular, and the Gallowglass Band will be on the bandstand this Sunday.

● Fringe events abound each night, including Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and there will be dancing to live bands on Friday, July 26 (Red Hurley); Saturday, July 27 (Town and Country Band); and the curtain comes down on Sunday, July 28 with Lucky Numbers.

● The committee are to be congratulated on the excellent package of dances and fringe events which they have put together for the enjoyment of the residents and visitors to the Doon area.

● It is heartening to see the old traditions being upheld despite the trying times in which we live, and presentations such as this deserve the unstinted support of all who can attend the



● THE MAURICE MULCAHY ORCHESTRA.



DOON FESTIVAL '85

Friday, July 19 to Sunday, July 28, 1985

This Friday, at 9 p.m.—OFFICIAL OPENING.

This Friday, at 8.30 p.m.—5 Mile Fun Run.

This Friday at 9.30—Open Air Talent Competition. Dancing—

MAURICE MULCAHY

This Saturday, at 8 p.m., Camogie Final At 9 p.m.—Street Mile Races. Disco—

MICHAEL McNAMARA

This Sunday, at 7.30 p.m.—Junior Hurling Tournament Final. Dancing—

GALLOWGLASS BAND