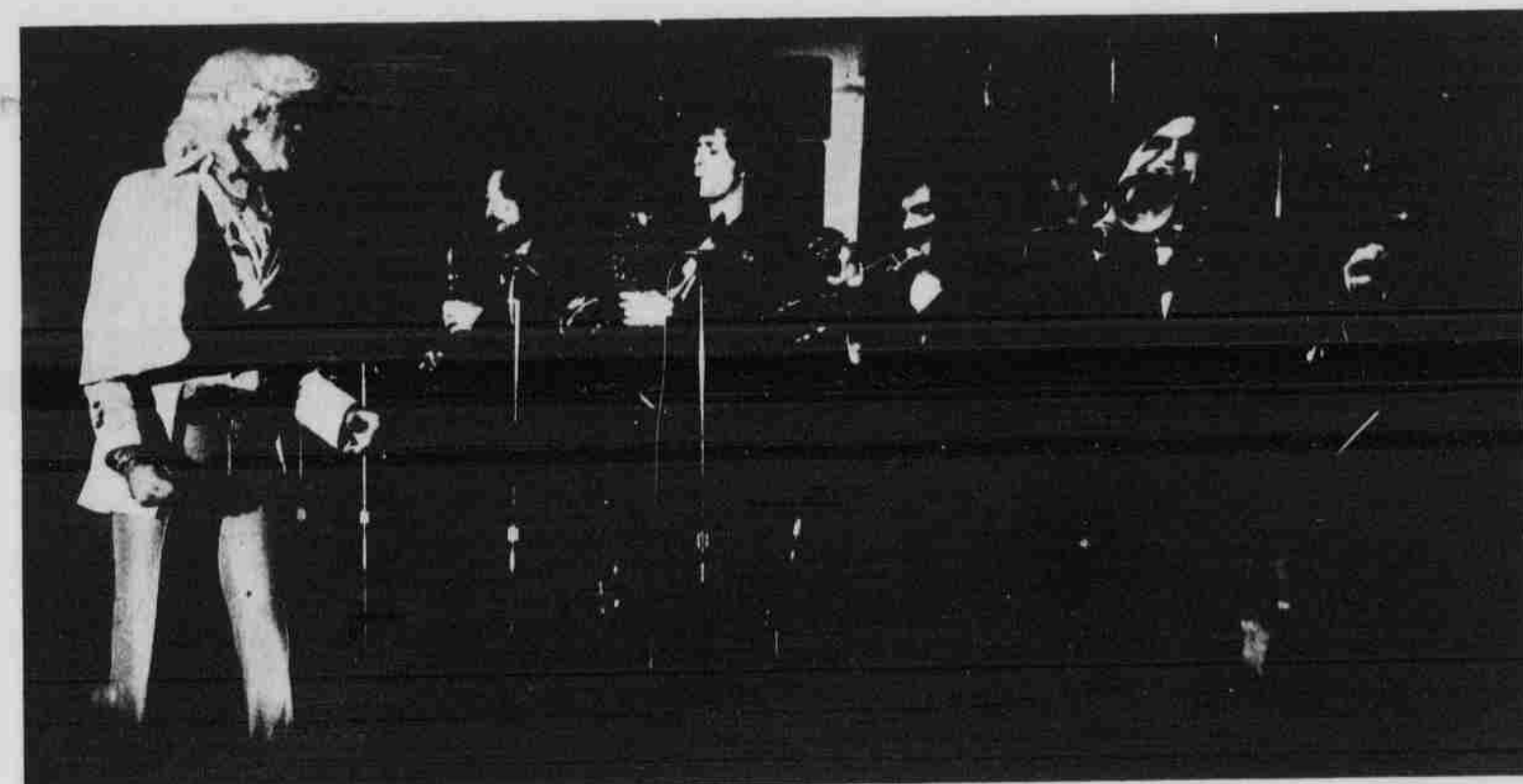
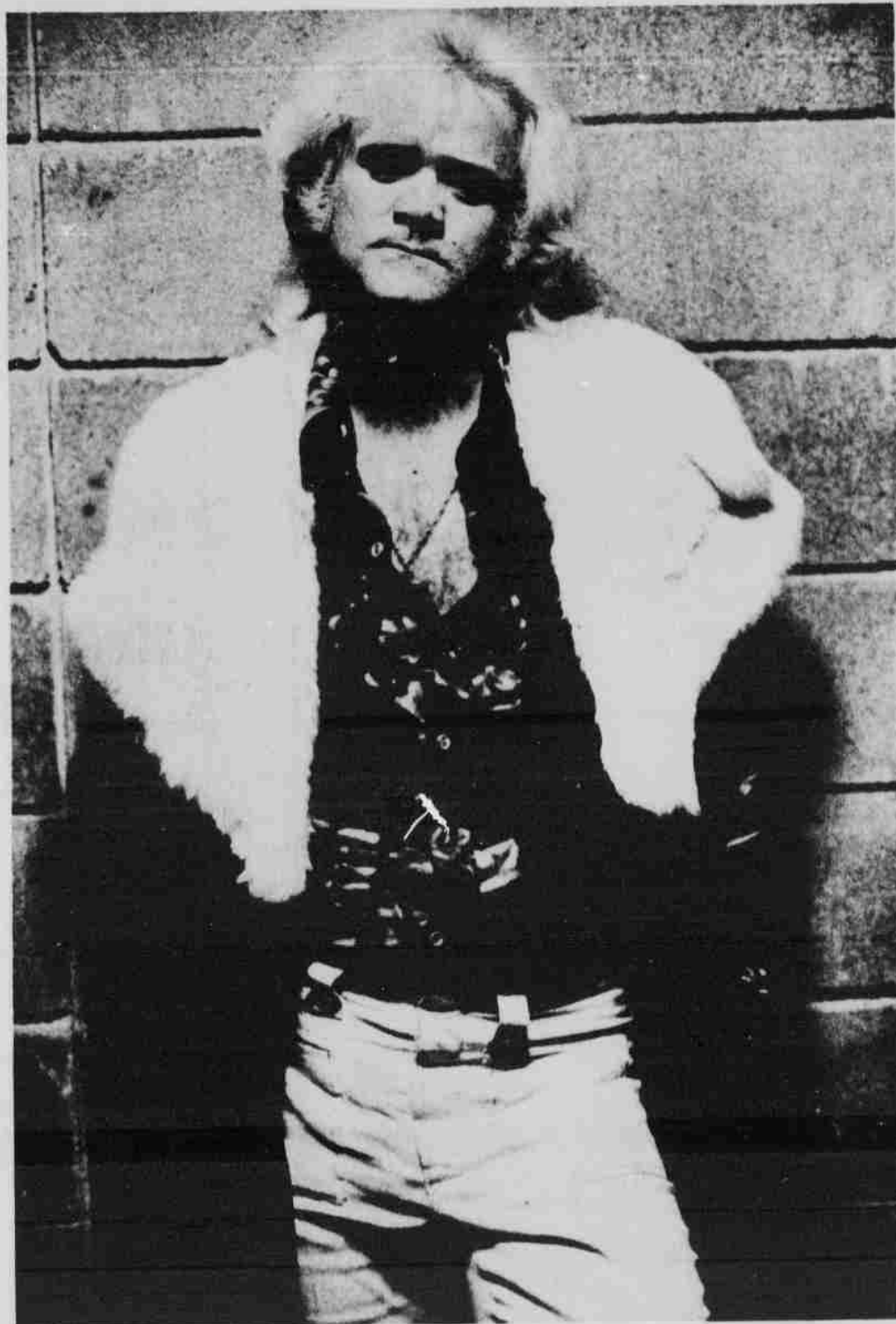


# Cochran's southern comfort



Tense and nervous. Wayne Cochran was tense before performing in front of a crowd of 300 Tuesday night at the Royal Grove night club. The platinum-haired man had never played in Lincoln before.

His ten back-up men, the C.C. Riders, played three numbers before Cochran appeared in a white coat, light blue satin pants, paisley shirt, and silver and black platform heels to belt out blue-eyed soul songs like "Going' Back to Miami", "Try a Little Tenderness" and "Sea Cruise".

He disappeared backstage for a few seconds, bringing back two bottles of Southern Comfort, generously sharing them with the audience.

"I may be the biggest fool here tonight, but how many other people want to be fools, too?" the man from Macon, Ga. asked the crowd and the people didn't seem to mind playing along.



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