For any of these resources, particularly if you're going to make a special trip, it's probably a good idea to call the library first and make sure you'd have access. Sometimes databases have restrictive licensing agreements where only students and faculty with passwords can get in.

Indices at NU

*Guide to Critical Reviews*. Seems to focus on drama, but reaches back to 1909 and might include some motion picture information:

http://nucat.lib.neu.edu/record=b1222228a

*Retrospective Index to Film Periodicals, 1930-1971*

http://nucat.lib.neu.edu/record=b1434965a

*The New Film Index; a bibliography of magazine articles in English, 1930-1970*

http://nucat.lib.neu.edu/record=b1121947a

Index volume of *The New York Times Film Reviews, 1913-1968*. (Not a film-specific trade or academic journal, but often an important review source in the early 20th century):

http://nucat.lib.neu.edu/record=b1430766a

Indices and full-text at the BPL

*Reader’s Guide Retrospective*, through the BPL, goes back to 1890. Tends to cover general-interest periodicals, but might have some trade periodicals, too.

http://www.bpl.org/electronic/alpha.asp#r

Indices and Full-text at Brandeis and Tufts

*Variety*: deep backfiles might not be available electronically. However, both Tufts and Brandeis have a multi-volume set called *Variety Film Reviews* that start with 1907; these seem to have reprints of film reviews:

http://library.tufts.edu/record=b1672284

http://frank.mainlib.brandeis.edu:8991/F/?func=full-set-set&set_number=108324&set_entry=000001&format=999

There's also a separate title, only at Brandeis, called the *Index to Motion Pictures Reviewed by Variety, 1907-1980*; it's possible that index would give information
beyond the *Variety Film Reviews* set:
http://frank.mainlib.brandeis.edu:8991/F/?func=full-set-set&set_number=108320&set_entry=000001&format=999

At both Tufts and Brandeis there's a title called *Film Review Index*; volume 1 covers 1882 - 1949:
http://library.tufts.edu/record=b1282043
http://frank.mainlib.brandeis.edu:8991/F/?func=full-set-set&set_number=108329&set_entry=000001&format=999

Please note: some of the resources above are just indices, so finding the full-text might be an adventure, but they are at least indices targeted to the subject.

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