

Repertory Theatre loses its home

THE Repertory Theatre, oldest amateur acting organisation in Brisbane, will be homeless unless new premises are found by April 30.

The Repertory Theatre has had its offices and re-

hearsal rooms in Empire Chambers since 1931. But Empire Chambers has been sold, and Repertory has been given notice to quit by April 30.

"We have no new accommodation in sight," said Repertory producer and actress, Babette Stevens, yesterday. "But that will not interfere with our productions. We will continue to present legitimate theatre to the public, even if we have to rehearse in our own homes, or in Queen Street."

Not subsidised

Brisbane Repertory Theatre was formed in 1925. Since then it has given the Brisbane theatre-going public 147 major productions—classics, current successes, comedies—and 400 minor productions, such as one-act plays. It is not subsidised in any way.

It has played in the old Bohemia Theatre in Stanley Street, Cremorne. His Majesty's, the Princess Theatre in South Brisbane, and, in recent years, in the Albert Hall.

Several players who had their first stage experience with Brisbane Repertory are now making names for themselves in the South

Everyone—actors, actresses, stage managers, set designers, and special effect hands—associated with Repertory do their jobs out of pure love for the theatre.

Their only reward for re-

hearsing four nights a week and all day Sunday is the interest the public takes in their productions.

"You can count on the fingers of one hand the number of professional productions that come to Brisbane in the course of a year," said Mrs. Stevens. "So we try to provide some legitimate theatre for people interested."