

GREETINGS — Kenny Dole, center, Dole greet Bob Dole on a visit to Russell in the summer of 1988.

### Dole leads in GOP poll

Support for GOP presidential candidates among Republicans and Republican-leaning, according to a USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup Poll:

Candidate	Support
Bob Dole	46%
Phil Gramm	13%
Pat Buchanan	8%
Pete Wilson	6%
Richard Lugar	5%
Lamar Alexander	3%
Arlen Specter	2%
Bob Dornan	2%
Alan Keyes	1%
Other, none	14%

Source: A USA TODAY/CNN/Gallup national telephone poll of 373 Republicans, conducted April 5-6. Margin of error: +/- 6 percentage points.

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### Kenny Dole —

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is always willing to help. He never says 'don't bother me.'

"Bob Dole would be a credit to the office. I say that honestly. He would be a good president."

Kenneth Dole died March 5, 1993. But the brothers shared their lifetime together. The two were close. Kenny would refer to his big brother as "his best friend," and there was nobody better than his brother, Bob.

Kenneth and Bob Dole were only a year apart. When Kenny had a prolonged infirmity with osteomyelitis (bone deterioration in his left shin bone) that began when he was

about 7 and continued until he was in sixth grade, Bob was there to help his brother. Kenny had nine operations before the disease was halted. The first time he was in St. Anthony Hospital at Hays for six months. Bob would stay with him, or run out for a milkshake or for whatever Kenny might want.

And, while still little, Bob would hold his younger brother's hand when they walked to school.

Kenny and Bob entered the military at the same time in 1943 and took basic training together at Camp Barkley, near Abilene, Texas.

Kenny didn't let the Army know about his early problems with the bone disease. He became an Army staff sergeant serving in the South

Pacific and the Philippines. He served in the New Guinea campaign and earned four citations: The Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

He was inducted June 25, 1943, and honorably discharged in January, 1946.

For 31 years he owned and operated Dole Leasing Company, Inc., here, and was active in it up until the time of his death. The company bought and sold oil and gas leases.

In 1978, "Bob Dole Country" signs marked the east-west, north-south highways into Russell. The billboards originally were advertisers for Boxberger Motor Company and became available when that company went out of business. Kenny and his wife, the former Anita (Glick) Kilian, and 18 contributors, pooled together to have the signs refurbished and lettered to honor Russell's own United States senator.

In 1984, the contributors dropped to Kenny and Anita, and John Dreiling, of Hays, a good friend of Kenny's, but the signs were maintained.

About a month ago, the signs were changed to read "Welcome to the Home of Bob Dole, Russell, Kansas." They are now under the maintenance of George Lay Signs, of Wichita.

Kenny also was proud of his family and the home where he was born.

A single native rock stonepost bearing the Dole surname had been placed at the family home on North Maple Street years ago by Kenny. It was damaged last year and Anita Dole commissioned a new stone post that bears the Dole surname, house number and street name, and the official seal of the United States Senate.

Kenneth and Anita were married on Aug. 9, 1974. Kenny's children are Nancy Poche of Russell and William Dole of Chanute.

Anita also has two children, Lori Hogan of Haysville and Tony Kilian of Russell.



G. B. 'BUB' DAWSON

### Drugstore Employer Says Dole Never a Complainer

By ALBERT LIN

When Bob Dole was a student at Russell High School, he worked for about a year at the old Dawson Drug Store, which was located at 808 Main Street, next to what is now the Unified School District 407 Central Administration Office.

G. B. "Bub" Dawson of Russell, former co-owner of the drug store, remembers when Dole was a store employee, working the store's soda fountain.

"In those days, we didn't have any malls or fast food places," Dawson said, "so everyone congregated at the drug store."

"It was a watering hole, a meeting place, in those days."

"(Dole) had the kind of personality to work behind a soda fountain."

"The kids liked him, and the drug store patrons liked him. . . . That's why we hired him. You have to have someone (making) sodas that has a good personality."

"Besides, he wasn't afraid of work."

"He was honest, and he had a good following. He was a good athlete in high school, personable."

"We hired him because people would follow him, and we'd get a big crowd after school."

"I think we paid him two dollars a week, which was the going salary in those days, and all the ice cream he could eat."

Dawson said that Dole loved ice cream. Dole lived through the Great Depression of the 1930s, and Dawson said, "That's a pretty good crucible to forge a personality like his, I think."

"All that (Dole) family grew up knowing how to work, and not afraid of it, and the entire family had a good work ethic, and Bob was just like his folks."

Dawson also said, "I think our education system back then was

outstanding. We had some outstanding teachers, and I think that contributed to his success a lot."

In World War II, Dole was wounded badly.

"But the thing I admire most about him," Dawson said, "see he started out to be a doctor, but when he was wounded, that (ambition) was impossible, but I never heard him complain about what fate had done to him. He just went right on with his life and chose another vocation, a lawyer, and succeeded beyond everybody's expectations."

The respect that Russell people had for Dole was shown when they contributed money for medical treatment which Dole required for his war wounds.

Dawson still keeps in contact with Dole's office, and of the present man, Dawson said, "I never did buy that he didn't smile enough. . . . He smiles quite a bit. He's very warm and friendly."

Dawson spoke about Dole's concern for Dawson's grandson, Seth Retter of Concordia, as an example of Dole's fine personality.

"I had a grandson," Dawson said, "that was 13 years old, and he was sick for over a year. He's 15 now, and he's fine."

At least once or twice a month while Retter was sick, Dole's office would call the Dawsons or Retter's parents to see how the boy was doing.

Dawson said that Dole is "a very caring, considerate person."

In Dawson's opinion, Dole is an excellent candidate for president.

"He's the most qualified person in the United States to be president," Dawson said.

"He has more knowledge of government than any (other) person in the United States today."

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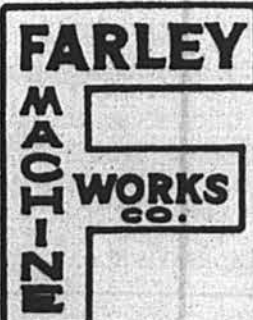
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