

Screen Stars' Rushed Time

Two hours after returning from Sydney, where they had been screen tested on Saturday for parts in "Eureka Stockade," two of Brisbane's film aspirants were rehearsing a stage play in Brisbane.

Franklyn Evans, G.P.O. technician, walked straight from the airways office to rehearsal, and Betty Ross, Brisbane model, was there two hours after she had left the train at South Brisbane station.

Fairfield newsagent, Bill Nielson, also tested on Saturday, was also ready for his lines. He had arrived back on Saturday night.

All three of them are in the cast of the Brisbane Repertory Society's "Petrified Forest," to be staged at the Albert Hall next week.

Betty who is really Mrs. J. Pickles, of 61 Liverpool Road, Clayfield, will not travel by air.

"My husband was in the R.A.A.F. air crew, and I have a horror of planes. My mother and I have a pact never to fly," she said.

Betty was tested for the part of a camp follower, together with at least three others, including an actress from Budapest (Hungary). Franklyn Evans and Bill Nielson were "shot" for parts as a drunken doctor and a miner respectively.

In "Petrified Forest" they play: Betty Ross ("Gabby"), Franklyn Evans ("Old Gramp"), and Bill Nielson ("Boze").