Good Guy, Fire collections at the Dole Archives, University of Kansas.

By ALBERT LIN

John Brown of Gorham attended

Sunday School classes with Bob

Dole and graduated in Russell

High School's Class of 1941 with

him. He remembers Dole as hav-

ing a sociable personality.

Brown said that in Sunday School, "The teacher could never get our attention. We were always visiting with each other, and just having a good time, generally."

However, he said none of the students in the Sunday School class were mean or rascally, and that Dole today is a "good guy, fine

Brown said that when Dole was in high school, "I think he had a knack for meeting people. To this day, he's always ready with a wise-

Dole is still good at meeting people, Brown said.

"He's not your 'hail-fellow-well-met' type of guy, but he meets peo-ple well, I think," Brown said.

Brown said he never got the impression in high school that Dole might become president someday, but that today Dole has the qualifi-



JOHN BROWN

"He's got the experience," Brown "I think he's the best candidate

Learned Leadership In Italy in WWII

Dean Banker remembers back when Bob Dole seemed shy and less than resilient when speaking in

front of crowds. "As he progressed in his political field, he overcame that natural fear," said Banker, the co-owner of Russell's 115-year-old clothing store on Eighth and Main Streets. "He became Bob Dole."

Banker said that he thinks that Dole learned to become a leader while in Italy during World War II and was wounded.

"The number one thing is that I admire him so much as a leader," Banker said. "To put his hat in the ring once again is tremendous.

Just to get the chance to vote for him is something special."

Banker, two years behind Dole at Russell High School, said he did not have much contact with the future presidential candidate while they were in high school.

"Sophomores didn't talk to se in 1993. niors very much," Banker mused. Bank "I really didn't get to know him un-change in Dole's public appearance til he became county attorney."

However, Banker was in the dent. ame graduating class with Dole's

softened his image," he said. "But that's all right. It's a learning pro-

Banker went on to say that Dole is "a man of a high amount of compromise, and compromise is not a bad word in politics."

On the subject of preparedness, Banker calls Dole a veracious reader and someone who does not take another's word for granted.

"He knows that when you present a case in court, that you do your homework, and he does.

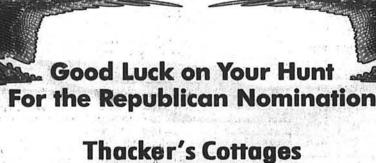
When Dole has frequently visited Russell in the past, Banker said they usually don't talk politics but do quite a bit of joking around to-gether. The same should hold true when Dole visits Russell April 14.



Banker has noticed the subtle miles west of Kansas City, Mo., on Interstate 70, and 360 miles east of over the last time he ran for presi-Denver. It is an excellent commu-



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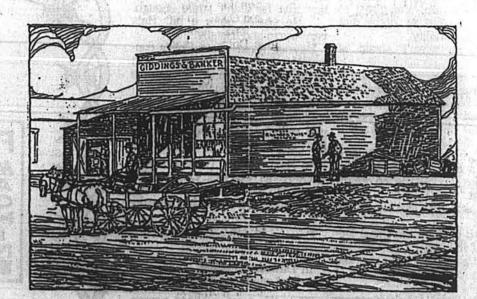
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