

# LIMERICK CHRONICLE

Celebrating  
250 years -  
1768-2018

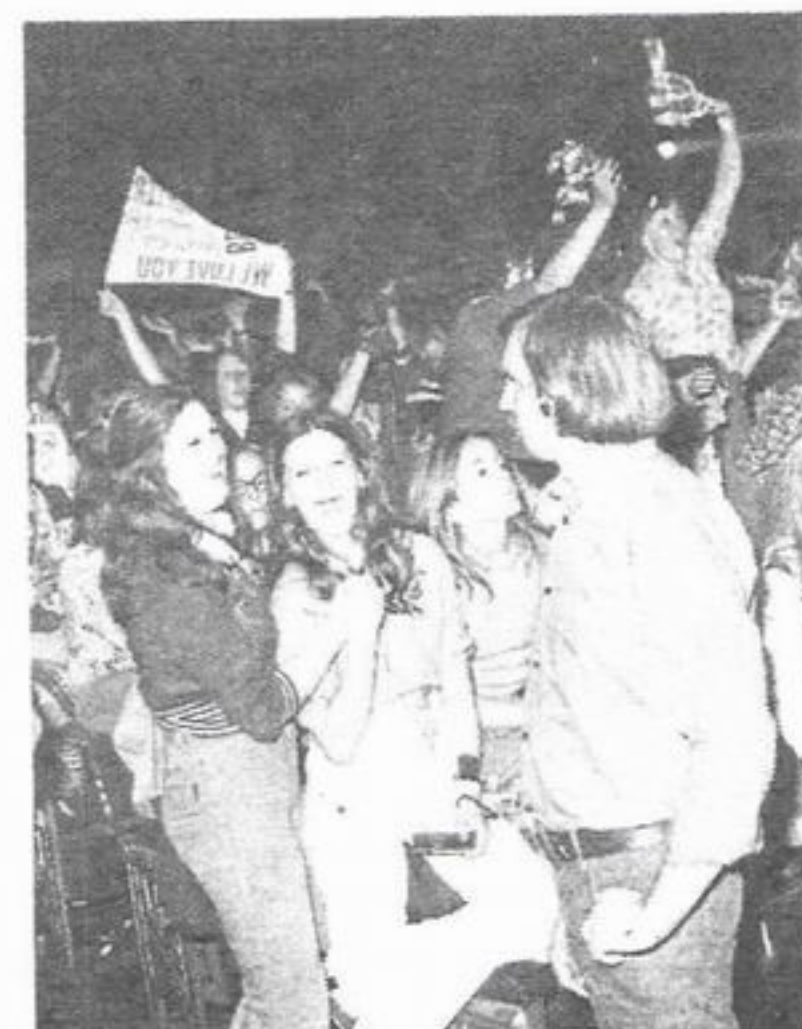
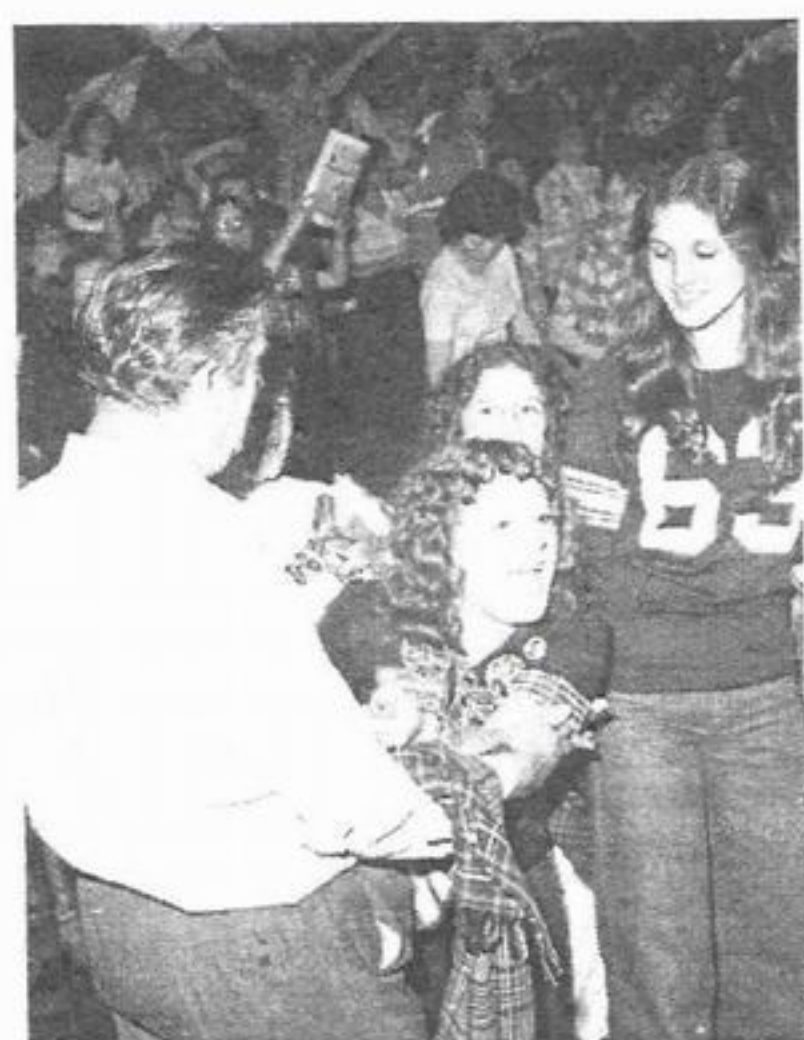
DOWN MEMORY LANE WITH THE COUNTRY'S OLDEST TITLE

INSIDE THIS WEEK



**High-flying Lady Mary Heath led a truly amazing life**

THEN & NOW: PAGE 40



Screaming teenage fans welcomed the Bay City Rollers to the Savoy in late September 1976. One thousand fans turned up at the theatre which at the time could seat 1,500

## Riotous Rollermania arrives

**R**OLLER MANIA hit the Savoy last night as the Bay City Rollers played before 1,000 screaming fans...

But there were 500 empty seats; presumably because of fears of riotous scenes.

Some girls fainted with excitement in scenes reminiscent of Beatlemania sweeping the United States in the 1960s.

There were 70 security men on duty inside The Savoy.

They were aided by Gardai, who operated both in and outside the premises, but their job was made relatively easy by the well-behaved crowd.

The inside of the theatre re-

sembled Old Trafford with scarves and banners being raised high in the air.

The audience chanted, "We want the Rollers!"

While the concert was without a doubt a tremendous success and enjoyed by all that attended, it was a little disappointing that the Rollers only performed for only 50 minutes.

The Savoy manager, Mr. Pat Ryan, said this Friday he was very happy with the outcome of the concert and added there was no damage was caused to the building during the show.

"I have the greatest confidence in the youth of the country," he added.

The teenyboppers who came

from Dublin, Cork, and Galway, as well as other parts of the country, were outside The Savoy as early as 5 p.m. waiting for their heroes to arrive.

Scottish teenagers were selling banners, badges, and flags of their compatriots throughout Thursday.

The group played many numbers from their new L.P. "Dedication," which is due to be released this Friday.

The show finished with their current hit single "Only Want To Be With You," and raced from the hall into their coaches, with the Limerick faithful screaming for more.

Although there were 500 empty seats in the theatre, there were 500 empty seats in the theatre.

The promoter of the show, Mr. Maurice Cassidy said he was very pleased with the turnout, and explained the Edinburgh group were in Limerick on a promotional stint for their new record, and not just for making profit from the show.

He said the group would appear on RTE on October 6th on the Tony Kenny Special Show.

Fifteen-year-old Mary Hartigan from Patrickswell said of the show: "It was too short, but it was very good."

Her friend, Mary Boland, also from Patrickswell, commented: "They were very good and the crowd was very well-behaved."

Seventeen-year-old Alice Doran from Southill thought they were

"brilliant."

This was to be the Scottish group's latest concert until next year, and the patrons paid from £1 to £2.50 to gain entry.

About 40 or 50 youths stood outside the Bedford Row building for the entire show.

After the concert, there was a minor scuffle between two youths, but it was broken up quickly.

The Savoy directors, Mr. Pat Hayes and Mr. Tony O'Mara, afterwards complimented the Gardai on their excellent work, and also praised Mr. Michael Moss, who was head of security on the night.

This article first appeared in The Leader on October 2, 1976.