

Rachmaninoff Concert Pleases Capacity House

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The great Russian pianist composer, Sergei Rachmaninoff, brought to a capacity house in Hill auditorium Wednesday night, in the second of the Choral Union concert series, a piano recital of such exceptional merit that it is difficult to express the beauties that one felt as the master composer and performer interpreted the works of the great piano composers of the past and present.

Whether it was the serious thoughtfulness of Beethoven, the light-heartedness of Scarlatti, the poetic lyricism of Chopin or the power and virility of his own interpretative ability to live in the idiom of each composer with an understanding which is unique and individual.

In a program abounding in gems of interpretative beauty, the restful, contemplative Largo from the Chopin Sonata in B Minor, the authoritative interpretation of his own famous C sharp minor prelude and the intricate joyousness of the Dohnanyi-Caprice will remain in the writer's memory as high points in a concert abounding in contrasts from delicate fairy-like beauties to powerful tempestuous emotionalism.

Tall and serious but with a poised, kindly graciousness, Rachmaninoff responded to the rightful enthusiasm of the vast audience with five encores at the end of the program: "Der Wanderer," Schubert-Liszt; "A Minor Mazurka," Chopin; "Hopak," Moussorg-

sky; "A flat Waltz," Chopin; and the "Bumble Bee" of Rimsky-Korsakov.

In listening to the playing of a great artist like Sergei Rachmaninoff, one is impressed by the fact that in music the important thing is the emotional content of the melody and that the true artist must have a technique that can make the harmonic background build that emotional content to its greatest possibilities of expression.

CITY GIVEN \$18,000 IN GAS, WEIGHT TAX

The city of Ann Arbor yesterday received \$18,033.97 from the county road commission as the city's share of the gas and weight tax.

This is the first amount to be received for gas tax this year, and is the second apportionment of weight tax. The first weight tax check amounted to \$11,610, which makes the total received this year from both sources, \$29,643.97. Another check for gas tax is expected later.

BURNS PROVE FATAL TO CASS CITY WOMAN

CASS CITY. — (P) — Burns suffered Wednesday when a heating stove exploded caused the death of Mrs. Melvin Chase, 29, in a hospital here today. The stove exploded when she used kerosene to start a fire.