

# Time Capsules for the State Bicentennial

Time capsules, to be filled with papers, photos, etc. of 1976 and to be opened in 2076, are being suggested as community projects in Michigan for the American Revolution Bicentennial celebration next year.

Members of the communities at the 200th anniversary of the nation should give the people at the time of the 300th birthday an intimate glimpse of life a century later.

For those communities wanting to adopt the idea, these instructions are given for making the inexpensive capsules, which could be buried in a park, city hall or campus yards:

It is recommended that a PVC (polyvinyl chloride) water pipe, about ten inches in diameter and two feet long be used as the primary storage container. Standard end caps can be cemented on with PVC solvent to make an air-tight capsule. A desiccate bag should be included to absorb the moisture contained in stored items.

After the ends are sealed, the capsule should be wrapped in a sheet of polyethylene and exposed edges should be taped. When more than one capsule is used, each should be wrapped separately, then wired together in a bundle with enough space between so that concrete will surround each one without any air space.

The capsule should be embedded in a monolithic concrete block about partially below ground level and near the flagpole at the court-house, city hall or other appropriate public buildings. A 3,000 pound concrete should be used and vibrated. Capsules should not be closer than six inches to the sides of the concrete block.

A suitable permanent inscription should be placed on the top and at least one side of the block. It might read "Bicentennial Time Capsule sealed July 4, 1976, to be opened July 4, 2076."

Materials for  
Time Capsule

- 10' x 2' piece Polyvinyl Chloride water pipe
- 2 Standard end caps
- PVC Solvent
- 1 Desiccate bag approx 10' x 2'
- 1 sheet polyethylene approx 3' x 3'
- 1 roll electrician tape
- monolithic concrete 1 cu yd.

