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THE DOLE BROTHERS, Kenny, left, and Bob, are playing with a youngster in the yard at their home. Bob is the next to the oldest in the family of four children and Kenny is the next to the youngest. The boys entered military service at the same time, in 1943, and took basic training together at Camp Barkley, near Abilene, Texas. Kenny served overseas four years; in the South Pacific and in the Philippines. An Army staff sergeant, he was in the New Guinea campaign.

## Elizabeth Dole Is a Campaigner

WATERLOO, Iowa — To determine whether a political speaker is connecting with the audience, look for the nodders — the people who demonstratively nod their heads when they hear something they like.

When former Transportation Secretary Elizabeth H. Dole campaigned recently in Waterloo, two of the most frequent nodders in a crowd of about 80 were Randy and Mary Stewart of Waterloo.

The Stewarts are unemployed in an area affected by the depressed farm economy. They nodded strongly when Mrs. Dole, relating the story of her husband's war injury, said that overcoming adversity builds character.

"She is more than I ever expected," Stewart said. "If I were running for a political office and my wife was that supportive of me, I'd praise the Lord. She's a goddess for him."

It's only been a month since Dole began campaigning for her husband, Republican Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, but already there are tangible signs that she's

making an impact on his presidential campaign.

She had seen the Stewarts nodding, for example, and when they approached her later to turn in a card volunteering for the campaign, she persuaded them to be leaders of the precinct where they live.

Earlier, at a meeting for prospective supporters in Davenport, Iowa, she recruited 22 precinct leaders — a relatively high number.

"She goes a long way in having people say, 'I want to work for this guy,'" said Randy Rudeen of Moline, Ill., who heard Elizabeth Dole in Davenport but leans toward Vice-President George Bush.

Everywhere she went on a swing through Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma and Iowa, Mrs. Dole engaged voters. Interviews with voters who came to hear her in nine cities make it plain that her message is getting through — that her husband is a problem-solver, a friend of farmers, a product of a small town, and someone whose own handicap

has made him appreciate other people's problems.

Her stump speech isn't very different from her husband's, including the same jokes, but the impact is in how she delivers it.

"She's warm and open. He doesn't come off all that warmly," said Dick Stocketh of Humboldt, Iowa. "I feel comfortable talking to her. If I talked to him, I would be more reserved."

Added Nancy Krause of Hampton, Iowa: "She made everyone feel like he was one of us. She made him feel real real."

Elizabeth Dole's impact on Krause was exactly the reason Bob Dole's campaign strategists had been pressuring her to step down after nearly five years as U.S. transportation secretary and join the campaign full-time — a decision that pains her, even today.

"I'm disappointed I can't be there (at Transportation) to see some of the seeds I've sown come to fruition," she told a group of Texas elected officials meeting in Fort Worth.

But on the weekend of Sept. 12, the campaign asked her to do a 12-state tour of Southern states and open an office in Charlotte, N.C. "That's where you reach a point where you can't put (the department) first and do everything they were talking about," she said.

So she resigned Oct. 1 and began a 15-state, two-week swing through 12 states in the South, the key region in the March 8 "Super Tuesday" when about 20 states have caucuses and primaries.

Strategically, the South is where the Dole campaign wants her most of the time, although she will crisscross the country. They see her as most effective with GOP women, many of who view her as a role model.



ELIZABETH DOLE

waste of money to have them at the same place when they're both strong campaigners. She said there's no danger she'd overshadow her husband. "We sort of complement each other," she said.

Partly because she's just switched gears and because she's not the candidate, she doesn't talk in detail on the stump about issues and doesn't invite questions from the audience. Instead, she sticks to general topics.

Asked how her husband would differ from President Reagan, she said her husband "is basically more of a hands-on problem solver."

If Dole loses, her work may not have been in vain. Audiences clearly see her as a political leader — she's introduced as a possible candidate — even though she's there for her husband.

"I don't think it's a place for a woman as president of the United States," said Lee Edwards of Columbia, Mo., after hearing her speak in Jefferson City, "but in her case, I'd make an exception. I'd vote for her for vice-president."

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