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GERALD R. FORD, right, and Bob Dole confer about plans for the 1976 campaign for the presidency. At the time Dole was named by Ford as his vice-presidential running mate, the Republican Party was badly split. They had fought hard in the National Convention, when Reagan almost took the nomina-

tion away from President Ford. Many had hoped that the ticket would be composed of Reagan and Dole, but the Conservative forces were not able to wrest party control from the man in the White House. The party split helped elect Jimmy Carter from Georgia and Walter Mondale from Minnesota.



1979 ANNOUNCEMENT SITE—When Bob Dole made his announcement on May 14, 1979, to seek the Republican nomination for president, the speaker's platform was set up on Maple Street, immediately east of The Daily News/Russell Record building at the corner of 8th and Maple streets. An estimated

6,000 people heard Dole's remarks. Dole later dropped out of the race, due to lack of funds. The News/Record plant is on the left of this picture and the City Building is on the right. The platform from which Dole made his announcement is in the street between the two buildings. (Staff Photo)

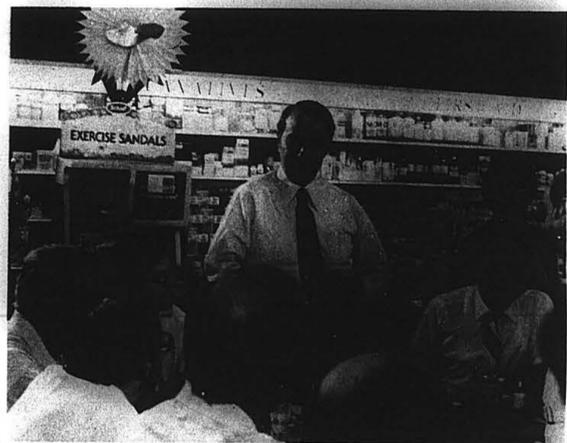


DOLE'S VOTE HERE—Sen. Robert J. Dole and his wife, Elizabeth, right, and his daughter, Robin, have returned to Russell from Washington, D.C., to vote. They are checking with election clerks at their

voting poll, the First Christian Church of Russell. Robin, who was born and reared in Russell, is employed by Century 21, a nation-wide real estate firm. (Staff Photo)



LT. BOB DOLE
 Bob Dole looked sharp when he returned to Russell as an Army second lieutenant during World War II, right after he had been graduated from Officer Candidate School. Later Dole was promoted to a first lieutenant, and then to a captain.



ON AUG. 7, 1930, Senator Bob Dole returned to his high school days work station as soda jerk at Dawson's Drug Store in the 800 block of Main Street in Russell. The reason: TV commercials. Dole earned a dollar a day when he was employed at the store. Also in the picture, from left,

are: Laddie E. Merryfield, Alien T. Fender, G. B. "Bub" Dawson, (unknown), "Chef" Dawson and Max P. Horn. Ernest E. Dawson, "Bub's" and "Chef's" father, owned the store when Dole worked there. Today the store is owned and operated by Larry and Tish Rogers. (Staff Photo)



JOURNALISM CLASS — Bob Dole is in the center of his Russell High School journalism class, taught by Mae Beveridge, now Mrs. Basil Keller of Wichita, the lady immediately back of him. Standing, from left, are: Louise Osborne and Leveda Embree. Those seated at the back are Ann Mullenax, Mae Beveridge, and Miriam Pearson. Seated, and staggered, from left, are: Barbara Colvin, Adolph Reisig, Dole, and Peggy Beck. Bud Smith is at the extreme right, and to his right are Vernon Margeim and Doris Carson. The third girl is not known. Reisig,

who has lived in Hays for years, is director of the Fort Hays State University Alumni Association. Colvin was news editor of the school newspaper, The Pony Express. Helen Hoard was associate editor. Esther Allhand was feature editor and Dole was sports editor. Reporters were Mullenax, Osborne, Miriam Pierson, Reisig, Peggy Lee Beck, Carson, Leveda Embree, Smith and Vernon Margeim. The newspaper that year won first class honor rating in the National Scholastic Press Association.



ROBIN DOLE'S BAPTISM—Members of the Dole family and a dear friend gathered at the Methodist Church here in the early 1950s for the baptism of Robin Dole, daughter of then County Attorney and Mrs. Robert J. Dole. From left, they are: Robert Dole; his mother, Bina Dole; Robin, being held by her mother Phyllis Dole; Estelle Holden (Phyllis'

mother), Concord, N.H.; Janie (Mrs. Russell T.) Townsley; and the minister, who is not recognized. Mrs. Townsley and Phyllis' sister, Joyce Nash, Franklin, Mass., were godmothers for Robin. Kenneth D. Dole, Russell, Robert Dole's brother, was godfather. (Staff Photo)