

Repertory Players In Film Hit

In its theatrical activities this year it is doubtful if Brisbane Repertory Theatre Society has staged a play as good, or as intelligently acted, as George Kelly's Pulitzer Prize drama, "Craig's Wife."

The piece made a hit with filmgoers some years ago when Rosalind Russell, Billie Burke, Jane Darwell, and John Boles appeared in the leading roles on the screen. Last night's performance in the Princess Theatre was equally enjoyable. Actually the dialogue had considerable more depth and force to it than in the picture—due to the restriction Hollywood places on stage scripts—and a general compactness in the incidents emphasised better the drama underlying the plot. Production by Mrs. Daphe Roemermann was convincing.

In addition, Mrs. Roemermann's character interpretation of the principal part displayed a finished technique. Maibry Wragge, as the friendly rose-growing Mrs. Frazier, Dorothy Wheeler as the understanding and far-seeing aunt, and Dorothy Clarke, the all-suffering servant, turned in excellent performances, remarkable for evenness and knowledge of the playwright's motif. Robin Smith gave a sound reading as the romantic husband, and Ruth Snars, Betty Ross, Jack Bow, Neville Thiele, John Gaffney, and Bill Tully gave good support.

"Craig's Wife" will be repeated this evening.—TE PANA.