

CITY HALL CHANGES

I have previously recommended to the Council that an office be opened on the first floor of the City Hall at which our people could pay their taxes. During the past year this has been accomplished and for the first time the first installment of city taxes was paid by the taxpayers without them being required to crowd in elevators and go to and from the ninth floor of the building. It is my further recommendation that as soon as possible steps be taken to enlarge the present tax collection office on the first floor and have this important function located there permanently.

LIBRARY CHANGES.

During the past year certain complaints were received by me in regard to the Oakland Free Library. I therefore recommended to the Council that a survey be made by the firm of Haskins & Sells of the accounts and operations of the libraries to the end that service to the public might be increased, and that operating economies could be effected at the library.

Such a survey was made, accompanied by recommendations from these accountants, and put into effect by the Board of Library Directors, thus increasing the efficiency of that department and rendering better service to the public for the money expended.

PARKS.

The Municipal bandstand under construction in Lakeside Park for a long period of time has been completed and was formally dedicated during the past summer, providing a very pleasing addition for the public's enjoyment in Lakeside Park.

Mr. Cliff Durant has recently made me a very generous offer to



New Bandstand in Lakeside Park