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PS In 1939 one could buy ten cigs, 1/2lb chocs, a cinema ticket, morning paper or ice cream all for 2 shillings, now 10p.

#### To Annette Kuhn

I was very pleased to help in answering all your questions you brought back many happy memories to me in this sad knife-stabbing world. So pleased you sent me lists of films and film stars I have seen all those one or two have been reshownd on TV and I've remembered everything about them. I enjoy old films very much even if they are black and white. My elder brothers used to treat my sisters and I. I had 4 brothers and 5 sisters. Sad to say only my young sister 73[?] and myself left, but have some very happy memories, also my husband passed away 1974. I live in lovely bungalow my son built me left Birmingham 1987 Christmas. I was a little in love with Clark Gable also [illegible] until I met my husband to be of course. I loved *San Francisco* saw it over and over again also on TV. *Gone With the Wind* was on in Birmingham cinema for about 2 yrs until a bomb struck the place just left the heading *Gone With the* ? My husband was in the forces and snook home to come and see it with me in a cinema called "the Futurist" a leading picture house in town. When I was in my teens the only time the cinema was open Sunday was a Hospital Sunday, it was lovely going on Sunday my dad used to say you will never go to heaven going to the pictures on Sunday – bur it was for a good cause.

Yours most sincerely D. English

The most famous couple, apart from Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers you failed to mention, Charles Farrell and Janet Gaynor, they made many lovely films in the early 30s. Janet Gaynor won the first Oscar in 1928 did you know that? I hope I have given you some new research. Many old films have been seen on TV much to my pleasure, but not one of Farrell and Gaynor. I'm sure many pensioners like me would like to see them, also Al Jolson he was wonderful, I saw *The Singing Fool* several times. You sent photograph of Edward G. Robinson he too was a great actor, along with William Powell and Myrna Loy and many many more. I wrote this after I finished my letter to you, and found it after a friend posted it for me, however wishing it will be of use to you sending it along

Once again yours most

sincerely D. English (Mrs)

PS It is nice to think at my age 79 I am in some use to people like you