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Dole Moved by Honor Day

Sen. Robert J. Dole, Russell, was visibly moved by the emotion-charged program presented by men of the Luray United Methodist Church Saturday. "This Is Your Day, Bob Dole," highlighted the fourth annual Friendship Day sponsored by the church. The 11-day program included a 10:30 a.m. parade, races for children, an auction of "white elephants" to benefit the Church's building fund, an evening football scrimmage and public dance. Rev. Richard Krenz head of the day's activities with Joe Novotny general chairman. The 4 p.m. program honoring Dole was followed with a barbecue supper served on the freshly-mowed churchyard. Over 600 pounds of barbecued beef, prepared in a two-day country-style ritual, the picnic supper included gallons of home-made ice cream, rich, red watermelon and ice tea by the barrel served to 1,200 people. The United States senator who arrived at about 3 p.m. from a celebration at Caldwell where he was made an honorary Czech expected to meet with friends briefly before going by plane to the Kansas Fair at Topeka where he had a speaking engagement Saturday night. Instead, Dole found hundreds of

friends gathered to share an intricately-prepared program in the high school auditorium patterned after the popular television production, "This Is Your Life."

More than 40 of Dole's family and friends stepped from behind the stage curtain as radio station owner Fred Thompson, master of ceremonies, unveiled details of Dole's

life in the format of the television program. Known for his jovial and relaxed approach, the 46-year-old senator was seen in sharp contrasts as the program developed. On several occasions tears trickled down his cheeks and he spoke with a break in his voice.

When Dr. H. Kelikian, considered the human miracle man who came into Dole's life as he sought some-

one who might restore his war-injured body, appeared Dole was touched deeply. With straightforward familiarity, he told of the orthopedic surgeon's words to him to forget hopes of using his hands for a living and to begin using his mind.

"Until then," Dole said, "I had held hopes of going back to basketball at KU. With hopes for a career as a doctor lost, Dole began to reclaim his life and set his sights on the law as a profession.

He praised the doctor for "having the courage to tell me to grow up." Kelikian, who accepted Dole as a patient after army physicians had given him up," operated on me several times." He repaired a mangled shoulder, upper arm and constructed tendons that gave Dole partial use of his right hand.

"He would not let me pay for his services," Dole said, "friends in Russell raised \$1,700 to pay hospital expenses while he was undergoing treatment. I have all their names and will never forget their kindnesses," Dole said.

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SEN. ROBERT DOLE

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part in shaping Dole's career was Dr. Kelikian, Chicago, one of the nation's top orthopedic surgeons, who with his wife made the surprise visit to Dole's hometown when he learned of the honor for his former patient.

The trip was Dr. Kelikian's first trip to the great plains since the days when he was chief surgeon at Ft. Riley during World War II. "If the program had been in Hong Kong," the noted surgeon told friends, "I would have come."

Also a surprise to Dole was the appearance of his wife, Phyllis, and daughter, Robin, who he had left in Washington earlier in the week.

The program included former teachers, employers, friends and associates. There was an impromptu family reunion with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doran Dole, alsters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Steele, Derby, Kan., and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Nelson, Fort Morgan, Colo., his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dole, Russell; former debate coach, Tom Kelly, Hutchinson; legislative associate Fribley, McDill 'Huck' Boyd, Phillipsburg, National Republican committeeman, from Kansas, Congressman Keith Sebelius, Norton, Dole's opponent in a hard-fought Congressional race in 1960 and close friend; his high school coaches, Harold Elliott and George Baxter, Russell; Kindergarten grade and high school teachers, Inez Leach, Mrs. S. G. McLane, Alice Mills and Mrs. Harold Dumlup; former employers including Chas. and Bob Dawson now owners of the drug store in which Bob

worked while in high school, and Kaw Pipe Line Co.'s C. R. Fowler and Jack Epler; law school associate and close friend, Sam Crowe, Topeka, L. Waldo Banker, fraternal brothers Harold Dumlup, Russell, and Dick Phinney, Topeka, former law partner, Eric 'Doc' Smith, political opponent and close friend Richard M. Driscoll, Russell attorney; Mrs. Alberts Anthony, former physical therapist who assisted B.B. in a Battle Creek, Mich., veterans hospital; Merl Marley, John A. O'Leary Sr., and Joe Novotny, Luray, Friendship Day chairman, former sheriff Milton Galyard, and Dole's first legal client, R. C. Williams.

Telegram tributes from President Richard Nixon and Gov. Robert Docking were read. A wire from Sen. Phillip Hart, (D-Mich.) who was a ward mate of Dole's while both recovered from injuries sustained, in part: "I enjoy sharing the Senate office building with you a great deal more than sharing that hospital ward."

The elaborate script in a hard-covered book, was presented to the honored guest. It included several telegrams and a large number of letters received from associates, friends and classmates who were unable to attend the festivities. A large plaque with an engraved picture of Dole and a statement of recognition marked the concluding moments of the program.

Among those who have played a

Friendship Day Honors Dole, Most Distinguished Citizen

LURAY—Bob Dole's wife, Phyllis, shared a day with him Saturday, a happy circumstance she says seldom occurs.

And the Chicago surgeon who patched Dole's war-wrecked body back to usefulness pre-acted further glory for the junior Senator from Kansas.

It was all part of Luray's 4th annual Friendship Day, a day-long affair sponsored by the Luray United Methodist Church during which the Luray community singles out a citizen for special honors.

This year, it was Dole's turn. He stood center stage in the high school auditorium before a family of friends and friends. Dole's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doran R. Dole, Russell; his brother, Ken, and sisters, Mrs. Tom Steele and Mrs. W. L. Hanson; his daughter, Robin, 11, all were there.

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ceived in April, 1915, and the long battle back to near-normal life. For the first time in his 21 years of political life which has seen him rise from Russell County representative in the state legislature while still a law student to county attorney, the U.S. Congress and his present post as senator, he told of his determination to repay efforts of those who helped shape his life and career.

Dole Advocates Ozark Potential

LAWRENCE—U. S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today urged expanded Kansas participation in the Ozark Regional Development Commission "to combat chronic underemployment and underdevelopment in the southeastern part of the state."

Dole, writing in the August Kansas Business Review published by the University of Kansas, said, "Strong consideration should be given to increasing the state's geographic and monetary participation in the Commission if we are going to realize the full potential of the area."

The Ozark Commission is a federal-state group created in 1965 to help promote economic growth in 125 counties of Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas and nine counties in Kansas—Woodson, Allen, Bourbon, Wilson, Neosho, Crawford, Montgomery, Labette and Cherokee.

Noting the 1969 Missouri Legislature set aside nearly \$90,000 to supplement grants from the Ozark group, Dole said, "There are no state appropriations in Kansas for supplementing the federal grants. Clearly, our state must be more fully dedicated to the Commission if this approach is to help remedy the economic situation in Southeast Kansas."

Per capita income in the Ozark region, Dole said, is less than 70 per cent of the national average. Seven of the nine Kansas counties rank among the state's top 20 counties in portion of residents on welfare rolls.

Sen. Dole Urges Dollar Passage

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., urged the Senate Thursday to pass the Eisenhower silver dollar bill in time for President Nixon's signature on Oct. 14 the late President's birth date.

The bill calls for minting a hard dollar containing 40 per cent silver—survived with an image of Dwight D. Eisenhower. Dole is a cosponsor of the bill to mint 300 million Eisenhower silver dollars and additional coins with the same appearance, but without silver.

There has been opposition to the silver dollar bill because of the government's decision to sell most of its silver reserves.

Dole Foresees End of Inflation

WICHITA — U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan.) foresees the beginning of the end for the nation's longest period of inflation.

Dole, speaking before the Wichita Kiwanis Club, reviewed the causes of inflation and said that several policies are "cooling the economy and slowing the price spiral."

Repeals that the wholesale price index of industrial commodities will decline within two weeks and the downward trend in interest rates were two "encouraging indications," mentioned by Dole.

The Wall Street Journal has predicted that wholesale prices for beef, pork, chicken, sugar and fruit will be declining by as much as two per cent with the next two weeks," the Senator said. "The consumer price index generally follows the wholesale index, so that means the consumer price index will fall, too."

What it adds up to is that Mrs. Average Housewife may be paying less for meat and fruit before the end of September.

"In addition to decreases in government and most private bond rates," Dole said, "the trend toward lower rates in general is implied by scattered bank activity."

"These indicators however, are still only indicators," he added. "Inflation has not yet been stopped. Nor, of course, have interest rates dropped to acceptable levels."

"This means," he said, "the pressure of current Nixon anti-inflation policies must be maintained."

Sen. Dole Urges Water Pollution Bill Passage

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kan.) today urged prompt Senate passage of a water pollution control bill which places responsibility for high quality water squarely on the shoulders of those who use our lakes, rivers and coastal waters for recreation or trade.

Sen. Dole spoke in the Senate on the Water Quality Improvement Control Act, drafted by a Senate-Public Works Subcommittee of which he is a member. It passed, the bill outlines federal procedures for dealing with intentional and accidental water pollution including chemicals, sewage from vessels and oil spills. A Dole-introduced amendment designates separate control measures for "sudden, accidental" deposits of hazardous substances other than oil.

"The active bill represents a bold effort to protect human, fish and wildlife health and welfare, without inhibiting the operation of oil and maritime interests," Sen. Dole said.

The senator's amendment would encourage federal penalties for failing to report deposits of a hazardous substance other than oil in any U.S. waterway. The legislation would be similar to oil cleanup provisions now in effect. Definition of "hazardous substances" and penalties would be recommended by the President, subject to Congressional approval.