

# RACHMANINOFF GIVES PROGRAM

## Pianist Opens Concert Season Of Musical Association At High School

The concert season of the Dutchess County Musical association opened last night with the appearance of Sergel Rachmaninoff, pianist, at Poughkeepsie high school.

Giving a splendid recital, Rachmaninoff thrilled his audience with a remarkable display of technique in six groups of numbers including two of his own works and compositions by Bach-Tausig, Beethoven, Brahms, Chopin, and Liszt.

Mrs. James Roosevelt, mother of President Roosevelt, occupied a seat near the front of the auditorium. She was accompanied by Mrs. J. Roosevelt Roosevelt and Mrs. Frank Bohlen of Philadelphia. Mrs. Roosevelt did not meet the artist, but said after the concert she had enjoyed it thoroughly.

Rachmaninoff opened his concert with "Tocatta and Fugue," in D minor, by Bach-Tausig. Next he played three movements of Beethoven's "Sonata," Op. 10, No. 3, the presto, largo e mesto, minuetto, and rondo. The Brahms number was "Ballade," and the first half of the program was completed with three Chopin works, "Tarantelle," "Mazurka," and "Scherzo."

The pianist played two of his own compositions as he opened the second half of his program. They were "Prelude" and "Oriental Sketch," played in sequence. He closed with "Funeral March," "Dance of the Gnomes," and "Rhapsodie No. 11," by Liszt.

Thundering applause greeted the artist as he finished his program, and he responded with encores which included a waltz by Kreisler, and "The Flight of the Bumble Bee" by Rinisky-Korsakoff.

Rachmaninoff successfully dodged autograph collectors to make a train back to New York. The usual crowd which surged to the door leading to the stage at the end of the recital found this portal locked against them.