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Speeches are amazing, considering they all come from an alphabet—which has 26 letters.

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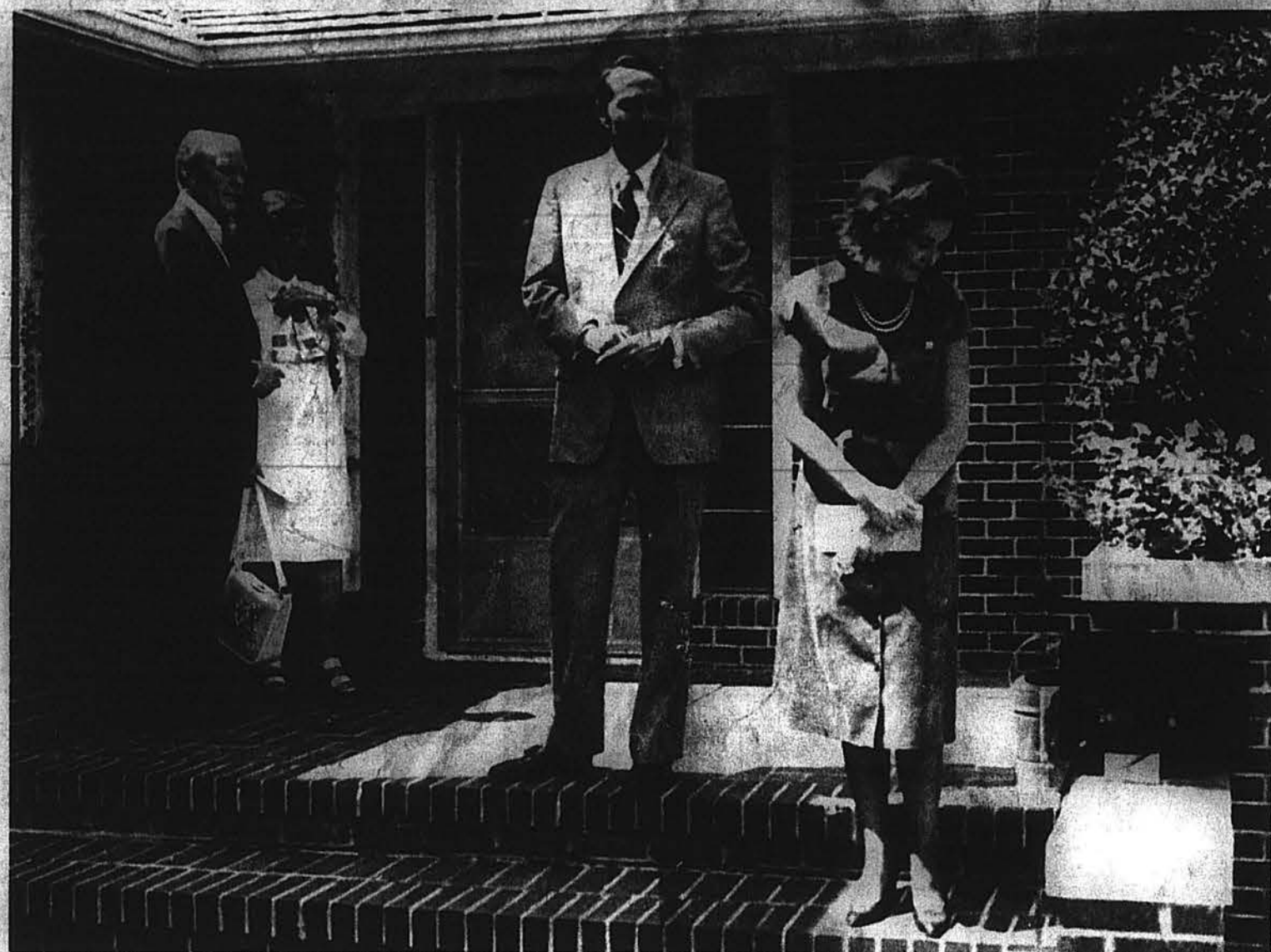
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PRESIDENTIAL ESCORT—President Gerald R. Ford stands with the vice presidential candidate's mother waiting. Senator Robert Dole has center stage for photographers in this suspenseful moment—where is the door key? Mrs. Mary Eliza-

beth Dole, a bride of less than a year, solves the problem of how to enter. Just below the broad brick steps is a rubber matting which reads: "Welcome to the Home of the Doles." (Photograph Courtesy of Mrs. Bina Dole)

Doles Home From Convention

By PAULINE STURGEON
Sen. Robert Dole's family is back from the Republican convention and full of anecdotes and reminiscences—thrilled with his nomination for vice president and with the visit of President Gerald Ford to Russell.

"You saw more of the convention on television than we did," said Norma Jean's husband, Tom Steele. The Steeles live in Wichita and would be leaving Sunday. Gloria had already gone to Ft. Morgan, Colo.

Norma Jean was leaving shortly for the home of Mrs. Edwin Rein, to have a get-together with old friends. Mrs. Bina Dole, mother of the senator, and the Steeles' youngest son, Joseph Doran, 11, were present with the senator's brother, Kenny Dole, and his wife Anita.

"They were telling how Norma Jean had encountered Henry Kissinger and said: 'Hi, Henry!' and he shook hands with her. 'I wonder what she would have done if he had replied: 'Hi, Norma Jean!' her husband said."

Kenny and Anita were about to go out a door when they were held back. The door opened and Reagan and his wife Nancy came in. The two couples shook hands. "Maybe they thought we were on a reception committee!" Kenny joked.

The family didn't get direct word from Bob on his contact

from the President. The senator himself stumbled onto an elevator with a sole passenger, a girl. If she was a reporter, she had a scoop, for he said: "You can't guess where I'm going—to breakfast with the President!"

His mother regrets that his father couldn't have been here to enjoy it all. Doran Dole's birthday would have been the 18th of August, and the nomination came on the 19th.

When the news spread through the Kansas delegation, it was "one of the ways" the family learned, although they had had "inklings"—reporters had said Sen. Dole was one of three being considered.

The story of the door key was a local tidbit about how the President of the United States was kept waiting. Tom Steele was gone with the car keys, with the door-key on that ring. Mrs. Bina Dole kept an extra key hidden for she has locked herself out at times. So she sometimes hung the extra key inside the honeysuckle bush. But someone else had been there to let somebody in—the place has been swarming with visitors and press people—and when they put it back it must have fallen to the ground. Bob's wife, Mary Elizabeth, did the searching and found it.

This could have happened to anybody, but it isn't every day a person is told to get in the Pres-

dential car to be taken home. Mrs. Dole went to the car and a secret service man came rushing down and pushed her away. "Don't let them push you around like that!" Said somebody who knew her.

Said Mrs. Dole: "They're taking care of them. That's what I want them to do." But at the thought that her son might attain vice president, then president in the election four years hence, she doesn't know: The secret service men do symbolize the danger the heads of state are in all the time.

Kenny told a story heard in a delegates' caucus. A man from Florida told how, learning that Bob had a \$50,000 campaign deficit, sent a contribution of \$1,000. By the time it was received, Bob's loss had been made up

and anyhow, he thought he should get his support from the state he was representing. He told his secretary to send it back. "It's the first time I got money back from a politician," the Floridian told

the weekend.
While broad outlines for the fall campaign were sketched, Ford and Carter named emissaries to work out details for the face-off expected to begin Sept. 28 in St. Louis under the auspices of the League of Women Voters.

Ford, vacationing in Vail, Colo., is sending an aide to Washington Thursday and Carter will send his press secretary,

Washington (UPI) — Russell, Kansas: The town where the GOP vice presidential nominee, Sen. Bob Dole, grew up is seven miles south of the 38th degree of latitude and anyone who marches directly east will run into the White House.

But there's half a continent between the brick-paved Main Street and the White House. There seems to be as wide a gap between the humble, teary-eyed native son who last Friday sobbed in the courthouse square at the generosity of his neighbors 29 years ago and the wisecracking 16-year veteran of Capitol Hill whose wit deprecates both Democrats and himself.

Bob Dole is the one who said of President Ford two years ago, while fighting for re-election to the Senate, that "I was struggling and he threw me an anchor."

Bob Dole is also the man picked from the lower reaches of the vice presidential guessing list by the same President Ford who made it possible for Dole to return to Russell and weep without shame when he recalled, "When I needed help the people

of Russell helped."

As a freshman senator, he defended President Nixon at every opportunity and, as head of the Republican National Committee, issued press releases in 1973 accusing George McGovern of campaign finance violations.

A Ford partisan at the convention, Dole also was close to Ronald Reagan. An old friend, Lyn Nofziger, was Reagan's convention manager. He jokingly offered Dole the No. 2 spot on a Reagan ticket.

"I have a good conservative philosophy," he said last week after his selection as Ford's running mate. "But no so conservative as to offend GOP liberals."

Let Dole describe himself, as he did Sunday on television CBS: "Face the Nation."

"If I bring anything to the ticket, it's close identification with agriculture, small towns, rural America, and that would appeal in those areas to Democrats and independents."

Referring to the GOP convention: "It was sort of a frightening thing in a way because there was so much genuine enthusiasm. How do you bridge the gap between those who were strongly for Ford and those who felt strongly about Reagan? And I would guess that those who had a

lesser degree and in East Europe temperatures are lower and rain higher than normal.

The London Meteorological Office says there's no cause for alarm because projections show no significant change in global weather conditions. And the Japan Meteorological agency says the possibility it may be colder than usual in Europe for the next 10 or 20 years shouldn't worry anyone too much.

What most scientists agree on is that more people have felt the shifting and bursting of the earth's crust in recent weeks than is usually the case, thus causing more attention.

As many as 30,000 lives have been lost in quakes this year, three times higher than the aver-

age. The agency lists 67,000 deaths from quakes in Peru and Turkey in 1970.

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Congress Back to Work

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Congress returned today from the heady atmosphere of presidential politics — pr. in the case of Democrats, from vacation — to face a more down-to-earth problem: how to make the country's postal system work properly.

That was the first issue facing the Senate following the congressional recess for the Republican national convention. The House was working on bills dealing with the District of Columbia and control of toxic substances.

The Postal Service, set up in 1971 as a semiautonomous, subsidized business, is working its way up to a \$4.5 billion deficit while cutting service.

Same-day delivery in downtown areas has been dropped. Local mail has been mixed with area mail, slowing it down. Collections from corner mailboxes have been limited. Door-to-door service is absent in newly built-up areas. Many air taxi routes have been dropped.

The postal budget is not part of the overall federal budget which

Hutchinson Man Brought to Russell

Michael W. Lee, 20, Hutchinson Industrial Reformatory, was brought to Russell Friday to face charges on two break-ins in the county April 15.

Lee is one of three who were charged with entering the AGCO, Inc., office in Russell and the Radke Implement Company at Milberger. Cash was taken at Milberger and a safe ruined when it was opened. Less than \$100 was obtained. At AGCO, Inc., in Russell, about \$280 in cash was taken from a filing cabinet.

A woman charged with the break-ins was released on probation in District Court here several weeks ago. The third member of the team which operated in several counties is reported serving time on a sentence from another county.

The trio were apprehended in Hays following the break-ins in Russell County.

Congress annual approves. The service operates on its own budget and survives through authority to borrow money from the Treasury.

"If it were truly a business, the United States Postal Service would be bankrupt," says a Senate report.

A bill before the Senate would tide the service over with \$1 billion in additional subsidies between now and September 1977, would prohibit further service cuts and set up a 12-member commission to figure out a long-range solution by Feb. 15, 1977.

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Hollings proposed a substitute which, in addition to the \$1 billion subsidy, would put the Postal Service back under the federal budget and congressional control, would abolish the Board of Governors that supervises the Postal Service and would have the Postmaster General appointed by the President.

The House has passed a bill similar to the one Hollings propose.

Congress has 27 days to deal with a lot of pending legislation if it is to meet its goal to adjourn for the year Oct. 2. Some mandatory measures such as appropriations and setting the 1977 budget will be passed.

Several major measures such as revenue sharing, food stamp reform, estate and gift taxes, perhaps an overall tax revision, synthetic fuels and financial disclosure are likely to be taken up.

What Struck Russell?

Russell's hectic weekend wasn't overlooked in other areas. At about 11:30 p.m. Thursday, the teletype in the sheriff's office had a message from the law enforcement center, Garfield County, Glenwood, Colo.

The Colorado officers were asking about a reported tornado hitting Russell, asking for damage, casualties, if any; and a contact number to call. It added that a local woman, with children visiting the area, wanted to know about the safety of her family.

The answer, from Russell, was: "Weather fine in Russell, Kan. No tornado, just a home-town boy nominated veep."

Preliminary Hearings Are Continued to Sept. 2

A preliminary hearing for Steve Burkey, 26, 324 S. Elm St., and Jerry L. Spradlin, 26, 328 W. 13th St., was continued late last week from Aug. 20 to Sept. 2 at 10:30 a.m. in County Court.

The two were arrested by local officers Aug. 10 on charges of sale of cocaine and possession of drugs. Both are free on \$10,000 bond.

Reports Battery Theft

The theft of a battery from a pickup truck Friday was reported to the sheriff's office. The \$40 unit was taken from a truck owned by Kaw Pipe Line Company.

Special Council Meeting

A special meeting of the Russell city council set for noon Monday was postponed Monday morning until noon Friday. The session was set Aug. 17 for consideration of an ordinance for about \$750,000 in industrial bonds to be used for construction of a large care facility for the aged.

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Record Files Settle Question

Files of the Russell Record settled, once and for all, questions remaining about the visit of U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt to Russell. The day was May 2, 1903. The Presidential train was preceded by a special train running 10 minutes ahead and arrived in Russell in the early afternoon.

President Roosevelt, who also stopped in Hays and Victoria and probably in many other Kansas cities, stepped from his car to a ramp leading to the platform, built at a cost of \$13.60, listed expenses of \$148.50 for the day. The \$13.60 also include seats provided placed for 1,400 school children who marched from Bickelky School to the depot.

Seats remaining after "the children have been properly seated" were "reserved for the ladies."

The crowd was set at 5,000, gathered on the south side of the tracks.

The issue of the Record, printed immediately preceding the visit, had a boxed agenda on page

2 telling people what to do and not to do. One of the admonitions was to stay on the south side of the tracks and another was not to crowd around the President's train.

In a paragraph on that issue, it was stated that the president "would not be shaking hands or any of that nonsense."

The day was a big day for Russell, although unseasonably cold.

The Presidential visit story was on page 3 of the next issue. It told of the city being ready at 9 a.m. with flags flying and bunting installed. "Teams were coming from all directions."

Bands from Paradise and Galatia came to town for the day. The Paradise band was not in full strength and members merged with the Russell band.

At 11 a.m., bands led the crowd to the ball ground where there was an outdoor basketball game between Three Corners and Russell. Russell won and earned \$5. Three Corners got \$2.50.

During the time, the Galatia band paraded.

At 2 p.m., bands consolidated at the courthouse square and the Galatia band led the parade of 1,400 school children down Main St. to the railroad station.

"The parade was a quarter mile long," the story stated.

The consolidated bands escorted the GAR and the WRC. The latter unit was the Women's Relief Corps which was active here until the Spanish-American War times.

Sen. Pestania announced the train's approach which was signaled by "Dawson" who as perched atop a pole at a vantage point. The first train pulled in and the second train, with President Roosevelt, came in 10 minutes later as scheduled.

After the platform speech, President Roosevelt boarded his train and left.

The crowd stayed for the day. There was a baseball game at the ballpark with Dorrance defeating Waldo and winning the \$10 first place money. Waldo received the

loser's \$5.

Another basketball game, Bunker Hill vs. Waldo, went to Bunker Hill which earned the \$5 purse leaving Waldo with \$2.50.

An evening band concert was featured.

A performance of "Dora" was given in the Opera House by the Russell Dramatic Club. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing, an affair which the newspaper article indicated didn't last long enough, being terminated at midnight.

President Roosevelt may not have been in an active campaign when he stopped in Russell. He was elected vice-president in 1900 and took office with President William McKinley, the 25th president, in March, 1901. McKinley was shot by an assassin Sept. 6, 1901, and died Sept. 14, 1901.

Roosevelt was named president to succeed McKinley.

In 1904, Roosevelt ran for election to the office of president and was inaugurated in March, 1905. His term ended in March, 1909.