



DISTRICT COURT STAFF — Judge Joe Thalhofer, seated, heads the Deschutes county District court, which started here the first of this year. It takes some duties of the Circuit and County courts and replaces the Justice court. J. H. (Doc) Loomis, constable and bailiff, and Mae Alexander, deputy district court clerk, are with the judge in the District office, located on the first floor of the Deschutes county court house. (Bend Bulletin Photo)

Work of New Court Stated

January 7, this year, marked the start of District court for Deschutes county. Its first judge, required by statute to be an attorney, is Joe Thalhofer, who won his seat on the bench for a six-year term in the November election.

The District court, as provided for in Oregon statutes, takes over the duties previously held by the Justice court, which has been abolished here, and relieves the Circuit and County courts of part of their cases.

The new court has jurisdiction to try civil cases involving claims not exceeding \$1,000. Previously, all cases over \$250 had to be filed in Circuit court.

According to Judge Thalhofer, the change is designed to simplify and facilitate the disposition of those civil cases under \$1,000.

The District court also has a small claims department for civil cases not exceeding \$50.

PLEADS GUILTY

Teddy William Foss, 50, Bend, pleaded guilty to a charge of driving while his license was suspended, when he appeared Saturday before Municipal Judge Alvin Gray Saturday. He was sentenced to serve 30 days in the city jail, with 10 days suspended on condition that the offense is not repeated. It was his second arrest for the same offense.

Brothers was so-called to counterbalance Sisters. The boys are in the southeast of Deschutes county, the girls in the northwest. Sisters was named in honor of the nearby mountains of the same name.



THE REV. GEORGE H. REDDEN
Oregon's "Pastor of the Petunia's"

Fame Changes from Pines to Petunias

By PHIL F. BROGAN
Bulletin Staff Writer

Named Bend's gardener of the year earlier in 1957, the Rev. George H. Redden, known for some two decades as the "Pastor of the Pines," has a new title.

He is now "Pastor of the Petunias."

The retired Presbyterian pastor, whose home is at 140 Xerxes Avenue, on the east bank of the Deschutes, has a garden of petunias that is winning wide acclaim. It is now recognized as one of the show places of the area.

Visitors include tourists from many states. Recently, 52 teachers from a New Jersey college viewed the Redden petunias, and said they were outstanding among top sights of their two-month tour.

This year, the Rev. Mr. Redden has some 4,000 plantings in his expanding petunia garden, just off U. S. Highway 97 and 20 in the north part of Bend.

The plantings include 33 different varieties, with nine different kinds of double-ruffled plants also represented.

To enhance the beauty of his garden, in a river-sloping cove fringed by old lava rock, the Rev. Mr. Redden this year planted several borders in massed colors, with reds fringed by whites dominant.

The front yard of the Redden

home is a blaze of color these late summer days. The blooms will remain until the white frosts of autumn.

The retired minister, who earned the title "pastor of the pines" in earlier years when serving as a circuit rider for lumber camps in the mid-Oregon pine country, started petunia cultivation in a small way in 1954. He had about 1000 plants that first year.

Captivated by the beauty of petunias in lingering blooms, cultivation of these flowers became a hobby.

Now he proudly displays his flowers to all who visit him, lists the various species and tells their varied stories.

It was shortly after World War II that the pastor, whose voice had thrilled thousands in the western states over radio networks in earlier years, retired on his physician's orders. He had a weak heart, and he was told to take things easy.

This he did — by modernizing his home into one of the nicest in Bend; by arranging rock gardens, and by preparing his spacious grounds for the cultivation of flowers.

He found his hobby in growing petunias.

Tourists who have sighted the bright flower flags from the high-

way have stopped to look and talk. Pilgrimages to the Redden garden in late summer are becoming as popular as a visit to Bend's beautiful Drake park, Pilot Butte or nearby rock gardens.

The Rev. Redden raises his own plants from seedlings. He specializes in the showy double ruffled varieties, and some of his plants have produced flowers as big as saucers.

The retired pastor, who was ordained 47 years ago, still finds time to enjoy his first hobby — singing. Only last year his deep voice rolled through Bend's Drake Park as he sang a solo in the presentation of the Mirror Pond Pageant.

And he still recalls those days long ago when he was soloist in

ARREST MADE

Donald Hugh Dodson, 24, of 456 E. Hawthorne Avenue, was arrested Monday morning by city police, on a warrant charging failure to support a minor child. He posted \$500 bail and was cited for arraignment in district court this morning.

EXPOSURE CHARGED

James David Walker, 26, Pine Tree Auto Court, was arrested by city police Saturday evening on a disorderly conduct charge. Bail was set at \$50. Arrest followed several complaints of indecent exposure.

the presentation of "The Wayfarer," in Seattle, Wash., before thousands in a packed stadium.

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WASHINGTON (UP)—Rep. John F. Baldwin Jr. (R-Calif.) says he is awaiting with "real interest" response from his constituents to a union plan that they write him in support of a proposed bill. Baldwin said a union newsletter in his district urged voters to send letters to Washington protesting "rising loving costs."

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