

Dear Mr Pearl,

When I was in Jodhpur recently I was most interested to read your letter in The Mercury & see the photo of the Regal. As a child I attended the official opening of the Regal at which Mrs Oberon was present -
in Jodhpur.

I was born in 1921. The first film I saw was an silent version of Peter Pan of which I have no recollection except of the face of Wendy's mother. The next film I saw was Chang, a film about elephants & then the first speaking film. Jays Singh* My father won two free seats at the Jodhpur Coliseum - I was for three months & I went twice weekly as the films were only on for three days. This must have been about 1930 - Later on I used to go to the cinema every Saturday mostly in Yamank. If one went into the cinema before 4pm all the cinemas cost six pence for the back stalls - all except the Zen which charged four pence!

In those days a A feature film was shown plus a B feature - The News & after a cartoon as well I remember seeing all the short Laurel & Hardy

films as extras -

* I saw Trade Horn in which a boat constructor
de a deet - ever since then I have had a horror
of snakes + can't look at them + occasionally
have night mares about them !!

There are many many other films I can
remember - modern cinema has less attraction
for me although technically etc they are better
than the oldies but now that they are so much
larger there is always some "padding" in
them.

Yours sincerely
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