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THIS WEEK---October 11, 1972

Roosevelt Hotel-----Ted Ellsworth, Republican Candidate for Congress from the Second District. (The following is quoted from campaign literature picked up at the "ELLSWORTH FOR CONGRESS" Headquarters.) He is a native of Dubuque and he and his family "live on the same corner where the Ellsworth family has been for over 100 years." His business is insurance and farming. He was the "first Dubuque County Republican to be elected to the House of Representatives in the Iowa Legislature in a regular election (1968)." Ellsworth is an Episcopalian and a Republican-----soooo, being elected from a Catholic/Democratic community such as Dubuque---may well be something to brag about! He was reelected in 1970, carrying every precinct in the District. "Of the 26 major accomplishments listed for the 1972 session, Ellsworth was the driving force behind nine of these."

Ted Ellsworth joined the British Army during WWII before the U.S. entered the conflict and became an officer and troop leader under General Montgomery in North Africa; transferred to the American Army in 1944 and became Rifle Company Commander in General Patton's Third Army. He was captured by the Nazis, spent time in prison camps, escaped and returned to the Allied Army thru Russia and Egypt. Ted Ellsworth is 54; a graduate of Dartmouth; is married and has four daughters and one son.

BILL FRANEY

Bill's funeral was held at St. Matthew's Church last Thursday. His death wasn't unexpected, as he had been very sick for several months. I'll miss Bill. Hadn't met him until I joined the Downtown KIWANIS some two years ago. But from that first day, I knew I had a friend in Bill Franey. Everyone who knew him seems to agree. That was Bill.

LAST WEEK

Some eighty Downtown KIWANIANs, wives and guests attended the inaugural dinner at the Montrose Hotel last Wednesday evening. The officers for the '72-'73 KIWANIS' year were installed with a minimum of boring speeches. (Ed Colton insists he talked less than ten minutes! Seemed longer than that to me, Ed!) Kidding aside--it was a fine affair. If you were there, you know what I mean. If you weren't, recommend you try to arrange to attend at the next opportunity---such as November 9 when Ed Colton will be installed as Division 8 Lt. Governor at a time and place to be announced!

Bill Jameson accepted the key position, and the challenge which goes with it, from out-going President Colton. 1st Vice President Dick Landis and 2nd Vice President Russ Mueller stepped forward and picked up the gauntlets which their predecessors had thrown down. (Understand Russ had his baptism under fire Tuesday evening when Jim Loyd advised that he was sick and wouldn't be able to be "the program" to follow the "swearing-in." He says he considered taking the razor to his wrists--but thought better of it and proved he is of the stuff V.P.'s are made when he took Dick Landis' suggestion and called Grant Price. Price graciously agreed, as long as he didn't have to smoke a cigar. Incidentally, Russ, I'm convinced after hearing Jim Loyd on the "Open Line Thursday afternoon, that he wasn't faking that sick spell. He sounded a lot like Andy Devine!)

Grant Price told us a most interesting and enlightening---and heart-rendering---story of the Philippine people and their problems. A WMT crew returned from the Philippines two weeks ago, just prior to President Marco's declaration of martial law in the "republic." The purpose of the trip was not to document the political problems of the country, but to gather news and documentary data on the activities of the Church World Service and CROP, aid programs funded by churches and the U.S. Government. Obviously, the Philippine people are "getting it" from all directions. An almost feudal system of land ownership and control; corruption at all levels of government and recently, a flood which makes the 15 inches of rain received in Southwest Iowa sound like a trickle. But---as we have heard before---the Philippine people don't want handouts. They want to earn their living and improve their way of life thru their own efforts. But they need help---financial and physical---so they can help themselves. Progress is being made, but Grant Price couldn't predict what effect latest turn of events---martial law---will have upon the situation.

KIWANIS LADIES MEETING

Wednesday, October 11, 10:00 A.M. in the home of Mrs. Anthony Pleune, 210 19th Street N.E. Program---Frank Sieh, Executive Director of Family Service, Cedar Rapids, speaking on "Local Issues Affecting the Family." Call Mrs. Jim Rasley or Mrs. Vern Perry for additional information.

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