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Lowestoft,
Suffolk [redacted]

Dear Annette K,

Lovely talking to you. Enclosed a few old snapshots of us Laundry Girls on Corton Beach - where every Sunday we would meet - we all worked together in the 1930s - 1940s. We were in our teens and very good friends - Saturday early evenings were Picture Goer times - then on to a dance.

We followed and copied the female stars - hair styles - (always a flower tucked in at a dance). Clothes as near as could get - made some ourselves - plucked eyebrows one of the girls Majorie shaved hers all off - then penciled them in higher up. Mascara was in block form - called "Tattoo" - one spat on block rubbed on brush - then applied to

lashes- so thick it was - we had to separate lashes with a needle. Hydrogen Peroxide on cotton wool wiped across front of hair to give a blond flash. (Wonder we weren't all bald) Chiffon scarf knotted to our bracelet so it floated as we danced - "Ginger Rogers style". The of course in the 40s - Bon Voyage [referring to *Now, Voyager* (1942)] Paul Henreid - Bette Davis - The boys were lighting two cigarettes - "in a romantic mood" one for him one for her" such times.

“Gladys Ken” - I married her brother we had 50 ½ years together - happy loving years, he died nine years ago. When I see an old black & white film, and all the lovely music, all those good times are with me again I still miss him.

I hope you will be able to use something - sorry the snapshots are so small, I always meant to have some enlarged

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I wish you well in your project, such a shame the closing and pulling down of all the old picture palaces - specially the Odeon's they were special.

No hurry - if the snaps are any use - (was I ever that young & slim?)

Best of luck,

& fondest wishes

Peggy Kent