



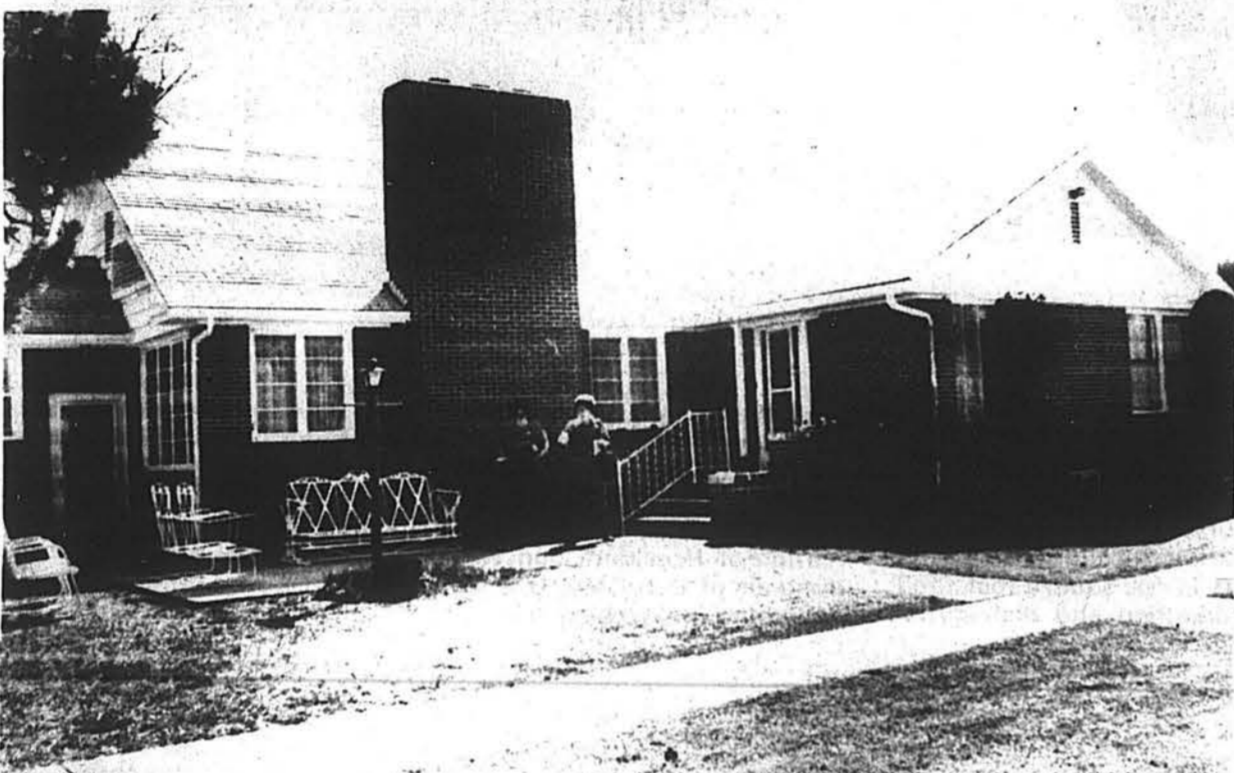
1984 KANSANS OF THE YEAR — Elizabeth and Bob Dole were named Kansans of the Year in 1984 as the most powerful couple ever to represent The Wheat State on the national scene.

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WIVES OF THE newspapermen of Russell always enjoy a visit with Senator Dole when he returns to Russell. Mrs. Russell T. Townsley is in the center and Mrs. Allan D. Evans is on the right.

Townsley was publisher of The Daily News and The Russell Record and Evans was general manager until he purchased Townsley's majority interest on July 31, 1989. (Staff Photo)



THE DOLE FAMILY HOME was built in 1925. Its front door originally faced to the west before it was remodeled

in later years. The front now faces north but retains the old address, 1035 N. Maple St. (Staff Photo)

Editor's Note: The following is the presidential announcement speech given by Senator Bob Dole Monday, April 10, 1995, in the Kansas ExpoCentre at Topeka.

TOPEKA — Thank you, Governor Graves, Senator Kassebaum. Good morning friends — Elizabeth, Robin, and I thank you for that tremendous welcome. It's great to be in Kansas. Of course, I'm not the first Kansan to say, "there's no place like home." But for me, the words have special meaning. Wherever I have traveled in this life, I have never forgotten where I came from — or where I go home to.

Whatever lessons I have applied in public life were first learned here, in the capital behind us. These days I spend much of my time in another capitol. You see many things from atop the hill in Washington where I work — but you can see America from here.

Common sense and uncommon sensitivity. That's the Kansas way. It's what made Dwight Eisenhower a great general and a great president. And it's what prompted Alf Landon with his unique wisdom to say, "there are some intelligent people in Washington, but there are more of 'em in Kansas." I hasten to add the same applies to 49 other states.

But then, Kansans have never had to look to Washington, D.C., for a sense of compassion or community. As a young man in a small town my parents taught me to put my trust in God, not government, and never confuse the two. Something else I learned, learned the hard way — that while self reliance is an essential part of the American character, so is the spirit of community that reaches out to those wounded in body or soul.

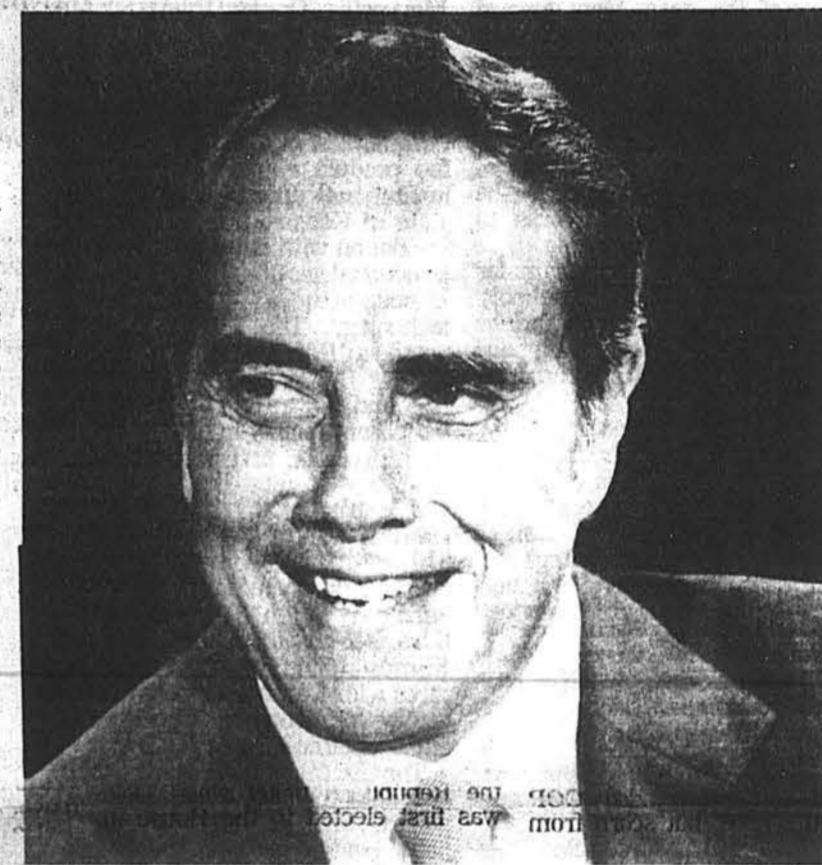
When I went off to war it was to defend a community of values unique in all the world. I came back sustained by the love and generosity of friends and neighbors who renewed by sense of life's possibilities. Over the years they have given me opportunities for service which I can never hope to repay.

Because they restored my spirit in a time of trial I have dedicated myself to restoring the spirit of America. And so today, tempered by adversity, seasoned by experience, mindful of the world as it is — yet confident it can be made better — I have come home to Kansas with a grateful heart to declare that I am a candidate for the presidency of the United States.

The view many Americans see this morning is a sobering one. We are troubled about the direction our country is taking. Our values are under constant assault from our public and cultural institutions. We feel threatened by the random incidents of violent crime. Too many of our schools, which were once passports to opportunity, have become demoralizing places. Welfare has become a misery subsidy fostering illegitimacy and generations of dependency. And yet the deficit keeps growing, taxes keep increasing, and the government keeps demanding more and more authority over our lives.

None of this should come as a surprise. For much of this century power and wealth alike have flowed from grass-roots Americans to a federal government which exploded to meet the twin crises of economic depression and global war. Yet, the lifejacket of one generation can become the straightjacket of the next. In giving to Washington our responsibility to address problems close to their source, Americans have unwittingly encouraged the federal government to become too large, too remote, too unresponsive, and too undemocratic to be representative.

However, another America is waiting — an America strong again in heart and sure of mind. I would like to lead us there.



ROBERT J. DOLE

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Our problems are not too difficult to handle. It's just that our leaders have grown too isolated from places like Topeka — embarrassed by the values here. They seem to have lost the idea that we are — and must remain — one nation under God. We are bound by our heritage to a set of common values: Hard work, integrity, responsibility — these values have always been the source of our strength and the glue that holds us together.

Our country must again have leaders who believe in our people and are proud of our values. We need leaders who will summon from each of us the best of our character, who will call us as a nation to our full potential. I want to be president so I can do this for America.

My mandate as president would be to rein in the federal government in order to set free the spirit of the American people; to reconnect our government in Washington with the common sense values of our citizens; and to reassert American interests wherever and whenever they are challenged around the world.

My guide in this would be the final piece of the Bill of Rights — the Tenth Amendment. It reads, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states . . . or to the people."

When those words were written by our Founding Fathers more than 200 years ago, they were an affirmation of a radical new theory of politics — a theory based on the need to limit the powers of the central government in order to unleash the unlimited potential of the people. The federal government should do only those things specifically called for in the Constitution. All others should remain with the states or the people. It is a philosophy of freedom conceived in liberty, tested by history, yet too often ignored in Washington. I intend to restore it.

In the last election, the American people sent an unmistakable message to Washington. With rare clarity, they reaffirmed their faith in themselves and a healthy amount of skepticism about government.

If we are truly to rein in government, we must have a president who is more than a clever apologist for the status quo. In 1992, Bill Clinton ran for president as the

candidate of change. In 1996, he will seek re-election as a candidate pledged to prevent change at all cost.

We need a president who will do more than say "no" to every spending cut, "no" to every attempt to return power and money to the states. We need a president who shares our values, embraces our agenda, and who will lead the fight for the fundamental change America chose last November. We need a president who will say "yes" to the American people, and that is the kind of president I intend to be.

And while on the subject of creating a government that will say "yes" to the American people, let me make one fundamental belief crystal clear: We can cut taxes and balance the budget. Middle class families are forced to send too much of their hard-earned money to Washington. We should provide a tax credit for children and remove the marriage penalty to strengthen our families. And we should cut the capital gains tax to stimulate economic growth, create new jobs, and expand opportunity for all our people.

That is just the first step, not the last. We need a president committed to making our tax system lower, fairer, flatter, simpler — so that ordinary people like you and me could fill out our tax form without a lawyer or an accountant or both.

Balancing the budget also will be a top priority; we cannot continue mortgaging our children's future. We will give the president the line item veto and we will give the American people a Balanced Budget Amendment.

But that is only the beginning. Reining in the government means streamlining the entire federal bureaucracy, getting its nose out of places the government just shouldn't be. We should work our way through the alphabet soup of government, asking this question: Is this program a basic function of limited government, or is it an example of how government has lost faith in the judgment of our people?

The best place to begin is with four of the most ineffective, burdensome and meddlesome departments: Education, Housing and Urban Development, Energy, and Commerce. Together they spend more than \$74 billion per year and employ more than 74,000 workers.

Let's close down the Education Department and spend the money

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ALICE McCORMICK MILLS of Russell, is the only teacher still living who taught Bob Dole when he attended Russell High School. He took journalism from her. She also taught algebra to Arlen Specter, U.S. senator from Pennsylvania, who also is seeking the Republican presidential nomination at this time. Specter visited here with family and friends on April 11. (Staff Photo)

City Council Unanimously Approves 'Bob Dole Drive'

Urged by members of Russell's VFW Post No. 6240 and spokesman Russell Townsley, the Russell City Council unanimously approved a request to change the name of the two-block roadway between the Russell municipal tennis courts and the VFW Hall from Memorial Park Drive to Bob Dole Drive.

The council also approved a directive to have all necessary changes completed before Sen. Dole's community pancake breakfast at the VFW Hall on Friday, April 14.

VFW members on hand for the Council's action included Commander Jerry Willis, G. B. "Bub" Dawson, Norman Staab and Jack Driscoll.

Dole Qualified Man

Recognized as one of the nation's towering political figures, Senator Bob Dole has a distinguished record of public service that has made a difference for America. A decorated and wounded combat veteran of World War II, Dole was raised on the plains of Central-Western Kansas. This tough, common sense conservative from America's heartland has experience second to none: He is the Senate majority leader, and has been chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, a candidate for president, his party's nominee for vice president, a member of the House of Representatives, the chairman of the Republican Party, a state legislator, and a county attorney.

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Dole Stayed In U.S. Race

By WEBSTER HAWKINS

OSAWATOMIE — Bob Dole came to speak in this community of some 5,000 people before he filed as a candidate for the Senate the last time. In fact, he spoke in Memorial Hall, which is located in John Brown Park. The park and cabin honor the abolitionist Brown, who lived here two years before the Civil War began.

After speaking to the group, I asked Bob and a former mayor of the city who had dedicated a plaque together in the downtown business district 20 years earlier to have their photos taken again. They agreed.

After taking the photos, Bob and I were walking across the street and I was giving him heck because he had not filed yet for re-election to the Senate. I told him he surely wasn't thinking of retiring.

His reply was that he was having some health problems—high cholesterol—and that he had to get that under control. This, of course, was before the cancer surgery which he didn't know anything about.

Bob assured me he was not retiring, although he admitted, "I could make a lot of money doing something else, but I'm not interested in that," he said.

And then, just before he got into the waiting van to leave town, a man wearing a checked sports shirt came up to us and said, "Senator, I'd like to shake your hand." The senator stuck out his left hand.

Then the man said, "And senator, I just want you to know that I appreciate all that you, President Bush and the Republican Party are doing for our country."

The senator recovered quickly from the shock and was able to say, "Thank you, thank you."

He then climbed into the van.

Good Place to Live
If you are looking for a new home, take a look at Russell, Kan. You'll find it a wonderful community in which to live and work, and to rear a family. It is a community with little crime where strong family values are attained. The city has good schools and strong youth organizations.