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### Edna Dean Baker Speaks on Religious Education

President Edna Dean Baker of the National Kindergarten and Elementary college appears on the program for the afternoon session of the second annual convention institute of the Chicago Council of Religious Education, to be held in Chicago, Monday, April 26.

The session will be devoted to the consideration of the religious training of the child in the home, and Miss Baker will speak on "Worship in the Home." The afternoon session will be held in the Immanuel Baptist church, 2320 South Michigan boulevard, and other sessions will be held in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium and the La-Salle hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Weinstock of 630 Walden road, entertained 20 guests at bridge Saturday evening, April 17.

### NEW METHOD TAUGHT

Children Like New "Melody Way" Method of Instruction in Music; Based on Folk Songs

In the music demonstration now in progress at Greeley school by Mrs. Arthur H. Brooks, eight pupils from Miss Ethel Theis' third grade and eight boys from Miss Mayme McCarter's fifth grade are working with true Greeley spirit to demonstrate on the piano that "The Melody Way" is easy to play. The progress of this demonstration is being followed with the object of determining if it is desirable for introduction in the public schools of Winnetka.

The enthusiasm and confidence of the pupils became evident when a number from each class volunteered to become demonstrators at the meeting of the Music Guild this week, when the course was the subject for consideration.

The ideal in this course of piano class instruction is to captivate and maintain from the beginning the child's interest in music, and to win his growing love and appreciation of good music.

The children are encouraged to use their imagination in the rhythmic and singing games, and in their very first playing at the piano. The "Melody Way" pieces are songs, which stimulate the poetic sense and influence this subtle quality in the playing of these simple little melodies. The children are led to feel that the very essence of music is the expression of a mood.

#### Based on Folk Songs

The "Melody Way" is based almost entirely upon folk songs and correlates with the children's experience in public school music. The same modern teaching principles used in reading, language, and public school vocal music are applied in this plan of class piano instruction. Correspondingly, competition and group confidence are stimulated. Observation and imitation promote early progress. And the acquaintance with music literature, all facts about music its vocabularies and terminology can be taught more economically and more effectively to groups than to individuals, for group interest begets individual interest.

Rhythmic games and ensemble playing are the regular procedure in piano classes. All private teachers benefit by this system which places music within the reach of everyone. As class pupils advance they require private instruction in advanced technic and musicianship, and artist teachers are relieved from the drudgery of teaching the elements to each individual.

Also the beginning pupils of private teachers may enroll in the piano classes, where time is allotted for teaching the fundamentals thus giving the private teacher her full lesson time to instruct in the finer phases of the art.

By this standardized plan of class instruction, piano music can be placed on a credit basis in the schools. The individual technique and self-instruction materials are exemplified and are being further developed in the "Melody Way" plan.

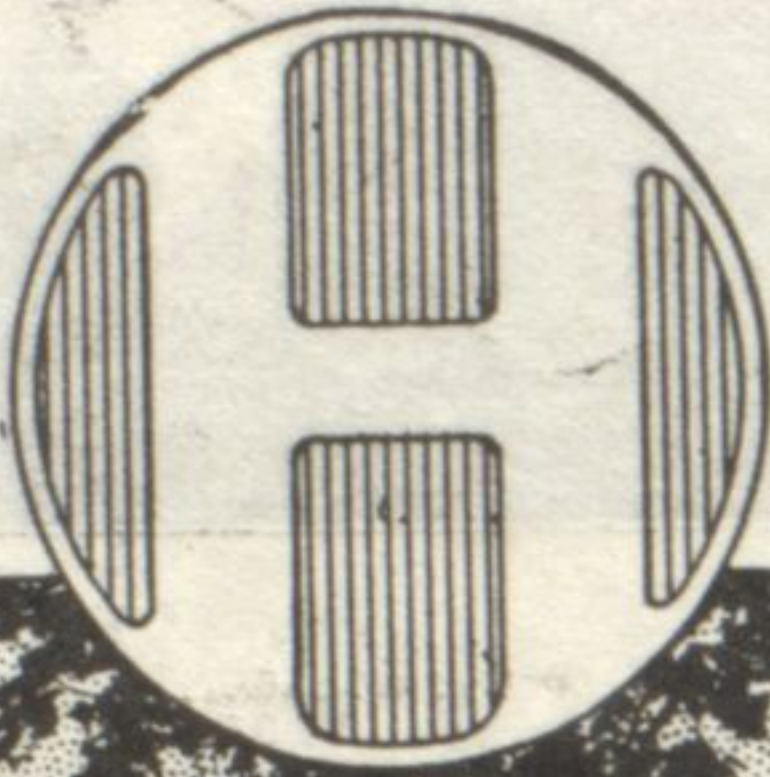
#### HOLD AIRCRAFT TOURNEY

Many boys and girls on the north shore are entering the tournament for miniature aircraft to be held on the Municipal Pier, Chicago, May 8. This is the fourth annual tournament for the miniature craft and is expected to be even larger and better than in former years. Each year has seen a big increase in the number of entrants. The contest is open to all.

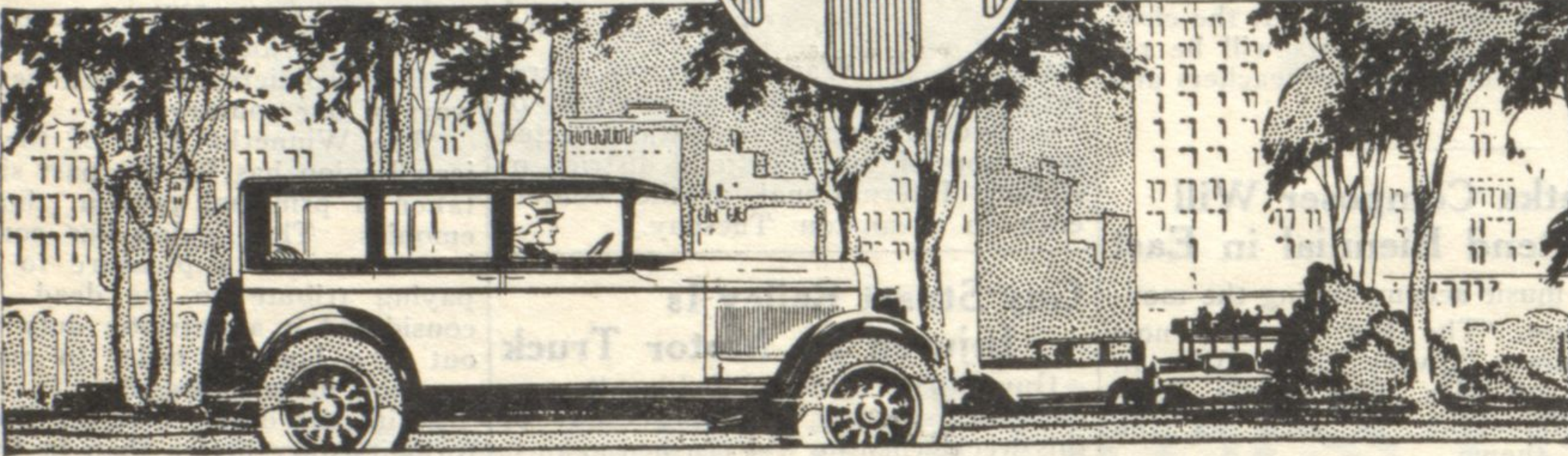
The Charles Foremans of 1255 Pine street, who have been in Europe, will return to Winnetka about the Middle of May.

Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Keith of the Orrington hotel have taken a house in Winnetka which they will occupy in June.

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