

WE FIND TIME TO READ ALL.  
I THINK YOU MAY FIND IT INTERESTING

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GT YARMOUTH  
NORFOLK.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH, FOR MAKEING ME THINK  
AND REALIZE WHAT A WONDERFUL LIFE I'VE HAD,  
YOU SAY NAME THREE NAMES, THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE  
AS THERE WERE SO MANY GREATS. INCLUDING YOUR  
PHOTO EDWARD G. ROBINSON. GARY GRANT, MERNAY  
ANNE SOTHERN, DAVID NIVEN, I THINK WERE 40'S  
BUT RICHARD ARLEN, RALPH BELLAMY, FREDDIE  
BARTHOLOMEW, WILL FYFFE, THE CRAZY GANG.  
GORDON HARKER, RALPH LYNN, RALPH BELLAMY  
WILLIAM POWELL, JOAN BLONDEL, DICK POWELL,  
ROLAND YOUNG, ROLAND CULVER, GEORGE SANDERS,  
WERE ONLY SOME EVERYONE NEVER MISSED AS WE  
ALL NEW THEY NEVER MADE A BAD FILM.

AS I SAID MY DAD OWNED THE LOCAL FLEA PIT  
(EVERY TOWN HAD ONE.) OUR'S WAS THE PLAZA. MY DAD  
AND NUM WERE MUSIC HALL ARTISTS, WHEN VARIETY  
BEGAN TO DIE OUT A FEW ARTISTS TOOK CINEMAS ALL  
OVER THE PLACE, MY BROTHER STARTED HIS MUSICAL  
CAREER IN GLASGOW FUNILY ENOUGH AT A PLACE  
CALLED "THE LACARNO" WITH TEDDY JOYCE AND HIS 25  
KITTIE JUNIORS, GEORGE CHISHOLM, STAN STENNET, AND  
VENNESSA LEIGH, LATER BIG STARS WERE WITH HIM I

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NOW HE USED TO DO TWO SHOWS A NIGHT ONE IN EDINBURGH  
SOMETIMES PUSHING THE OLD MORRIS IN COLD WEATHER TO START  
THEY MADE <sup>THREE</sup> ~~TWO~~ FILMS, "STEPPING STONES WITH HAZEL  
ASCOT, TALKING FEET, AND CAVECADE OF VARIETY" <sup>HE WAS THEN</sup> HE HAD  
A BIG CAREER IN VELO, BUT AT NINETEEN IT ALL CHANGED  
HE WAS IN SINGAPORE, BUT AFTER HE DIED I GOT SOME GREAT  
LETTERS SAYING HOW HIS SHOWS KEPT THEM ALIVE AT THE  
END OF THE DAY, AS THEY WERE SO HUNGRY AND ILL AND  
BERNIE GOT UP CONCERT PARTIES. WHEN HE CAME HOME  
BIG BANDS HAD FINISHED AND HE USED TO SERENADE ANIMALS  
HE'D SAY, AS HE WAS MUSICAL DIRECTOR AT ALL CIRCUSES  
SMARTS, CHIPPERFIELDS, BILLY RUSSELLS IN YARMOUTH, HE PLAYED  
FOURTEEN INSTRUMENTS, HE USED TO SIT WITH ME AS KIDS  
EVERY TIME WE WOULD GO TO MEET DAD SIT IN THE  
MIDDLE BLACK ROW NO HEADS IN FRONT, AND WE WOULD  
BE WITH "FLO ZIGFIELD, MR. McCABER, ALWAYS SINGING  
ALWAYS LAUGHING, IVE FORGOTTEN HOW LUCKY WE WERE.  
AS THERE WAS NO DADS AND LOTS OF UNEMPLOYED MY  
DAD LET THE UNEMPLOYED IN THE MATERNITY FOR 3D. IF  
THEY SMOKE THEY GOT 2 WOODBINES IF THEY DIDN'T  
THEY GOT A BAG OF PINK & WHITE HOME MADE COCONUT ICE  
HE WOULD SAY ITS BETTER TO HAVE A FULL HOUSE  
AT 3D THAN A EMPTY ONE AT 9D.

SAT MORNING THE KIDDIES BROUGHT A 1d AND

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POTATO, THEY PUT POTATO'S IN A SACK BY THE CASHIER AND THESE WENT TO THE LOCAL HOSPITAL, AND WORKHOUSE WHICH AS THERE WAS NO NATIONAL HEALTH WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED. 'MICHEL WINNER' MAKES ME SO GROSS WHEN HE SAYS WE HAD VIOLENT FILMS HE FORGETS WE KIDS HAD (U) FILMS, (A) FILMS WERE MUCH LESS VIOLENT AND AS KID'S WE DIDN'T SEE THEM, AND THE BAD MEN LOST, BUT WE DID HAVE MUSIC, WE ALL DREAMT OF BEING A FILM STAR, WE ALL LAUGHED WITH EACH OTHER, AND NOT AT EACH OTHER. I DO HOPE YOU WILL READ ALL THIS AND SOMEDAY POINT OUT TO WHAT CINEMAS WE HAVE LEFT, IF THEY HAD FOLLOWED MY DAD'S IDEA OF A FULL HOUSE AT CHEAPER PRICES FOR MATINEES WE MORE THAN LIKELY WOULD HAVE A LOT LESS BINGO HALLS.

I WISH MY GRANDCHILDREN AND FUTURE GENERATION HAD THE SAME WONDERFUL LIFE I HAVE HAD, BUT I'M AFRAID NOT.

VERY SINCERLY  
ZONIA M. BIRD.

P.S. I THINK PROGRESS IS THE WORST THING EVER THOUGHT OF!!

Answer as many of the following questions as you can, by ticking the appropriate box(es) and writing in the spaces provided, remembering that we are interested in your picturegoing during the 1930s and your feelings about the pictures at that time. Do not worry if you are unable to answer all the questions: you can return to any 'difficult' ones when you have completed the rest of the questionnaire. If this does not work, simply leave the question unanswered. If you wish to add to any of your answers, please feel free to do so, using a separate sheet of paper. Thank you for your help.