# 6-The Statesman, Salem, Oregan, Wednesday, October 5, 1948 **DAV Commander Charges VA** Lax on Hospital Construction

"It's a sad situation that after congress passes laws entitling vets to benefits you still have to fight to get them," said David M. Brown, national commander of the Disabled American Veterans, while in Salem Tuesday.

Brown, a World War I veteran, says he is particularly incensed at the "dilly-dallying" in construction of Veterans Administration hos-pitals. He declared congress had appropriated money for 81 VA **DAV** Chief

hospitals since 1944 but said only three of them were completed.

"At the outbreak of World War II there was a VA hospital bed for every 45 veterans," said Brown. If the new hospitals were completed there would be just one bed for every 111 vets, he added, and as a result of "bungling of the building program" today's ratio is 1 to 151. "And last January the hospital pro-gram was reduced by 16,000 beds," Brown stated.

Rep. John Rankin (D-Miss.) has introduced a bill which would require VA to build the hospitals cut from the program. Included was a 200 - bed institution at Klamath Falls.

"As for economy," said Brown "if the government decides to carry out some real economy, I think they'll find the veterans willing to go along."

DAV's total membership is 162,-000, said Brown. He pointed out that veterans must have a serviceconnected disability to be eligible. With only ten per cent of all veterans to join, he said the local chapter's strength of 90 would compare with 900 in most veterans' groups.

Every motorist in the nation hears from Brown's organization once a year. They receive a key-tag replica of their license plate and a request for a 25-cent dona-

David M. Brown of Akron. Ohio, national commander of Dis-abled American Veterans and a Salem visitor this week. (States-man photo.) In return DAV mails back 50

**Chest Workers** 

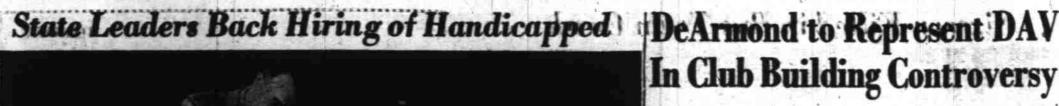
Too. Thorough

In return DAV mails back 50 pounds of lost keys every month. tising the tag bears a request for find-hand.

ers to drop them in a mail box. But anyway the sea lion, who DAV then forwards them to the answers to the name of Pierre owner. One wheatbelt farmer who dropped his keys in a sack of grain herring, is due to tackle the chan-got them back after the bag was nel Sunday with just press agents

opened in Liverpool, Eng. Another set was returned from Okinawa. "Haven't I seen you someplace before?", asked a young woman Money from the key-tag project worker for the Community Chest helps maintain a crew of 250 servdrive Tuesday when a man came ice officers who assist all veterans and their dependents in getting the Compton agency hoped wouldto the door at a north Salem home. The man allowed that probably claims through the VA. They work n't get out until Sunday. the had. He was Joseph Dodd, under National Claims Director "It was supposed to be a su Cicero Hogan, a native of Oregon. chairman of the Community Chest who accompanied Brown here this

drive, who had been master of ceremonies at the kick-off break-fast for workers a few hours be- Bro Brown cited an example of what fore. The woman lived near the the service officers do. "Suppose 12th street junction and was work- a vet had his eye shot but. He goes



Gov. Douglas McKay is shown conferring with top Oregon vocational rehabilitation officials at the state library a few minutes prior to making a special broadcast transcription of a roundtable discussion of the current "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." Shown, left to right, are Vernon Basier, Portland, VA chief of vocation rehabilitation and education; Governor McKay; Robert Thom-linson, Portland station KGW announcer; Charles F. Feike, Salem, director, state division of vocation-

al rehabilitation; Harry A. Ketterman, Portland chairman of the governor committee on fifth annual handicapped week's observance, and Earl R. Lovell, Salem, director of the Oregon state employment service. The discussion will be broadcast over KGW today at 10:45 p.m.

### Channel Swim Backfires, Seal **Band Parents To Make Jaunt Sans Secrecy** Seek Housing

### By Carl Hariman

PARIS, Oct. 4-(AP)-There are limits, after all, to the English channel's silly season. A Cairo challenge to the California sea lion

Egyptian crocodile was strictly a gag.

bellowing alongside.

Among those you don't hear laughing are the Compton Advertising agency people in New York. One of their ideas had got out of

### Sports association."

But a check in Cairo disclosed: Cilion if prompted by a bit of (1) The Cairo zoo has sent no crocodile to France (2) Timsah is just an anglicization of the Arabic word for crocodile (3) It's a zany swimming stunt for the National Broadcasting comthere is no "Nile Sports Association" in Egypt (4) The man who pany of New York and its "Truth sent the challenge admitted it or Consequences" program, a fact was a hoax and pleaded "Don't use my name."

Burt Kennedy, a quiz program "It was supposed to be a secret." contestant from Hollywood, Calif., mourned Muriel Dibble of the who missed a hard one a week ago agency staff in New York. "The last Saturday, was flown to France swimmer has been mentioned on to "train a channel swimmer" as the program only as 'Otto The the penalty. He is Pierre's nom-Great' and listeners were supposed inal trainer. Ross McBride actto think he was a human being." ually is in charge.

12th street junction and was work-ing miles away from her part of to VA and makes application for town. MORE EFFICIENT CHICAGO - (INS) - The Council of State Governments reports that Multiplication for the goes More an eye. Chances are his face has been disfigured, too, entitling him to more. Our men point this out to him and help him get what he's entitled to. They understand medical terms and know the VA Multiplication for has been disfigured, too, entitling him to more. Our men point this out to him and help him get what he's entitled to. They understand medical terms and know the VA

# In Club Building Controversy

A lawyer will take over for Salem chapter 6, Disabled American deer hunting Tuesday in justice Veterans, in their controversy with another group over control of a proposed Salem club building. Announcement came Tuesday from David M. Brown, DAV national commander, who leaves Salem this morning following two days of conferences here on the subject. Robert W. DeArmond, Salem attorney, will represent the local

DAV chapter. Brown said his instructions were to strive for a

peaceful solution with the Salem Living War Memorial association, Inc. but if necessary to ask the quired. courts for total equity in the prop-erty in the name of the Salem Attorneys for the building cor-

chapter of DAV. A drive for funds for the building started three years ago. The corporation is dissolved. building corporation was formed from membership of the local chapter, purportedly with the approval of national headquarters.

During the past year some members of the chapter who were trustees of the building corporation lost their good standing in DAV. Construction of the building at Marion and North Church streets was halted and the contractor sued for a claim against the building corporation.

While in Salem Brown sought agreement of trustees of the building corporation that it be dissolved. He said the property then would have been sold and contri-

### **Child Custody Appeal**

### **Dismissed by Court**

The state supreme court, in an opinion by Justice James T. Brand, Tuesday dismissed a suit involving custody of a child after the mother was killed in an automobile accident.

The suit was brought by Mrs. Maxine Mignot against her hus-band, Ernest Mignot, in Linn county. Circuit Judge Victor Olli-ver gave the child to her mother and the father appealed. The appeal was heard September 6, ap-

proximately a week before Mrs. Mignot was killed. The father now receives the child.

LUTHERAN MEN TO MEET SILVERTON - At a special meeting of the Lutheran Men's club Thursday night Arthur Christenson, chairman of the Lutheran Placement bureau and M. Storlie, president of the Oregon Circuit of Lutheran Men. the high school football clash be- will be guest speakers, the Rev. tween the two schools. Last year S. L. Almlie has announced. The Salem's band members were en- meeting will be held at Immanuel Lutheran church at 8 p.m. Volunteers who will offer hous- and all men are welcome to at-

About 60 girls and 34 boys from furnish autos also are asked to

biles are needed to meet the bus parent association elected four new from Bend at 5 p.m. Friday at the directors to its eight-man execu-

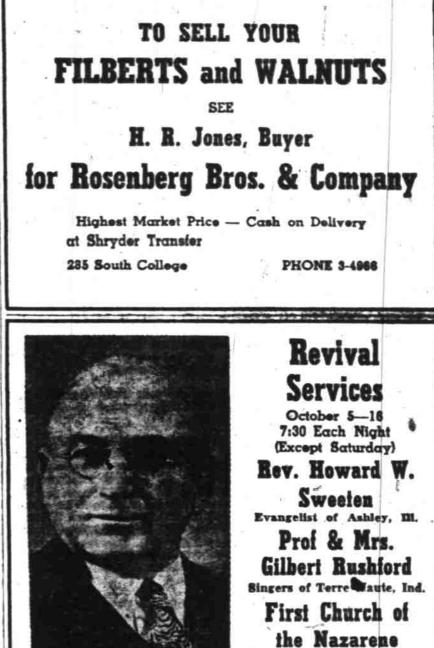
## Salem Hunters Fined in Nevada

### RENO, Nev., Oct. 4-(P)-Two Salem. Ore. men were among eight Oregonians charged with illegal court here.

John Linderman, 43, and Hans Hefstetter, 57, both of Salem, were members of the party arrested Saturday near Bald mountain in northern Washoe county. The seabutors reimbursed as much as pos-sible. Five trustees agreed, said Brown, but two more were re-The eight men posted \$250 bail

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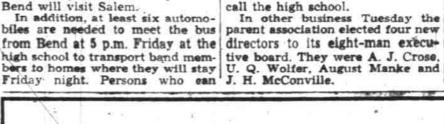
poration say its by-laws provide The .847 slugging percentage posted by Babe Ruth in 1920 is that the property shall revert to Marion county in the event the the major league record.



Center at 13th Rev. Howard W. Sweeten

"The Singing Church"

Orville W. Jenkins Pastor



Volunteers are needed from the membership of Salem high school's band's parent association to house nearly 100 members of the Bend high school band Friday night. The call for housing was issued at a meeting attended by 50 mem-

bers of the association Tuesday night at the high school. Housing has been provided for several years for Bend high school band members who visit Salem for

**For Visitors** 

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