

# Robin Redbreast Eges Constant r On Insects

There are few of us who are familiar with the saucy but shy Robin whose appearance is year on our front lawns and nearby parks is usually one of the very first signs of Spring. We are familiar with him, of course, but how much do we know about him?

The Robin may do some damage to fruit trees and vegetable gardens, his constant war against insects and other pests makes him a valuable ally to the farmer and the home gardener. In the North and in some parts of the West, the Robin is one of the most cherished of our native birds and is a welcome and helpful visitor.

According to the National Wild Bird Federation, an organization organized to preserve America's birds and wild animals, the technical name for the Robin is *Turdus migratorius*. He feeds on many kinds of insects with no particular preference for any one type, although he is always happiest when he has captured a good sized worm, which he will either swallow quickly himself or carry home to his babies.

Excesses from insects, wildlife experts at the Federation tell us, are more than half of the Robin's food is made up of fruits.

It would seem, at first glance, that he would not be too helpful to the farmer who raised berries, apples, peaches or other fruits. The wise farmer, however, will not shoot a Robin for what might well be a bad trait. Rather he will watch in his orchard or near fruit trees, small patches of berries, which Robins will eat and enjoy just as well.

When the farmer does this, he will be able to keep the Robin from despoiling his fruit trees, and will have a well trained, fleetwinged man, to eat up many of the insects which do real damage to crops. To prove that this method works successfully, it has been reported that in the state of California in certain years olive trees have been saved from hungry Robins only through great care.

Some growers, however, were not smart enough to recognize the usefulness of Robins, and are convinced that all possible means should be exercised to keep them away so that they may be free to carry on their natural war against the more dangerous crop-destroying insects.

To size the normal healthy Robin should be about 10 inches long from the tip of his tail up to the point of his beak. He lays his eggs in all parts of the United States excepting those in and around the Gulf of Mexico. In addition he may be found in abundance in Canada, Alaska and Mexico. His winters are spent in many of the United States, and he will travel as far as Guatemala, Central America.

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## MONTREAT

Dr. Elmer G. Homrighausen of Princeton, N. J., was the guest preacher at the 11 o'clock worship service in Anderson auditorium Sunday, July 8. Dr. Homrighausen will be heard in the Anderson auditorium each evening this week through Wednesday at 7:30.

Dr. Murdo Ewen MacDonald of Edinburgh, Scotland, internationally known Presbyterian preacher, will be heard in Gaither Chapel extra service between conferences.

Mrs. Crosby Adams is a patient in Mission hospital. Her condition is considered very serious. Miss Emma Phifer is a patient in Mission hospital with a serious heart condition.

The Rev. and Mrs. Harry Punt and family are spending the month of July in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The Rev. Mr. Punt is supplying the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church in that city for the month.

Mrs. L. A. Wilson has opened her home "Twill Do" on Florida terrace.

Mrs. A. M. Aiken and Miss Mary Sherrer of Chester, S. C., are spending some time at the Assembly Inn and are receiving a hearty welcome from their many friends in Montreat.

Mrs. Dozier Drinkard and Barbara of White Plains, N. Y., are spending some time in the Grier cottage. Mr. Drinkard, who is attending an educational conference in California, will join his family here later.

Miss Eveline Jackson of Atlanta has opened her home on Louisiana road.

Mrs. John A. Redhead with Julia, Virginia Ann and John are in the Norris cottage on Virginia road for the months of July and August. Dr. John A. Redhead, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Greensboro, will join his family here for the month of August.

Thomas Spence, son of Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Spence of Virginia road, has been spending some time

on leave from Camp Lejeune. Spence had as his guest, James Gentman of Topeka, Kansas, who is also from Camp Lejeune.

Mrs. Julia Wyly has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Holland, in Marietta, Ga. Nancy Holland returned with her grandmother for a visit to Montreat.

Mrs. Esther Flemming and Mrs. Estell Flemming of Miami, Fla., have opened their summer home in Montreat.

Mrs. Nelson Bell entertained the China missionaries in Montreat with a watermelon cutting on July 4 at her home on Assembly drive.

Mrs. J. F. McNair and her mother, Mrs. Fairley, have opened their summer home on Kentucky road.

Mrs. Kathleen Wilson of Raeford, N. C., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lillian McEachern at her home "Summertime" on Virginia road.

Mr. and Mrs. William Calihan and son David of Dayton, Ohio, were the recent guests of their aunt, Mrs. Mellinger E. Henry, at her home "Ridgefield" on Virginia road.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. K. Roberts and family of Danville, Va., have opened their summer home "Happy Hut" on Virginia road.

The Montreat Woman's Club met Monday, July 9, at 4 p. m. in the parlors of the Collegiate Home on Assembly drive. Lee Williamson, missionary to Brazil under the Presbyterian Church, U. S., and Mrs. A. Hardie, retired missionary of Brazil, were the guest speakers. The members living on Assembly drive were the hostesses and they served delicious refreshments after the meeting. All women in Montreat are invited to these meetings. The next meeting of the club will be on the Winsborough porch July 16 at 4 p. m.

Mrs. Francis Wyly has as her guest at her home on Florida terrace, her sister, Miss Mary Peele of Raeford, N. C.

Dr. Nelson Bell is expected home from his trip to the Island of Formosa on Saturday, July 14.

## Kenneth Edgar Glenn Completes Basic With Famous Army Division

Private Kenneth Edgar Glenn son of Mynota Glenn of Rhododendron avenue, Black Mountain, has successfully completed his 14 weeks of basic training with Company B, 61st Infantry, a unit of the Eight (Golden Arrow) Division, at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Glenn was inducted into the Army on March 8, this year, at Charlotte. He is a graduate of Black Mountain High school. While taking the three and a half month period of his basic, Private Glenn fired modern light infantry weapons, took part in squad and platoon tactics, and underwent rigid physical training.

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## Look Who's Here!

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Halford have a son born July 6 at St. Joseph's hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Tune announce the birth of a son July 4 at St. Joseph's hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Silvers of Swannanoa, route 1, have a daughter born July 6 at St. Joseph's hospital.

### SISTER HERE

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Breeze and son, Carl Douglas, of Nashville, Tenn., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moore for two weeks. Mrs. Breeze is Mr. Moore's sister.

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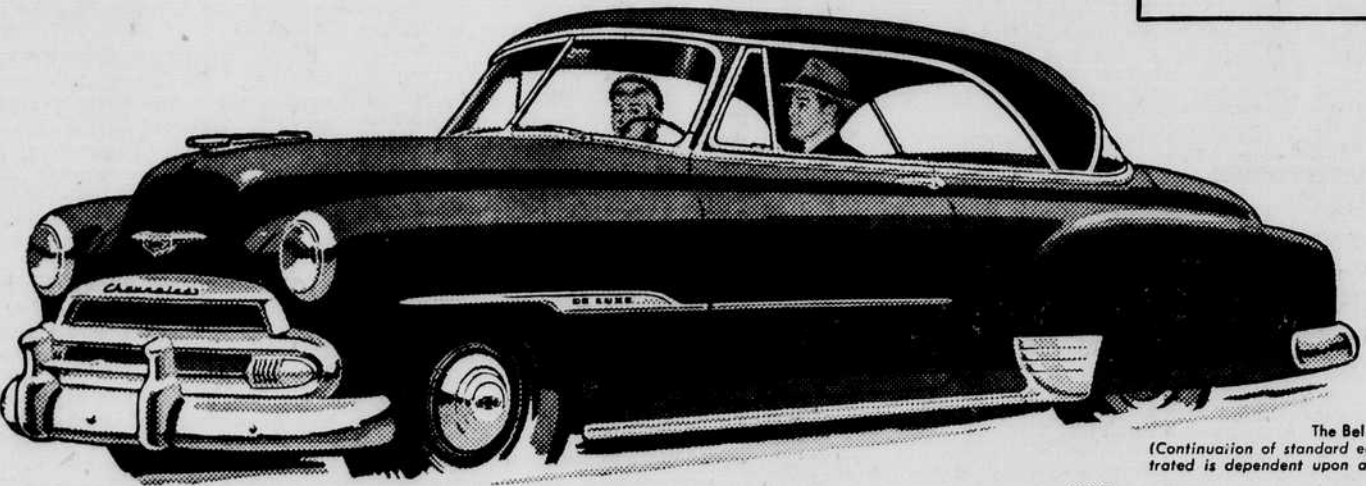
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