

Wizardry of Rachmaninoff Is Treat for Music Hall Throng

Sergei Rachmaninoff, world-famous pianist and composer, has come and gone, adding another name to the long and illustrious list of world famous artists who have displayed their marvelous talents here.

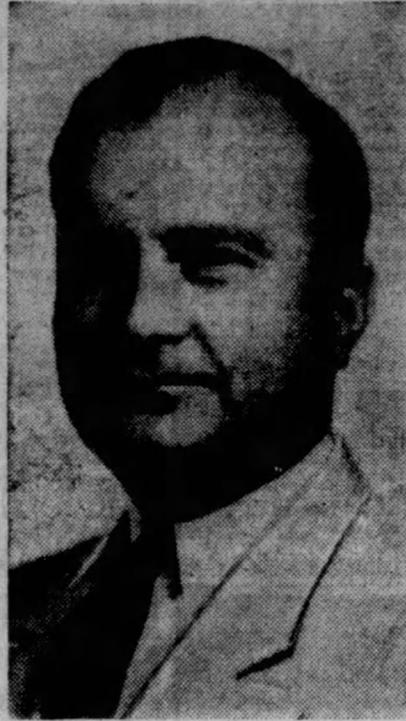
Fresh from new triumphs in Chicago, where he appeared with the Chicago Symphony orchestra as guest pianist at a series of concerts, the amazing Russian musician, now a naturalized citizen of America, presented a piano recital Sunday afternoon in the Purdue Hall of Music, in the university convocation series, and an audience of more than 5,000 persons was thrilled by his performance. This was the second of the season's experimental Sunday afternoon convocations, and their popularity gives promise that future seasons will see more of these Sunday afternoon programs.

The 68-year-old master of the pianoforte, accompanied here by his wife proved all that might be expected from a seasoned artist of world eminence. Despite his advance years, his fingers remain nimble as ever, and there was no questioning his exquisite interpretation and workmanship. Playing with great finesse and with the assurance and skill of an old master, he delighted all with a thoroughly finished performance. After all, was it not Rachmaninoff himself at the keyboard!

His program included gems by such composers as Bach-Liszt, Beethoven, Schubert, Schubert-Liszt, Chopin, Liszt and several by himself. It might appear a bit presumptuous to suggest that any selection was done any better than another; each had its own particular qualities as the master played and interpreted it. At the close he played two numbers as encores, both also very well received.

Reserved and austere, he made a striking appearance on the stage, tall, erect, a bit gaunt, dignified, hair cropped short, a wrinkled and unsmiling face and with a slight limp as he walked. Steps were taken to keep admirers and the curious from getting too close to him.

Will Speak



Dr. Roscoe Pulliam, president of Southern Illinois Normal university at Carbondale, will be one of the headline speakers at the Vocational Guidance conference at Purdue university next weekend, Nov. 14 and 15. President Pulliam will speak at the banquet Friday night on "New Frontiers for the Guidance Movement" and Saturday morning on "Implications of the Defense Crisis for Guidance."

Section Winners At Purdue Show

Among the winners from this section of the state in the Purdue horticultural show which closed Sunday evening were the following.

Grimes Golden plate of apples—William Redding, Lafayette, third; Jonathan plate of apples—Walter Scott, Otterbein, second; walnuts