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BOB DOLE and his mother, Bina, center, and Anna Dawson are enjoying Bina's great-grandchild, Casandra Henke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Henke of Wichita. The informal reception was Bina's 77th birthday celebration, held at the Russell Elks Lodge on April 8, 1980. (Staff Photo)



SENATOR ROBERT J. DOLE, Russell, has just been introduced by VFW National Commander-in-Chief Norman J. Staab, also of Russell, at the Washington Conference held last March at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C. Dole was a guest speaker. Dole and Staab kidded about one being the Commander-in-Chief and the possibility that the other might also be Commander-in-Chief. Staab completed his term as Commander of the VFW at the Annual Convention at New Orleans in August. (Staff Photo)



ROBERT J. DOLE, left, about 1947, is standing in front of the Dole home here with his father, Doran R. Dole. Note that Dole has no use of his left arm, as a result of war injuries suffered while assigned to the 85th Mountain Regiment in Italy when he was ordered to take Hill 913. He had had less than a month of real exposure to combat before that fogged day.



A MEMBER OF CONGRESS — Bob Dole stands in front of the seal of the United States Congress. He was first elected to Congress in 1960 and was re-elected for three additional terms. The lady is not known.



SEN. BOB DOLE and VFW Commander-in-Chief Norman G. Staab and his wife, Casille, of Russell and Hays, are attending a reception for Sen. Dole held by the Department of Kansas during the VFW Annual Convention in August at New Orleans, La. (Staff Photo)

Dole and Hanford Married in 1975

On Dec. 6, 1975, after nearly four years as one of Washington's most eligible bachelors, Bob Dole married Elizabeth Hanford, then 39, a softly beautiful North Carolinian who had been for years one of the most eagerly courted women in Washington. They live in an apartment at the Watergate.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Duke University, Elizabeth Dole has both a law degree and a master's in education from Harvard.

She began to work in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in 1966 during the Great Society years of Lyndon B. Johnson's administration, then moved into consumer interests as an assistant to LBJ's White House advisor, Betty Furness.

When Richard M. Nixon arrived at the White House in 1969, she stayed on to work in the office, as the deputy to Virginia Knauer.

In December 1973, Nixon named Elizabeth to a seven-year term on the Federal Trade Commission. She tackled the job eagerly — too eagerly for Mississippi Congressman Sonny Montgomery, who was then squiring her around town.

Said he: "If we were planning to go out and something came up at work, boy, forget going out."

During this period, she spent a good deal of time lobbying on Capitol Hill, where she soon met Dole. Recalls one Senate staffer: "We always wondered why he'd dash off the floor so often, until we realized he was meeting Libby Hanford."

The Senator's wife did her best to make the stodgy Federal Trade Commission more responsive to the needs of consumers. She wrote orders prohibiting the Encyclopaedia Britannica from using fast-sell techniques, and stopped Chrysler from misrepresenting fuel-economy test results.

"Elizabeth Dole," said Virginia Knauer, "is a deceptive package. Behind those good looks, there's a sharp serious mind." Time chose her as one of the nation's 200 leaders of the future (July 15, 1974).

Sen. Dole had had some influence on the FTC commissioner.

"She was a Democrat; now she's an independent." "This year she'll register as a Republican. She's moving in the right direction," he said right after they were married.

Elizabeth Dole has also influenced her husband. Before they were married, she persuaded him to back legislation which would set up a Federal Consumer Protection Agency, a proposal opposed at that time by the President. Not that she has any possibility of turning Dole into a liberal.



BINA DOLE, Bob Dole's mother, was born and reared in the Winterset Township area and spent all her adult life here. The mother of four children, during the Depression days of the 1930s and the boom years of the Russell County oil fields, she moved her family into their basement so she could rent the upstairs space to oil field workers. She also sold sewing machines throughout the county to help support her family. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Talbot. This picture was taken at the Elks Lodge here during her 80th birthday party. (Staff Photo)

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