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REMARKS BY THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES----R.A. STOUT
APRIL 8, 1979

255 years ago, one of this regions first families settled just a few hundred yards from this spot. 203 years later, this nation came into being. Then, after being part and parcel to 11 other counties and provinces, 133 years ago, Gaston County was carved from the southern half of Lincoln. Just 102 years ago, the City of Gastonia began her climb into history.

As the old timers would say, "A lot of water has been down the creek since then." How true that statement is. And how appropriate that we pause today to seal away for the generations of the year 2027 A.D., our remembrances of our time and our mementos of our cultural and family roots.

There is much of which we can be proud. Our roots are deep and strong. Perhaps there have been events and things that could have been better or could have happened another way. This too, is important. Historians tell us that "those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it". In a real sense, this capsule we bury today is our "chain letter" into the future. When I look back on the past 50 years of our history, it is hard to imagine how advanced the world can be in another 50 years. When this capsule comes into the hands of those in the year 2027 A.D., I pray that they remember, and benefit, and build well with that which we leave them.

For it was Carl Sandburg who noted, "The remembrances of things historic becomes the building stones for our future."

CENTENNIAL TIME CAPSULE
CEREMONY

April 8, 1979 -----3 p. m.

2:30 o'clock-- A presentation of musical selections by the
RAMBLING REBELS JUNIOR CORPS under the
direction of Miss Elizabeth Saine

3 o'clock Dedication Ceremony

Master of Ceremonies-----Richard Alan Stout, Director
Schiele Museum of Natural History

Invocation-----Dr. A. Douglas Aldrich, Pastor
First Baptist Church

Opening Remarks-----Mayor T. Jeffers

Centennial Remarks-----Ed Anthony, President of the
Gastonia Greater Centennial Corp.
and other City Council members
and guest officials

David Lindquist, Chm. Centennial
Special Events Division

Speaker-----*Alan Stout*
~~Polie Cloninger, Chairman~~
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

Capsule Burial

Benediction-----Dr. A. Douglas Aldrich

APPRECIATION is expressed to those participating in the ceremonies
today, to Carothers Funeral Home, Mr. Glenn Williams, Mrs. Nell Kinley,
the Rambling Reb Jr. Corps, Mr. Gunnar Neilsen, and the thousands of citizens
who made the CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION of 1977 such a great success.

