

Lowestoft  
Suffolk

Dear Annette K,  
 Lovely talking  
 to you. Enclosed a few old  
 snapshots of us Laundry Girls  
 on Barton Beach - where every Sunday  
 we would meet - we all worked  
 together in the 1930-1940's. 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 Margorie shaved  
 hers all off - then penciled them  
 in higher up. Mascara was in block  
 form - called "Tattoo" - one spot on block  
 rubbed on brush - then applied to

Caspar - so thick it was - we had  
 to separate Caspar with a needle.  
 Hydrogen Peroxide on cotton wool  
 wiped across front of hair to give  
 a Blond Flash. (wonder we were it  
 all bald) Griffon scarf knotted  
 to our Crochet so it floated as  
 we danced - "Ginger Rogers style"  
 The of course in the 40s - Ben Hur  
 Paul Hurdner - Bette Davis - The Boys  
 were lighting two cigarettes - "in  
 a romantic mood" one for him  
 one for her" Such times.

"Gladys Kent" - I married her brother  
 we had 50 1/2 years together - Propit  
 being years, he died nine years ago.  
 when I see an old black & white  
 film, and the Coetz music, all  
 those good times are with me again  
 I still miss him I hope you will  
 be able to use something - sorry the  
 snap shots are so small, I always  
 meant to have some enlarged

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

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

Best of Luck,

+ Fondest wishes

Peggy Kent