**PROCESSION AND PUBLIC EXERCISES**

**MARK 12TH WARD’S JUBILATION**

**Befitting Celebration Last Saturday Afternoon of the Ward’s Surpassing Its Liberty Loan Quota**

The residents of the Twelfth Ward on Saturday afternoon jubilated and celebrated their going “over the top” with their quota in the last Liberty Loan drive. A patriotic program of speaking and songs, preceded by a parade marked the unrolling of the honor flag that they have received for their feat from Federal Reserve Bank authorities at Philadelphia. After the parade through the ward the exercises were held on the plaza of the Jefferson School building.

Promptly at 2 p.m., with every mill and every whistle in the yard blowing, the parade started from in front of the Exchange Hotel. The Pioneer Band and provided the martial music and "Good Samaritan" Treasurer Miles K. Person, who was chairman of the ward loan committee, led off the marchers. Herbert Weller, Robert A. Wagner and Stephen Koller were his aides. There were delegations from the Honor and Jona milk hills; the Fairview Fire Co.; the children from the Good Shepherd's Home; the ladies of the Red Cross, and the Presbyterian and Lutheran churches.

The ward residents who could not be mustered by mounted police carrying flags and with everyone participating, carrying an American flag the parade presented a pretty sight. One of the floats was a float carrying children from the Good Shepherd Home all dressed in white. The float was decorated with shocks of corn and hanging vegetables of the Park Farm. The Fairview boys in the red shirts and uniforms also added a gay touch to the parade.

With the people gathered on the lawn in front of the school the singing and speaking program began. The Pioneer Band led off with "America," the choir sang a hymn under the leadership of John Sedgwick, Rev. W.A. Lambert, of Grace Lutheran church, pronounced the Invocation.

Chairman Miles K. Person with a speech of congratulation to the war residents then unfurled the honor flag to their view to the accomplishment of much applause. After he finished his remarks he gave the flag over to L. C. Benfield, principal of the Jefferson schools, placing it in the care of the school. It is to be placed in a glass case in one of the corridors for the inspiration of the future residents of the ward and as a mark of what the present residents attacked and accomplished when their country called.

Chairman Person put it, as he handed the flag over.

Following the unfurling of the flag, "Keep the Home Fires Burning," sung by Rev. W.A. Lambert then read the historical record that is to be attached to the flag.

Richard W. Jphas was the speaker. After some words of congratulation to the residents for their work in the loan drive he launched into an inspiring patriotic exhortation. He concluded with a vitriolic denunciation of the Kaiser and the Hohenzollern dynasty and much to the delight of the crowd suggested the best mode of punishment for Poinsette.

He recommended total annihilation of the soul and body of this "woman and murderer" as he typified him and his pet scheme was to crush all the people of Belgium.

After another song, Lawrence A. Rust was introduced as the next speaker. Forth Liberty Loan campaign the work involved and with a show of earnestness and smoothness congratulated and commended the Twelfth Ward for the work they had done. He also put a patriotic note into his main address reviewing the recent events of the war and cautioning his listeners against over-confidence and too much optimism. Hang on, he said, "You have hung on before and kept on establishing honor records. In every way possible let every man work and child in this ward aid the Government in the successful and triumphant prosecution of this war. When you have done your duty you must remember that it will be a victory with what the bombs tell you to do there." When the war is over peace is with us and the judgement of each one of you by your neighbor will come. Then you will find that the mere purchase of one or two Liberty bonds was not all that you could have done.

With the band playing, the assemblage then sang, "Our Boys and Soldiers" and Rev. J.H. Baker concluded the meeting with the benediction.