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Can we afford it? Do we have the money, or will we borrow?

The average American family doesn't buy on impulse... we can't indulge our desires without regard to our pocketbooks. We must of necessity choose wisely.

But there is something we all buy each year with very little choice and with questionable satisfaction. It's the package presented every year in the federal budget—a package we pay for dearly with our taxes.

Today the federal government seems preoccupied with the issue of consumer protection. It wants to be sure our package of breakfast food is full and plainly marked; it wants us to be fully aware of the cost of borrowing money.

Right now, when many of us are having to think about borrowing to pay our taxes on April 15, we might well wish that our benevolent Uncle Sam would worry less about the size and weight of our breakfast food package and show more concern about our plight as harried taxpayers.

When the Administration in Washington last summer proposed a surtax to help reduce large and persistent federal deficits, many economists and businessmen pointed out that a sharp slash in government spending would be a better solution. The government continues to face a critical balance-of-payments situation, growing inflation, and interest rates at century-high levels.

A substantial cut in federal spending would help solve all these problems and of course help all of us as individual taxpayers.

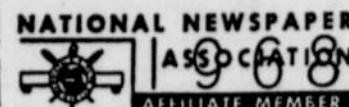
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THAT WE MIGHT LIVE



Easter is a joyful occasion throughout the civilized world. All over America, the churches enjoy record attendances.

While we join in the outward observance of Easter—the egg hunts, the new finery, it is well to pause and think about the spiritual reason for the celebration.

Here is how it was described in the gospel of St. Matthew:

"And the angel answered and said to the women, 'Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here, for he is risen, as he said. Come see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there ye shall see him. Lo, I have told you.'"

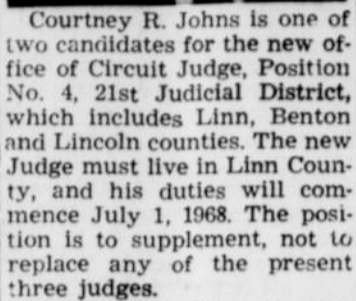
Civilization has come a long way. It's a good time to count our blessings and let good deeds speak for us.

Son Nhut.
The Korean War veteran was commissioned upon completion of Officer Candidate School.

A graduate of Tabor High School, the captain received an A. A. degree in 1950 from Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa.

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Courtney R. Johns has lived in Albany for 22 years, and has practiced law for 30 years. He is the present District Attorney of Linn County, and has been for 17 years.

Every attorney in all three counties (Linn, Benton and Lincoln) has endorsed him, and has personally signed a written recommendation that Courtney R. Johns be elected Circuit Judge, except of course, the other candidate and his partner.

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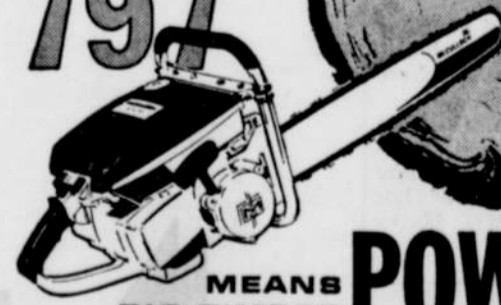
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEAR EDITOR:

In discussing the economic and industrial development of the North Santiam Valley consideration should be given to the construction of a new highway bridge across the Santiam River. I propose that a new bridge be built off of Highway 22 to the West of Mill City at the Bend of the river (alongside Fishermens Bend Park) with a connecting road to the Lyons-Mill City Linn county road. A new bridge there would not only eliminate most of the log-truck traffic through downtown Mill City but would also facilitate travel between the Albany and upper-Canyon areas. There would be commercial advantages as well to the Lyons-area mills that depend upon upper-Canyon logs. None of the bridges in the area

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