



As it will appear upon completion in October, 1930, the Ninth Avenue Pier in Brooklyn Basin is pictured here. At the rear of this terminal are three warehouse sites, suitable for industries requiring immediate accessibility to interchange facilities.

Great Advertising Value

Another advantage would be the lake's greater value in the making of motion pictures. Some years ago two Hollywood firms used the lake for water scenes in a picture of college life, but the bathers were so fouled with the impure waters that they have not returned. This situation has been largely remedied, but still needs improvement. With clear water for such use Lake Merritt scenes would be broadcast to all the world.

Another point of inestimable value would be that with fresh salt water continually flowing down the lake and out into the Estuary, there would be developed a fishing ground of great recreational value. At the time I first gave publicity to this plan, I had an offer from a man in Pittsburg, Contra Costa County, to supply at least one ton of live striped bass for the lake each month. The State Fish and Game Commission would also co-operate in keeping the lake stocked with the fish. Not only our adult sportsmen would be supplied with sport without leaving the confines of Oakland, but our school boys and girls could also thus be taught, not only swimming, but the essentials of sportsmanship as pertaining to fish and game. Added thousands to the wild fowl now wintering on the lake would also be attracted by the clear water.

In addition to the pleasures added for Oakland people, Lake Merritt beautification and its use for aquatic sports and fishing would be of incalculable value from the advertising standpoint. Another factor lowering the actual taxpayers' cost of such a system, would be the reduction of insurance rates following the completion of the high pressure salt water system with its unlimited supply and the higher value of salt water for fire fighting purposes.

Municipal Band

As an adjunct of the Park Department, the Oakland Municipal Band gives most excellent service to the people of our city. Every Sunday during the late spring, summer and early fall months this fine musical organization, under the efficient and genial directorship of Captain Herman Trutner, Jr., gives pleasure to many thousands. Captain Trutner is an accomplished musician who can handle practically every