

SHAPES PROGRAMS

ON FARM VACATION

Sergei Rachmaninoff, Russian composer and pianist, whose personality and art have made him the most commanding figure in the musical world since the retirement of Paderewski from the concert platform, will give a concert at the Playhouse on Monday evening, February 20.

Rachmaninoff prepared his programs during the summer on a farm near Goshen, N. Y. There in the foothills of the Catskills he found the quiet, healthful, simple life which he loves. In the studio Rachmaninoff is inaccessible; no one disturbs him. In the evening there were books in many languages, Russian tobacco and good talk. All this made for a much needed rest, fresh enthusiasm for the winter's work, and reservoirs of the physical strength which is an absolute requisite, even for a physical giant like Rachmaninoff, in the face of a season's engagements of which the number is only limited by the endurance of the pianist.