

Heard Rachmaninoff Play At Sanford Last Friday

Cocoa and Sharpes were represented at the concert given at Sanford by Rachmaninoff last week. Mr. and Mrs. Spiller, accompanied by three of Mrs. Spiller's music pupils, the Misses Virgie Shelton, Novelle Hutchinson and Mrs. Claudine Fiehland, motored to Sanford on Friday last to attend the recital given by Rachmaninoff, the celebrated Russian composer and pianist. The theatre was packed with music lovers from different parts of the state. When Rachmaninoff appeared on the stage, a roar of applause greeted him and before he had played a single measure, his audience was impressed by his sombre and stately figure and the dignity of his bearing, state those who attended. The intuition for the piano that has made many Russians remarkable virtuosi Mr. Ranchmaninoff possesses in a high degree. He had not proceeded far with his program before his audience discovered they were listening to a pianist who was master of his instrument, his music and himself. He was most generous with encores and when his wonderful fingers touched the keys and the first three tones of his well-known and much loved Prelude in C Sharp Minor were recognized, a roar of applause went and he was compelled to wait until all was quiet. Three concert grand pianos accompany him on his tour.

It may be interesting to know that he is so loved by the people of his own country, that when it was announced that he was to appear on a certain date, lovers of his art thronged to hear him, some would go a day or two in advance, sleeping outside the theatre that they might even catch a glimpse of him.