

## *What the Press says about Miss Gracie Fields*

"WEST LANCASHIRE EVENING GAZETTE," 25/8/34.

"Gracie Fields was taken for a ride this afternoon. But it was on a donkey! Great hearted Gracie was entertaining numbers of artists from various Blackpool shows. Outside the stage door of the Grand Theatre was the proudest donkey in Blackpool, and with it was a tawny-haired little fellow—the proudest donkey-driver in the town. Laughing merrily Gracie climbed on to the donkey, and as she slowly turned the corner of Corporation Street, Church Street rocked with laughter. One moment there was a brooding quiet in Church Street, the next moment uproar. Crowds dashed from all parts and followed Gracie and the three motor runabouts, packed with artists, as they proceeded to the Pleasure Beach where the afternoon's fun started.

"THE ERA," 26/9/34.

"Who is the biggest draw in vaudeville to-day? The crowds which are nightly besieging the Palladium to see and hear Gracie Fields would seem to supply the answer. On Monday both houses of the enormous Argyle Street variety theatre were packed with her enthusiastic supporters. And what a reception England's greatest comedienne got—may I say deserved. I have never seen such a piece of superb acting as that of Gracie, after singing some absurdity, going to the back of the stage, her hands raised towards the curtains, and turning round singing 'The House is Haunted.' And the gravisous Gracie held that huge audience until you could have heard the proverbial pin drop.

"WEST LANCASHIRE EVENING GAZETTE," 15/8/34.

"Miss Gracie Fields held a midnight party at Bolton last night, when she travelled by motor car from Blackpool, after the second-house performance at the Grand Theatre, where she is appearing. The party was the fulfilment of a promise she made to the cotton operatives of two Bolton mills during the filming of 'Sing as we Go,' and took the form of a supper dance. Miss Fields and other well-known stage artists giving cabaret numbers. 'Our Gracie' was presented with a bouquet, and more than 400 operatives from the two mills gave her a rousing reception."