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 PRESIDENT GERALD FORD AND SEN. BOB DOLE WAVE GOODBYE.

Republicans, state officers, and party workers Friday night. Those called were urged to attend and to notify others.

Special Welcomes
 Marques at the theater, several motels and restaurants were lettered with special messages such as: "Welcome Home, Jerry and Bob!" When the crowd gathered, it became obvious that many had spent hours Thursday night or Friday morning lettering signs similar to those seen at the recent political conventions.

A number of campaign buttons, some dating back to Dole's first Congressional race in 1960, were dug out of drawers and dressers and pinned proudly on lapels and hats. A number of Dole stickers, also left from earlier campaigns, were offered to President Ford by well-wishers as the President made his way from the platform back to the official limousine.

The crowd was responsive, interested, and enthusiastic. President Ford's promises of no more grain embargoes and an increase in personal exemptions to "help the middle income group which has been short-changed over the past several years" brought cheers and applause.

Shade on the courthouse lawn, also part of the planning, eased the pleasant 87 degree noontime temperature Friday. Winds were from the south and 20 miles an hour.

The Russell High School band, which has chosen not to appear in vacation-time parades and events, was on hand with nearly two thirds of its strength. Entertaining the crowd in the hour or so preceding the arrival of the Presidential party, the band struck up "Hail to the Chief" with the arrival of the motorcade. Arrangements for the band and contacting players started after 10 p.m. Thursday.

A color guard, made up of members of the Veterans of Foreign Legion Post No. 6240 and the American Legion William Rose Post No. 49 met the Presidential party as they arrived at the courthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Rogg and children, Kevin and Lori, Hutchinson, came Saturday, Aug. 14, to visit and spend the day with his grandmother, Mrs. William Berry. They were enroute to Colorado on vacation.

Ford—

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 mittee Friday, Ford said his party demonstrated in Kansas City that it is "able to compete, able to work out responsibly and properly compromises that are needed and necessary, and can act like real zealots and also like great Americans."

Ford said he and Dole will work hard to put GOP candidates "not only in the White House but in the courthouses, city halls and Congress, too."

Before Ford flew to Colorado and Dole returned to Washington, D.C., both attended a barbecue picnic in Dole's small hometown, deep in the heart of the Kansas wheatlands about 230 miles west of Kansas City.

Dole, 53, a former GOP national chairman, staunch Midwest conservative and hard-hitting partisan campaigner, burst into tears as he thanked local constituents for their support.

In his first stump speech of the campaign, Ford promised from the steps of the town courthouse to "give greater tax relief to middle-income taxpayers," boost the tax exemption on inherited farm property, and to halt grain export embargoes in trade bargaining with the Russians.

Before it left Kansas City, the GOP National Committee elected Mary Louise Smith, its party chairman since 1974, for a full four-year term.

BERT BENNETT AND MARSON ARRIVE.



ACTING MAYOR NANCY LANE

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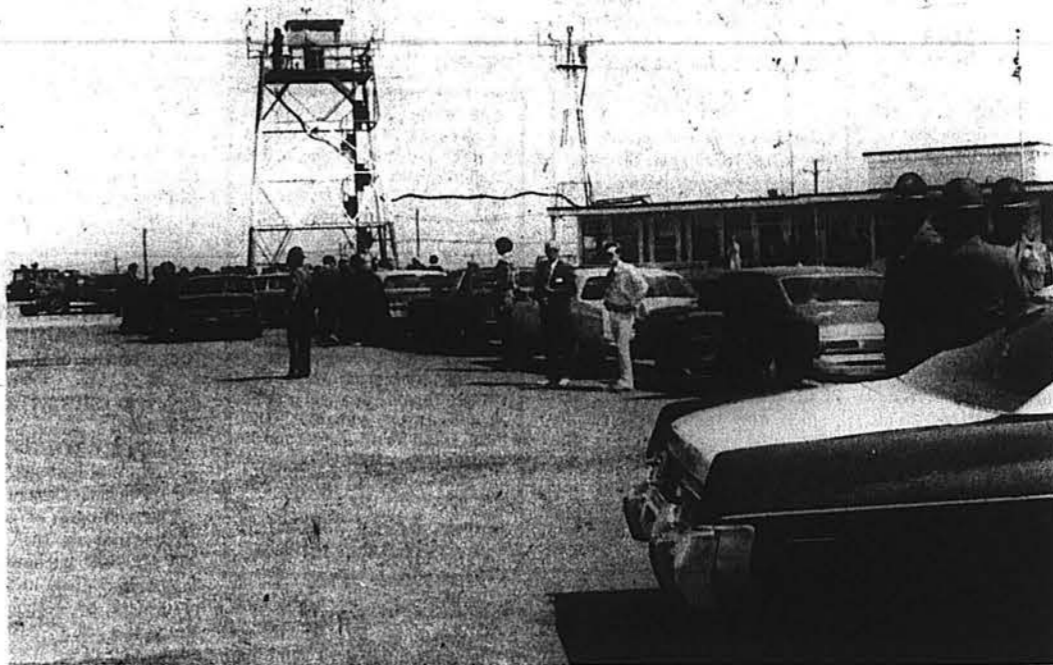


ADVANCE PARTY ARRIVES BY HELICOPTER FRIDAY.



EMOTION IS TOO MUCH for Sen. Bob Dole Friday as he broke into tears and sobbed while addressing the crowd at Russell during the Presidential visit. (UPI Photo)

**Presidential Visit
 Stirs Russell Community**



ALL SET FOR PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL.



SEN. BOB DOLE WAVES TO HIS HOMETOWN FRIENDS.