

## THREE AUDIENCES PACK THEATRE TO SEE THRILLING SKI PICTURE

### Rachmaninoff Enthusiastically Received in Boston —English-Speaking Union Tea Wednesday

Three audiences that each stood half an hour in the rain packed about the black and scarlet doors of the Fine Arts Theatre waiting for places inside, set a seal of enthusiastic approval on "the greatest ski film ever made," Hannes Schneider in "The Ski Chase."

Mr Schneider himself was at the Fine Arts last evening to see the world premiere of this exciting film, which was made in the Austrian Tyrol and presents scenes of breathtaking skiing over those magnificent mountains made by a cast that includes 50 of Europe's best ski-runners in addition to Mr Schneider, and Lantchner and Riml, the stars of "Slalom."

This auspicious occasion benefited the Associate Nursery School through the courtesy of Mr Kraska, who went to Austria to bring back this film, and Mrs Thorndike D. Howe Jr of Cambridge directed the busy committee that made its success possible. She was there for all three showings yesterday, most attractive in a Christmasy red wool as she tried to find places for the many extra arrivals who crowded every available inch of standing space.

Also on the committee were Miss Frances McElwain, who waited with the good-natured thong outside, her leopard swagger pulled high around her ears; Miss Jane Megrew, Mrs Edward Billings, Mrs Bertram K. Little, Mrs Andrew N. Winslow, Mrs William Hardt, Mrs Reginald Ewell, Mrs Frederick Lee, Mrs Alfred Thomas, Miss Rosamond Lockwood, Mrs James Parker, Mrs Richard Blood, Miss Laura Wiggins, Mrs Roger Preston, Mrs Henry K. Webster Jr, Mrs Trugve Gundersen and Mrs John R. Flather.

Also making their way by inches into the Fine Arts for this remarkable film were Mrs Henry Pratt McKean, whose daughter, Marian, has just left for Austria for a Winter of skiing; Mr and Mrs Richard P. Waters, Mrs Waters very chic in her black Persian-trimmed coat as they watched for Mr and Mrs Richard Waters Jr (Joan Chapin) and their party; Mr and Mrs Whitney Stoddard, making plans for a holiday skiing party in New Hampshire over the heads of the crowd, Mrs Stoddard wearing a gray feather in her hunters green hat; Miss Virginia hunter's green hat flaring away from her face above a mink-trimmed black coat; Miss Daisy Pratt, Mrs George Bemis, holding her black hat in her hand as she hurried through with Mr Bemis; Miss Amy Long, Miss Ruth Talbot, Miss Betty Soule, Miss Betty Dumaine, "Queen of the Altbirgers"; Miss Lee Marston, Miss Marion Little, Miss ReINETTE Plimpton and the John Harwoods.

#### Rachmaninoff

Boston's music lovers packed Symphony Hall to the topmost row

in the second gallery yesterday afternoon for two hours of magnificent playing by Rachmaninoff, and their tumult of applause at the conclusion of the concert brought that tall distinguished figure back to play three encores. Still they clamored until he once more appeared and, smiling, struck the first chord of his own Prelude, and when the burst of clapping had ceased, played that familiar piece as only he can play it.

In the vast audience were: Rev William F. A. Stride of Christ Church in Hamilton, down from the North Shore with Mrs Stride and their slender, fair-haired daughter, Katharine, Mrs Stride in dark furs and a smart little black hat and Katharine buttoned in good-looking dark green tweed; Mrs George Putnam, her black coat collared in mink, accompanied by her young daughter; Dr and Mrs Koussevitzky; Raphael, famed master of the concertina, over from New York for this occasion, and Mrs S. White Houghton, wearing a tiny black velvet toque trimmed with black and rose-red ostrich and furred black velvet boots with her sealskin coat as she came in with her fiance, John Stewart McLennon of Beverly, to whom she will be married this Winter.

#### English-Speaking Union

Miss Charlotte Allen and Mrs Charles E. Bacon will be the hostesses Wednesday at a tea to be held at the English-Speaking Union, 33 Commonwealth av, in honor of Mr Cecil Maurice Bowra of London.

Mr Bowra, who is to speak on "Oxford and Harvard, Some Comparisons," is senior tutor at Eadham College, Oxford, University, and he is at present visiting lecturer at Harvard.

#### December Travels

Mr and Mrs Paul A. Shaw were among Bostonians spending the weekend in New York, and also there for a few days are Mrs Charles G. Smith of Brookline, Mrs Austin Potter, and Mrs B. L. Bates and Miss Eleanor Bates.

#### Anniversary Dance

In observance of their first birthday, the Junior Women's Club of Brookline will hold a dance Friday evening at the Hotel Puritan, the proceeds to be used for the charitable work of the club. Miss Margaret Gainer is chairman of the committee planning the dance, assisted by Miss Elizabeth Bartsch, Miss Irma Johnson, Miss Gretchen Lowenburg, Miss Marjorie Tarbell, and Miss Barbara Trott.

#### Christmas Sales Planned

The Disabled Ex-Servicemen's Exchange Inc of 355 Boylston st. will open this week's series of Christmas sales tomorrow at the Victoria. Miss Helen McKay, a guest at the Victoria, is interested in the success of