

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 speechmaking and songs, preceded by a parade marked the unfurling of the honor flag they have received for their feat from Federal Reserve headquarters 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 ward blowing, the parade started from in front of the Exchange Hotel. The Pioneer band provided the marching music and City 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 Don't Ask for the Fairview Fire Co.; the children from the Good Shepherd's home; the ladies of the Red Cross surgical dressing society and all the ward residents who could be mustered. Led by mounted police carrying flags and with everyone participating, carrying an American flag the parade presented a pretty sight. One of the features was a float carrying children from the Good Shepherd Home all dressed in white. The float was decorated with shocks of corn and hangings of vegetables of the Fall harvest. 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 at the finish of the parade the singing and speechmaking program began. The Pioneer Band led off with "America," the entire assemblage joining in under the leadership of John Seifing. 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 accompaniment of much applause. After he finished his remarks he turned the flag over to C. E. 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 attained and accomplished when their country called, as Chairman Person put it as he handed the flag over.

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

Richard W. Iobst was the first 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 whole Hohenzollern dynasty and much to the enjoyment of the crowd suggested the best mode of punishment for Wilhelm. He recommended total annihilation of soul and body of the "woman and baby murderer" as he typified him and said his pet scheme was to crucify Wilhelm, as his minions have crucified the soldiers of the allies and the people of Belgium.

After another song, Lawrence H. Rupp was introduced as the next speaker. Attorney Rupp reviewed the Fourth Liberty Loan campaign and the work involved and with a great show of earnestness and sincerity congratulated and commended the Twelfth ward for the work they had done. He also put a patriotic appeal into the main part of his address by reviewing the recent events of the war and cautioning his hearers against over-confidence and too much optimism. Hang on," he said, "as you have hung on before and keep on establishing honor records. In every way possible let every man, woman and child in this ward aid the Government in the successful and triumphant prosecution of this war. When you have done your most you must remember that it will be slight, compared with what the boys are doing 'over there.' When the war is over and peace is with us 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 wasn't all that you could or should have done."

With the band playing, the assemblage then sang, "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and Rev. J. H. Raker concluded the meeting with the benediction.