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Career Woman Falls in Love

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People interested in Bob Dole as a personality of presidential caliber can be no less interested in the woman who could be First Lady. Russell people who knew his first wife, Phyllis, much publicized as the nurse he met when he was undergoing physical therapy for his arm injury from World War II, cannot help making a comparison of sorts, and wonder which would have helped him most in a presidential election.

Phyllis remarried, to Lon Buzick of Sylvan Grove, now deceased. Their daughter, Robin, maintains ties with both parents. And as far as the senator and presidential candidate is concerned, it is the former Elizabeth Hanford, a career woman herself, who now stands beside him in the political struggle.

The people interested in women and their role in today's problems very likely have more of an interest in Elizabeth Dole for herself than as Bob Dole's wife. They agree that Bob, the home-

town boy, had excellent taste in selecting wives and that Phyllis, a lovely and outstanding personality, has reared a very attractive young daughter. Elizabeth, as a woman in the nation's top business ranks, must have found him a fine man to be willing to give up — even temporarily — a position on the powerful Federal Trade Commission.

As a young woman Elizabeth Hanford was notably on her way up. She was president of the student government of Duke University and a Phi Beta Kappa. Next came a master's degree from Harvard Graduate School of Education and an L.B. from Harvard Law School. Elizabeth Dole had a head on her shoulders.

It was a beautiful head with a winning smile. Many men in the Capital must have noticed, but none of them really turned it, until she met Bob Dole at a political meeting and he stayed in her memory. She was climbing: President's Commission on Consumer Interests as associate director for legislative

affairs; appointed by President Nixon as deputy director of the Office of Consumer Affairs where she worked under Virginia Knauer. In 1973, Nixon appointed her to a seven-year term as Federal Trade Commissioner, a post that would expire in September, 1980.

One can read in the cards that Dole, out of his first marriage, found in one as ambitious as himself a kindred personality and a political background with much to share.

Elizabeth, too, may have found the bachelor life sterile despite its fullness of self-expression. One doesn't meet men like the now senior senator from Kansas every day. No clinging vine, she still may have found strength in his high intelligence and enjoyment in his sharp wit.

Sometimes they have parried opinions from the platform, but both are too much aware of political fact to use words for other than humor and challenge.



FRANK CARLSON and Bob Dole won Carlson's seat in the Senate in 1968 upon Carlson's retirement.

Political Career Rose Steadily With Service

Robert J. Dole, at age 26 while a student at Washburn Municipal University, campaigned for and won a seat in the Kansas Legislature's House of Representatives. He served from 1951 until 1953 as the representative from this area. He returned to Russell to establish a law practice and to become Russell County attorney, winning elections in 1952, 1954, 1956 and 1958. His fourth term expired in 1961.

In 1960, U.S. Rep. Wint Smith of Mankato and the Sixth Congressional District, announced he would not seek re-election and Dole was elected to succeed Smith.

Dole's political career took a giant leap forward when, after the 1960 census, his district was combined with the Fifth District of J. Floyd Breeding, Democrat from Rolla, to form the "Big First" Congressional District. The "Big First" includes 57 counties and has more land area than any other congressional district in the United States. Dole and Breeding faced each other for the

election to follow, and Dole won. He held the office of U.S. representative from the Kansas "Big First" District until 1968.

When Sen. Frank Carlson of Concordia announced he would not seek re-election for the 1968 term, Dole entered his name in the contest. He defeated William

I. Robinson to win the Senate seat. In the 1974 race, Dole won a slim victory, 13,532 votes, over Dr. Bill Roy of Topeka.

Dole was named Republican National Committee Chairman in 1971 and served in that capacity until 1973.

At the Republican National Convention in Kansas City, Mo., in August of 1976, Presidential nominee Gerald R. Ford named Dole as his vice-presidential running mate. The team lost the election to the present Democratic administration.

Bob Dole was in Russell this weekend to spend Mother's Day with his mother, greet the townspeople, and to hold a press conference today and to announce his candidacy for president of the United States.

Prophetic words were spoken in 1972 by G. B. "Bub" Dawson of Russell when he said, "I thought he might even be a candidate for vice-president this year. I think he might even be a candidate for President some day... I honestly think he will."



DORANE DOLE—This excellent likeness is of the former manager of the Norris Grain Company in Russell.



DOLE FAMILY—This memorable picture of Bob Dole's family was taken at a motel in Kansas City, Kan., adjacent to the University of Kansas Medical Center. It was November, 1975, and the father, Dorane Dole, was a patient in the center and seriously ill. Shown, left to right: Back row, Kenneth Dole, Russell; Mrs. Tom (Norma Jean) Steele, and husband, Tom Steele, both of Derby, Kan.;

front row, Mrs. Kenneth (Anita) Dole, Russell; the mother, Mrs. D. R. (Bina) Dole, Russell; Mary Elizabeth Hanford, Washington, D.C.; Bob Dole, Russell and Washington. The wedding of Miss Hanford and Bob Dole was solemnized later and Dorane Dole died in Washington where he had gone for the wedding. His death occurred while the couple was on their honeymoon.



DORANE DOLE HOME — This modernized brick veneer house is attractive and individualized, providing a home for Mrs. Bina Dole now and enjoyed by her husband, Dorane, before he died in 1975. It is a gathering

place for the four Dole children and their children, and the "coming home" place where the Senator frequently visits his mother, dropping in at the Russell airport by plane.



REPUBLICAN WOMEN had a Here Bob and Elizabeth are shown tea here to welcome Bob Dole's bride. with Mrs. A. D. Glenn.



TEENAGE REPUBLICANS OF 1972—And some of them, more adult now, probably wouldn't like to be

identified. Not to be confused is Sen. Bob Dole, their host in Washington to the Russell group.



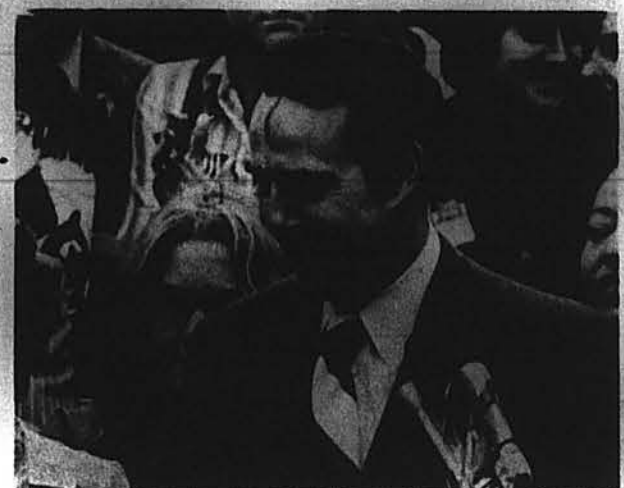
PROUD FATHER — Miss Robin Dole is equally proud to be escorted by her father, Sen. Bob Dole, in one of the Washington festivals as she represents the Sunflower State.

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SEN. AND MRS. DOLE are in serious mood as they listen to Mrs. Ralph Ewing at Republican Women's Tea here.



DOLE RESPONDS—Center of a crowd, he takes time to answer a question or remark on his visit here as a vice-presidential candidate in 1976.



DOLE VISITS during a summer baseball game held by one of the youthful leagues in Russell.

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