

Nine single, one chorus. Band room. *Orchestra Pit*: Acc. 15. No resident orchestra. *Amplifying*: Two turn-table reproducer and microphone.

Hippodrome Music Hall.

Aston Hippodrome.

Emile Littler hopes to rebuild the *Prince of Wales*' on another and more central site.

OTHER HALLS: **Town Hall**. Apply City Engineer. **Midlands Institute**. Apply Secretary. **Bigbith Institute**.

REPERTORY: Alexandra, Crescent and Repertory theatres.

OPEN-AIR SITES: Tetterhall Towers Theatre to become a miniature Stratford-on-Avon.

City of Birmingham Orchestra gives frequent concerts in Town Hall.

BISHOP AUCKLAND, Co. Durham.

POPULATION: 34,738. Miles from London: 243.

INDUSTRIES: Coal mining, steel, brick, sand and gravel, clothing, etc.

TRANSPORT: United Automobile Services, Ltd. Taxis.

NEWSPAPERS: "Northern Echo and Evening Standard," "Evening Gazette."

EARLY CLOSING DAY: Wednesday.

MARKET DAYS: Thursday and Saturday.

FAIRS: Easter and 2nd Saturday in October.

THEATRES: **Eden**. *Prop.*: G. and M. Drummond Cinemas, Ltd. *Cap.*: 952. *Orch.* stalls 125, stalls 145, pit stalls 98, pit 68, D. circle 165, circle 132, U. circle 221. *Barring clause*: 10 miles radius. Not to play within radius prior to engagement nor three months after. *Performances*: Continuous, Monday to Friday 6, Saturday 6 and 8. *Matinée Saturday*. *Revue*, variety, etc. *Stage*: *Pros.* 24 ft. x 20 ft. *Grid* to stage 40 ft., 25 sets hemp lines. *Elec. equip.*: 249 v. A.C. *Footlights* three. *Battens* four, each with three circuits. *Two floods*. *Five front* of house pre-set spots. *Two following lines*. *Dressing rooms*: 10. *One ironing room*. *Band room*. *Orchestra*: 12. *Piano*, two violins, bass, alto-sax, trumpet, trombone, drums. *Resident*.

CINEMAS: Three. **OTHER HALLS**: None.

REPERTORY: None.

OPEN-AIR SITES: None.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS: Bright outlook, as population is increasing.

BLACKBURN, Lancs.

POPULATION: 112,000 (500,000, 10 miles radius). Miles from London: 212.

INDUSTRIES: Cotton manufacturing.

TRANSPORT: L.M.S. Tramway and Omnibus (Corporation) and others.

NEWSPAPERS: "Northern Daily Telegraph," "Lancs. Daily Post," "Blackburn Times."

EARLY CLOSING DAY: Thursday.

MARKET DAYS: Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

THEATRES: **Grand**. *Prop.*: Will Murray & Sons (Theatres), Ltd., Jubilee St., Blackburn. *Bookings*: Casey Agency, Jubilee St. *Cap.*: Stalls, 520, pit stalls 92, D. circle 277, gallery 200. *Barring clause*: Eight miles radius. *Once nightly* 7. *Matinées Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday* 2.30. *Twice nightly* 6 and 8. *Saturday Matinée* if business warrants.

Variety, revue, pantomime, repertory. *Stage*: *Pros.* 32 ft., height 20 ft., min. depth from setting line 16 ft., height under fly galleries 20 ft., width between fly galleries 20 ft., height of grid 42 ft. *Elec. equip.*: 230-250 v. A.C. *Footlights* three.

Battens four, each with three circuits. *Four floods* on stands on stage. *Three front* of house pre-set spots. *Three f.o.h.* following lines. *Dressing rooms*: Eight.

Orchestra: Nine, acc. 30. *Three violins, piano, 'cello, bass, trumpet, trombone, drums*. *Resident*. *Microphone* installed.

OTHER HALLS: **Lecture Hall, Assembly Hall, King George's Hall**. Apply Town Clerk.

REPERTORY: At Community Theatre and sometimes at Grand.

BLACKPOOL, Lancs.

POPULATION: 153,000 (appr.) Seasonal 300,000. Miles from London: 227.

TRANSPORT: L.M.S. Corporation buses. Ribble bus service.

NEWSPAPERS: "W. Lancashire Evening Gazette," "Gazette and Herald."

EARLY CLOSING DAY: Wednesday.

THEATRES: **Grand**. *Prop.*: Blackpool Tower Co., Ltd., Empress Buildings. *Agent*: Clement Butson. *Cap.*: 1,600. *Once nightly*. *Matinées Wednesday and Saturday*. *Plays, dramas, comedies and musicals*. *Stage*: *Pros.* opening 30 ft.

Tower Circus. *Prop.*: Blackpool Tower Co., Ltd. *Cap.*: 2,250. *Agent*: Clement Butson. *Barring clause*: By arrangement. *Twice daily, Easter to October*. *Arena acts*.

Ice Dome. *Prop.*: South Shore Rink, Ltd., Casino Buildings, S. Shore, Blackpool. *Cap.*: 1,785. *Once nightly* 7. *Daily Matinées* 2.30. *Stage*: *Pros.* 40 ft. x 16½ ft., depth 10 ft., height under flies 7 ft. 9 in., width between fly galleries 42 ft., stage to grid 40 ft. *Counterweight gear*, 18 lines. *Lighting*: Voltage 230 A.C.,

cycles 50. *No footlights*. *Battens* two, with three circuits and ind. dimmers. *Cyclorama*, nine floods coupled to four dimmers. *Floods* on stage four. *Front* of house following lines five. *Dressing rooms*:

Five double, four chorus, acc. 40. *Sep. band room*. *Orchestra pit*: Acc. 27.

Resident orchestra. *Amplifying*: Two turn-table reproducer to front of house and stage speakers. *Microphone*.

Regal Pavilion. *Prop.*: Blackpool South Shore Pier and Pavilion Co., Ltd., South Pier, Blackpool. *Cap.*: 1,236 (all on one floor). *Twice nightly* 5.45 and 8. *Matinée Wednesday*. *Revue and concerts*. *Stage*: *Pros.* 34 ft. x 18 ft., depth 16 ft. *Lighting*: Voltage 200 A.C., 50 cycles. *Footlights* four. *Battens* three, four circuits, with ind. dimmers. *Dips* two, switch controlled.

Two front of house following lines. *Barrel* of spots and floods front of house, dimmer controlled. *Dressing rooms*: Acc. 45.

Orchestra pit: Acc. 14. *No resident orchestra*. *Microphone* available. *Prompt and O.P. entrances* on front of stage before curtain to a 6 ft. apron stage.

Central Pier Pavilion. Only used for concert party season and not let to touring companies.

Feldman's Theatre. *Prop.*: Feldman's Theatre, Houndshell, Blackpool. *Bookings*: Bob Johnson, Booking and Productions Manager, Feldman's Theatre (not solely booked). *Cap.*: *Orch.* stalls 472, stalls 398, pit stalls 280, D. circle 186, circle 376. *Running seating* (when used) 120. *Barring clause*: 10 miles radius for four weeks before and four weeks after engagement. *Twice nightly* 6.10 and 8.20. *Matinées Wednesday* (summer season only). *Revue and variety*. *Stage*: *Pros.* 25 ft., height 20 ft., min. depth from setting line 21 ft. 6 in., height under fly galleries 22 ft., width between fly galleries 36 ft., height of grid from stage 62 ft. *No counterweight gear*. 32 hemp lines. *Elec. equip.*: 200 v. A.C., 50 cycles. *Footlights*, four circuits with ind. dimmers. *Four battens*, each with four circuits with ind. dimmers. *12 dips* with ind. dimmers. *12 floods* on stands. *Eight f-o-h pre-set spots* with ind. dimmers. *Two f-o-h following lines*. *Dressing rooms*: Nine single, one chorus, acc. 20. *Band room*. *Orchestra*: Acc. 12. *Resident* 10. *Three violins, 'cello, bass, two trumpets, trombone, piano, drums*. *Rehearsal* 11 a.m. *Mondays*. *Amplifying equip.*: One turn-table reproducer. *F-o-h or stage*. *Two microphones*.

Palace of Varieties. *Prop.*: The Blackpool Tower Co., Ltd., Empress Buildings, Church St., Blackpool. *Bookings*: Entertainments Manager, Clement Butson. *Cap.*:

2,400. *Twice nightly* 6 and 8.10. *Matinées Wednesday and Saturday*. *Variety*. *Stage*: *Pros.* 31 ft. *Elec. equip.*: 110 v. D.C., 230 v. A.C., 50-60 cycles. *Footlights*, three circuits with ind. dimmers. *Five battens* each with three circuits with ind. dimmers. *Four dips* with ind. dimmers. *Four dips switch* controlled. *Four spots* on stands. *Four towers*, 12 f-o-h pre-set spots with ind. dimmers. *Three f-o-h following lines*. *Dressing rooms*: 10 single. *One chorus*, acc. 6.

Orchestra: Acc. 12. *Resident* 11 (piano, 3 violins, clarinet, 'cello, bass, two trumpets, trombone, drums). *Amplifying equip.*: Two turn-table reproducer, f-o-h or stage. *Microphone*.

CINEMAS: 18.

OTHER HALLS: **N. Pier Pavilion, Floral Hall**.

REPERTORY: None.

OPEN-AIR SITES: Waterloo Road (next L.M.S. station).

THEATRICAL CLUBS: Blackpool First Nighters. Playgoers' Club.

Zoo and aquarium in Tower.

BLAENAVON, Mon.

POPULATION: 10,070. Miles from London: 150.

INDUSTRIES: Coal, iron and steel.

TRANSPORT: G.W.R.

NEWSPAPER: "Pontypool Free Press."

EARLY CLOSING DAY: Thursday.

THEATRES: None. **CINEMAS**: Two.

OTHER HALLS: **Workmen's Institute, Mostyn Hall**.

REPERTORY: None.

OPEN-AIR SITES: None.

THEATRICAL CLUBS: Avon Dramatic Society.

BLAINA, Mon.

POPULATION: 6,250. Miles from London: 168.

INDUSTRIES: Coal mining.

TRANSPORT: G.W.R. *Bus services*.

NEWSPAPERS: "Western Mail," "South Wales Argus," "South Wales Echo," "South Wales Gazette."

EARLY CLOSING DAY: Wednesday.

MARKET DAY: No market. (Market town: Brynhiawr, Breck.)

THEATRES: None. **CINEMAS**: Two.

OTHER HALLS: **British Legion Hall**.

REPERTORY: None.

OPEN-AIR SITES: Public Recreation Grounds.

THEATRICAL CLUBS: None.

Blaina and the adjoining town of Nantyglo form a local government unit under the jurisdiction of the Nantyglo and