

assistant city director of finance and records, was named treasurer of California Municipal Treasurers association at its convention in Sacramento.

World War I widows will meet May 6 at 1:30 p.m. in Veterans Memorial building. Those interested are invited. For information call Mrs. Anderson, 423-6408.

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Library patrons honored at dedication ceremony

More than 100 years of library services to the people of Santa Cruz county were highlighted during Saturday's commemorative and dedicatory ceremonies, marking the completion of Santa Cruz' new \$1,162,000 main library building at the corner of Church and Center streets, Santa Cruz.

History of the library was noted by the program key speaker, Samuel J. Leask, pictured at left addressing the more than 200 people on hand for the afternoon ceremony. Leask's father, the late Samuel Leask sr., did much to help the library become a going affair, after his appointment to the board of library trustees.

Leask told of the \$20,000

Andrew Carnegie grant, obtained in 1903 by his father, who traveled back to New York where he discussed the financial problems of the local library program personally with Carnegie, who was sufficiently impressed. So much so, he increased the original request of \$15,000 to \$20,000. It was this money that built the city's first library. He is also the father of former Santa Cruz Mayor Samuel Leask III, who was on hand, representing Mayor Raymond H. Goodrich. Other officials present included Assemblyman Frank Murphy jr., Thomas Black, county supervisor; Warren H. Penniman, chairman of the board of library trustees, and librarian Geraldine Work -- News Photos.

