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Mr. Gilbert Finlay, Harlow's local M.P. and Mr. Basil Fortescue greet the stars as they enter the new cinema.

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Diane Hart gets a great welcome from the audience as she makes her way to the stage. She's just finished making a film called "Father's Doing Fine " - looks like Diane's doing all right with her admirers too. Up on the stage, she reads a telegram wishing the Regal good luck in the future. It is from Her Majesty the Queen.

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