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Dole's family, friends happy

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RUSSELL — President Ford's selection of Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., as his running mate caught a lot of people off guard, including the senator's mother accompanying him at the convention.

"Well, I'm really happy, but I'm surprised too," said Bina Dole. "Bob's wife telephoned and said that we might get a call; but she didn't even know then, and it must have been about 11 o'clock."

Mrs. Dole said she didn't get to talk to her son until after the President had made the vice presidential choice public about noon yesterday, and the conversation then was an apology.

"He just said he was sorry he didn't get to us all before he went up to Crown Center to see the President," she said.

Ex-wife not surprised

Dole's ex-wife, Mrs. Lon Buzick, said the latest honor was no surprise to her.

"He has always wanted this," she said from her home in Sylvan Grove, Kan., 25 miles northeast of here. "And he wants to be president. There's never been any question about it. He lays his plans well. . .he plans well ahead. I think that's why he's been successful so far."

Mrs. Buzick said her only concern is their daughter, Robin Carol, 22, who recently graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blackburg, Va.

Mrs. Buzick, a strong Ronald Reagan backer, said she was more surprised Dole would accept the post than she was that it was offered to him.

"He has a tremendous drive, great ambition, great ego," she commented. "I can remember when he couldn't make a "C" grade (at the University of Kansas and later Washburn University). He had to make an "A". He wouldn't settle for anything less."

Former coaches praise

Toughness and the agressiveness of Dole was an attribute his former coaches George Baxter and Harold Elliott greatly remember. These attributes, they figure would be an asset to the Ford team.

"He was always a fighter. He gave everything he had. He has guts," Baxter said. Dole played for Baxter's football team in high school.

"He always cooperated. He was a team player," Baxter said.

The competitive drive was echoed by Harold Elliott, his high school basketball coach.

"He had a competitiveness that is still very evident today in his career," Elliott said. "He was one of those players that when the going was tough he was toughest."

"He was one of the best competitors we ever had," said Thomas L. Iden, superintendent of schools while Dole was a student. "He was very fine in sports and the classroom. Anything he attempted to do, he did the best."

Albert Kuhn, a member of Dole's 1941 high school graduating class, called Dole "very talented, intelligent and well-liked by his fellow students."

(Photo by Tom Van Brimmer)

TRIUMPHANT HOMECOMING — Sen. Robert Dole, left foreground, Republican candidate for vice president, and President Gerald Ford greet a jampacked crowd of well-wishers in Dole's home town of Russell at about noon today.

Emotions overcome Dole

By TOM VAN BRIMMER
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RUSSELL — Emotions overcame Republican vice-presidential nominee Sen. Robert Dole as he addressed thousands of Russell and Central Kansas residents at about noon today.

Dole stated that whenever he needed help, the people of Russell were always there. He paused several times, overcome with emotion, as he thanked the people of his home town.

President Gerald Ford came to his rescue when he stood on the podium on the courthouse square and starting applauding Dole.

"Little did I think that when I was county attorney in this same courthouse that one day I would be standing here in the position I am today, Dole said. Any success is due to you people here, and I never forget where I came from.

"President Ford said he wanted to start the campaign today and that he wanted to start in the heartland of America. I told him I knew of such a place."

"Not only does Kansas produce wheat, cattle and energy, but Kansas also produces great statesmen," said Ford. He referred to Cong. Keith Sebelius, Sen. James Pearson and Dole. All three were on the podium.

Ford said the government needs to find tax relief to the minimum-income tax payer and to aid the continuity of the small businesses. He said the farmers must get a fair price in a free market.

The two arrived by helicopter from Salina. Ford planned to leave Russell this afternoon. Dole was nominated last night at the GOP National Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

GOP unites behind Ford and Dole

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Republicans' Middle America ticket of Gerald R. Ford and Robert Dole leaves this city with promises of support from the once-divided GOP convention for its underdog team and primed for debate with Democrat Jimmy Carter.

Ford took the initiative Thursday night when he launched his campaign against Carter with a challenge to "debate the real issues face to face." Before the Republican convention adjourned, Carter accepted.

Reagan joins Ford on podium

But the final emotional moment belonged to the man Ford defeated. After his acceptance speech, Ford called Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, to the podium.

It was gesture of unity often seen in the closing moments of national political conventions. The victor and the vanquished stand together to demonstrate to their followers that the contest is over and it is time to unite against the common enemy.

But when Reagan began to speak, the hall grew silent. He recalled the cheers that had greeted his arrival in the hall hours earlier. "They give us a memory that will live in our hearts forever," he said.

Among the delegates who had given Reagan 1,070 votes, 60 short of the majority he sought for the presidential nomination, many wept.

"...erosion of freedom"

The former California governor referred to the "erosion of freedom that has taken place under Democratic rule."

He told the delegates that although they belonged to a minority party, their actions could significantly affect the course of American history.

"We must go forward from here united, determined," Reagan said.

Then he embraced Betty Ford, and greeted others on the podium. Minutes later, the convention ended.

After his defeat Wednesday night, Reagan pledged to campaign for Ford. And Ford acknowledged the pledge in his acceptance speech when he said that "after the scrimmages of the past few months, it really feels good to have Ron Reagan on the same side of the line."

But only the campaign itself will demonstrate whether the show of unity that ended the Republican convention or the one that ended the Democratic convention a month earlier will hold up, whether wounds will heal, whether supporters of the losers will work with enthusiasm for the victors.

Survey indicates unity

In an Associated Press survey of Reagan supporters at the convention, 80 per cent of the more than 600 who responded said they would work for the Ford-Dole ticket. But more than one-third of those who said they'd work also indicated most of their effort will go to the campaigns of other Republican candidates.

The survey turned up almost no support for a third-party effort among the backers of the conservative Californian.

And the Reagan delegates joined with Ford backers to interrupt the President with applause 63 times during his acceptance speech Thursday night.

The 31st Republican National Convention climaxed one of the most hard-fought campaigns for a presidential nomination in history.

It ended with a show of unity. And after Reagan spoke and the convention adjourned, Ford left the podium and went to the convention floor where he was surrounded by delegates.

He moved across the floor and greeted people and shook hands. His Secret Service detail had trouble keeping at his side.

There was no reason for concern. Gerald Ford was among friends.

Short Takes

Fire destroys cycle workshop

A fire yesterday afternoon completely destroyed the back workshop of Great Bend Yamaha, 2746 Main.

Four new motorcycles were destroyed, along with six others that were in the shop for repair. Four motorcycles in for repair in another section of the shop were only partially damaged. No one was injured.

The back half of the building was badly burned and will probably have to be torn down. Paul Bean, owner, estimated the damage to the contents of the building alone to be considerably over $10,000.

Greg Bean, son of the owner, was working in the shop when the fire broke out. He said a crate containing a new motorcycle began smoking, apparently caused by an electric fan that was sitting on it at the time. He and other employes tried to put out the fire with three extinguishers and a water hose, but couldn't stop the blaze. They did however manage to get nine motorcycles out of the shop before the fire became too intense.

Cheyenne Bottoms needs rain

If Cheyenne Bottoms Waterfowl Area doesn't receive substantial amounts of rain in the next few weeks, duck hunters will find little shooting during the upcoming September teal season.

"The recent dry weather has caused a tremendous water loss due to evaporation," said Dr. Jerome Sayler, Great Bend, third district commissioner for the Kansas Forestry, Fish and Game Commission.

Evaporation losses are taking one inch of water or 1,000 acre-feet a day from the area. Pool one is totally dry while pools four and five are practically dry.

Hunter Safety courses planned

Hunter safety classes, required by Kansas law before anyone age 10 or older can legally hunt, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the U.S. Army Reserve Center at 19th and Morton. Meetings will continue Aug. 25, 27 and 30. Attendance at all four two-hour meetings is required for completion of the course.

Will Rogers Says . . .

"Been reading a lot of criticism by our papers of what Canada was doing. When it comes to running their own business, they don't need any great advice from us.

"Canada is a mighty good neighbor, and a mighty good customer. That's a combination that is hard to beat. You see, we agreed to buy from each other, and we will — till somebody comes along and sells cheaper."

August 28, 1932.

Will Rogers

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Weather

Sunny and hot through tomorrow. High today 95. Low tonight 65. Winds 15 to 25 miles per hour from the southeast today and tonight.

Local weather data

Yesterday's high 93, overnight low 62.

A year ago today high 95, low 74.

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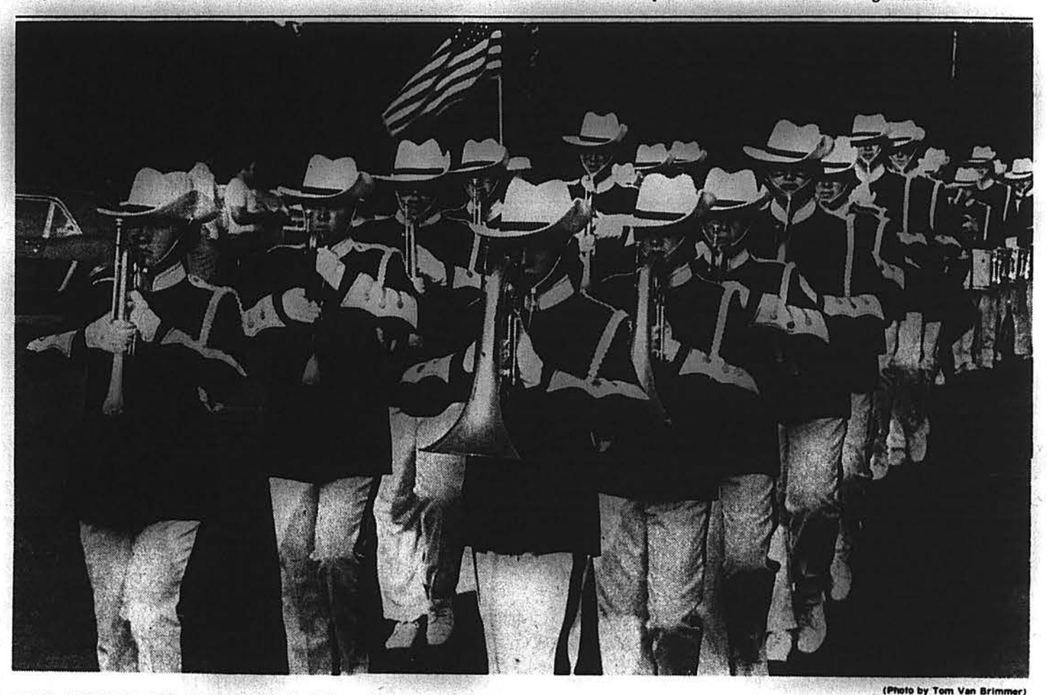

(Photo by Tom Van Brimmer)

MAY APPEAR ON NATIONWIDE TV — The Great Bend Argonne Rebels, above, hope to appear in the finals of the Drum Corps International Championships in Philadelphia, which will be televised at 7 p.m. Saturday on PBS (channel eight). DCI preliminaries will begin early Saturday morning, and the Rebels are scheduled to appear at 1:52 p.m. The Kansas champion Rebels have not been in competition since Sunday, when they placed fourth with a 72.95 score in Worcester, Mass. They have spent much of this week in Wilmington, Del., practicing for the DCI.

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