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Dole Good Person, Leader in School

By IRENE H. JEPSEN

When Bob Dole was a senior in high school in 1940-41, he took Spanish II, and Faith Dummer was his teacher.

"Bob was a good, no, strong, 'C+' to 'B' student in Spanish. He could have had an 'A' if he'd studied harder."

That was the first year of teaching for Mrs. Dummer, nee Faith Seelye, and there "wasn't too much difference between us in our ages," she said.

"He was a good person — not a goody-goody — and a leader among the kids. He was well liked as a senior in high school, and also in college. He was a favorite among the fraternity rushers and got peddled a lot as a fraternity pledge, as was the fate of the favorites."

"In the early '40s the high school didn't have a Student Council or homecoming kings and queens. They had student dances about every six weeks, and all the kids went; and the athletic events. There was no lack of school spirit, and these events were one place the kids got their entertainment."

Mrs. Dummer couldn't remember if Dole took a date to the school dances or if he danced when he went.

"I don't remember him dating. Bob and one of his very good friends, Bud Smith, who was later killed in action, were both so good looking. They went to KU together and pledged the same fraternity. But neither boy dated much; I would have remembered that."

"He was lots of fun. He had that banter wit, you know, that he still has."

Acerbic at one time was the adjective for the Dole wit. Perhaps at times his wit is a no nonsense putdown to a nonsense issue.

"But putdown wit," Mrs. Dummer said, "is a prevalent area-type humor, especially



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within families and close friends." An example she gave is the old joke when someone remarks they just returned from the beauty parlor and are quipped with "Oh, you didn't get waited on, did you?"

"Bob is one of the most compassionate people I've ever known. I really feel that he's the kind of person that if you ever had any troubles, he would do everything he could to help you, to help all his constituents — not just those who were good friends. That's why I'd have to say I'm selfish. I wouldn't want to lose him as our senator."

Later when Bob Dole and his former wife, Phyllis, were in Russell, with Dole as County Attorney, Faith and her husband, Harold L. Dummer, became good friends of the couple. They were members of the Birthday Bridge Club, where they celebrated with birthday cake and ice cream and played bridge. "Bob was like a lot of men are, he could have cared

less about bridge. He was not a 'Bridge Hawk', like some are, but he played well."

"I had a reporter once ask me if I could put my finger on anything that years back made me think that he would one day run for the presidency. I said no, I hadn't felt that. I wasn't surprised, however, when he left the House to go to the Senate. And I wasn't a bit surprised when he was Majority Leader, but I wouldn't have thought of this, of his aspiring to be president. Not until he ran for vice-president. From then on I (personally) thought that's what he's going to do."

Asked to summarize Bob Dole, Mrs. Dummer said: "Bob Dole will work on something until it does all that he can do or until it's completed. He can communicate on every level; can relate to all people. He remembers people's names. That's an incredible faculty that he has. To him, everyone is important."



DORAN R. DOLE, the father of Senator Robert J. Dole, is inside his creamery in this picture taken inside of the new building about 1935. Dole supported his family of a wife and

four children from the creamery and as manager of Norris Grain Company. The creamery and the grain company were located on the same ground. (Staff Photo)



MEMBERS OF THE Dole family gathered here June 6, 1981, for the dedication of the Doran R. Dole fire truck. Senator Robert J. Dole, representing his family, was a speaker. His two sisters, Gloria Nelson, Russell, and Norma Jean Steele, Derby, are on the right.

Standing to the right of Senator Dole are Paul Laubhan, fire department member, and State Rep. Robert D. Miller. On the left are Lawrence Mohl and Fire Chief Emanuel Georg Laubhan. Doran R. Dole was a volunteer fireman in Russell for 50 years. (Staff Photo)

Dole Backers Take Aim in Bush Country

By CHARLES F. J. MORSE
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Republican presidential supporters of Robert J. Dole are no longer kissing off Connecticut as George Bush country.

Furthermore, they are launching their challenge state-wide, with special attention to Fairfield County. Bush spent his boyhood there and it is the source of a pot of money already collected in his behalf.

Heading the Dole effort will be Betsey Osborn of Fairfield, who will leave her job as vice-chairwoman of the Connecticut Republican Party to work for the Kansas senator.

Osborn, a top aide to U.S. Rep. Stewart B. McKinney until his death and a key contributor to the Fourth District victory of Representative-elect Christopher Shays of Stamford — a Bush supporter — is considered the top Republican strategist of Fairfield County.

Osborn is already co-chairman of the Dole campaign in Connecticut. The other co-chairman is expected to be former state senator and gubernatorial candidate Richard C. Buzzuto of Watertown.

They would put them into a head-to-head contest with another pretty fair Republican strategist, J. Brian Gaffney of New Britain, a former state GOP chairman and Bush campaign chairman.

Gaffney's message has continually been that Dole may look good in other parts of the country, but Bush is what's best for Connecticut, especially for Republican congressional and state legislative candidates who would be running with him.

With Osborn already on board and Buzzuto coming, the Dole forces are also courting such downstate Connecticut GOP forces as John T. Becker, the wealthy Greenwich businessman who ran for state treasurer in 1982 and for the Fourth District nomination, and about 20 state legislators.

Meanwhile, Dole and his wife, Elizabeth Dole, who visited Stamford four weeks ago on behalf of Shays, will both make "meet and greet" stops at Bradley International Airport this week — the senator today, his wife on Thursday.

The plan is to impress as many Connecticut Republicans as their forces can get to the airport, and perhaps lure a few of these Connecticut Republican dollars.

Bush, one day in June, made two "buck" stops here, for lunch in Farmington, and dinner in Stamford. It was worth \$500,000.

Rudman Is Reported To Lean Toward Dole

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Sen. Warren Rudman of New Hampshire apparently is near the point where he will make public his favorite among the Republican presidential contenders — Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas. That would give Dole a healthy boost in the first primary state in the country.

Rudman said in an interview in Washington, D.C., that he has not decided when to throw his New Hampshire political organization into the fray, but indicated that the time could come within weeks.

The signals from Rudman were clear. He volunteered, for example, that one of his principal press aides, Paul Jacobson, will leave his staff in October to handle Dole's media relations in New England. Jacobson was news director at Radio Station WGIR in Manchester before going to work for Rudman three years ago.

Aides to Rudman said Allan Walker, the senator's administration assistant since he went to Washington, D.C., seven years ago, is headed for the Dole payroll as his New England regional coordinator.



A COMPLETE INVALID — Bob Dole had scarcely had a chance to grow from a boy into a man before the gods pushed him back into infancy. He spent many stormy months as a patient in a hospital bed, with his temperature once flaring to 108.7 degrees. He was pronounced only hours from death. This young man of 22 was a sucked-out, skin-and-

bones invalid, suffering from the wounds he had sustained as a lieutenant leading an attack against the Germans in Northern Italy. His weight had dropped from 194 to 122 pounds. Dole, who went through several major surgeries, could not feed himself for a year.

Dole Presents Issues During Ohio Campaign

— Says He Will Top Bush

By PETE SWINGLE
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Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kan., said his presidential aspirations should be taken seriously and he "feels good" about his campaign's early pace and direction.

"When I ran for president in 1980, apparently no one knew I was running except me," Dole said. "This time it's different. It feels good. There's movement. We're catching up."

Dole stopped in Columbus Saturday to announce his campaign committee in the state. During his trip to Ohio, Dole also stopped in Dayton and Cleveland. He said he made the trip immediately after the Senate adjourned Friday night because the Ohio campaign is significant.

"In 1976, had we won an 8,000 vote difference in Ohio and a 3,000 vote difference in Hawaii," Dole said, "President Ford would have been elected."

Dole carefully separated his ideas from Reagan's policies in the Persian Gulf, domestic spending and education.

At a press conference in Cleveland, Dole addressed the following issues:

— Persian Gulf Policies — "I've never been certain about refueling ships. It raises the ante and risk. But now we're there, and we have to make the best of it. We can't let the Iranians drive us out, and we can't let the Soviets move in to fill the vacuum."

— Federal Deficit — "The biggest threat to the country in this world is the federal deficit. I believe, I guess as Ronald Reagan believes, we're going to have to reduce that. But it's going to take working with congressional leadership, and we're not going to do much until the new president is elected."

— Education Costs — "I realize the problem is there. We have to take a whole new look at it. I don't think the federal government has all the answers. We need to work with governors and state legislators trying to put more focus on education."

— Iran Contra Hearings — "It's not going to affect anybody's campaign. The committee did a good job, but the American people have a tendency, or should have, to move on to the next event."

— The Republican's Attitude

Toward the little guy — "There is the perception across the country that Republicans don't care about a lot of people. It's not true, and it certainly wouldn't be true during a Dole administration. My background is from a poor family in Russell, Kan., so I really believe I can communicate with people and problems. I can back that up with things I've done in Congress, whether it's the voting rights act, food stamp program, school lunch program, or something else."

— His wife, Elizabeth Dole, running for vice-president — "That occurred to me. It might be a Bush-Dole ticket, but I wouldn't be the Dole. She'd have a car and a driver that way."

Dole conceded that Vice-President George Bush is the Republican frontrunner, according to the polls, but said, "I'm going to just keep digging and digging and digging."

According to Dale Mellows, newly-elected chairman for the Ohio Republicans, a poll taken last week among Ohio Young Republicans showed Bush had 40 percent of their support, Congressman Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., had 26 percent, and Dole was third with 18 percent.

Dole said he would be taking his case to 60 cities in 30 states during August.

"I'll be able to say again and again how serious I am about what I'm doing, what I propose to do, and how I'll go about it," he said.

By the end of August, Dole predicted his organization would match any other candidate's.

He said since March 3 he's raised \$5 million to add to the \$2 million left over from his last senate race. George Bush has raised \$10 million.

Dole said he would officially announce his candidacy about Nov. 1. "A lot of it is timing and trying to figure out when there isn't much else happening," he said. "I just don't want to announce the same day Ronald Reagan and Gorbachev initial an arms control agreement. I'd be a footnote on page 32." He predicted Bush would announce in mid-October.

Ohio Senate President Paul Gillmor, R-Port Clinton, will be chairman of the Ohio Dole for President Committee. Cleveland Browns owner Art Modell will be Dole's Ohio finance chairman.

Also during the press conference in Cleveland, Modell gave Dole a Cleveland Browns jersey



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