

Aren't People Supposed To Have Children?

"The ideal number of children, if you want to get along with your neighbors, is none. I've found that people don't like kids," states John Bedford in the October Reader's Digest.

Bedford is the father of two boys and is deeply angry at the modern world's attitude toward children, as he sees it. His article is condensed from Maclean's.

"My wife and I have been refused lodging because we have children," Bedford says. "People glare at them in movies because they've asked a couple of questions. They've been reported for running across lawns, for standing on running boards of parked cars, for making chalk marks on the sidewalks—until

of life seem designed to discourage children."

Normal expenditure of Pete's and John's energy invariably draws a complaint from some neighbor. "Every time one of them lets out a whoop half a dozen people look up from their petunias and scowl. Every time they get carried away with their games and forget that their feet are on someone's lawn people look at one another and shake their heads."

"Aren't people supposed to HAVE children any more?" the author wonders.

Deplored the fact that natural playgrounds, the open fields and woods, are not available to most children, today. Bedford says the public playground is no substitute. It's a place "for getting rid of your children with

DAV Top Man Coming Here

Salem will be paid a visit next Monday by the newly elected national commander of the Disabled American Veterans, David M. Brown of Cincinnati, Ohio.

During his visit here the DAV commander is to be an honor guest at the Salem Chamber of Commerce luncheon. He will be introduced during the program, which at an earlier date was arranged by the Salem Business and Professional Women's club. Speaker at the luncheon is to be Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee of Portland.

Monday evening Brown will

meet with members of the Salem chapter of DAV at the Senator hotel. Time for the meeting is 7:30 p.m.

Coming to Salem with the national commander will be Cicero F. Hogan of Washington, D. C., and a group of Oregon department officers of the DAV. Hogan, who is director of claims, is a former Salem resident.

Retired Medford Phone Manager Dies Monday

Medford, Ore., Sept. 27 (AP)—Robert B. Hammond, veteran manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. here

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