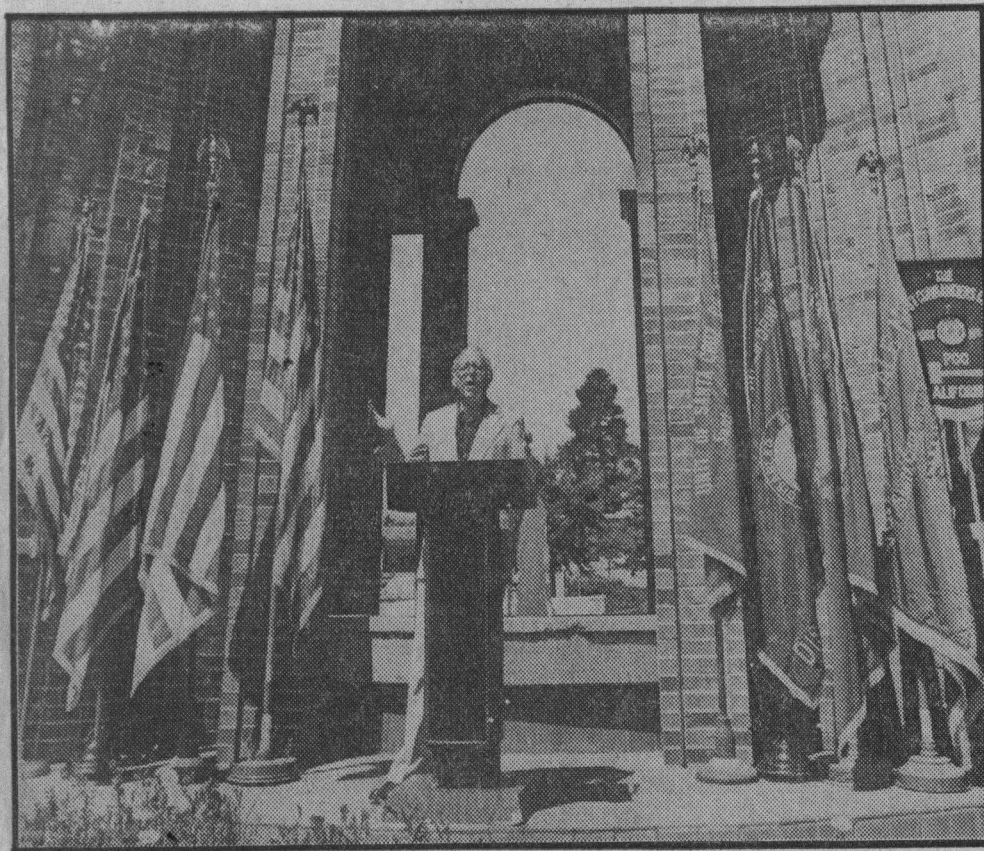


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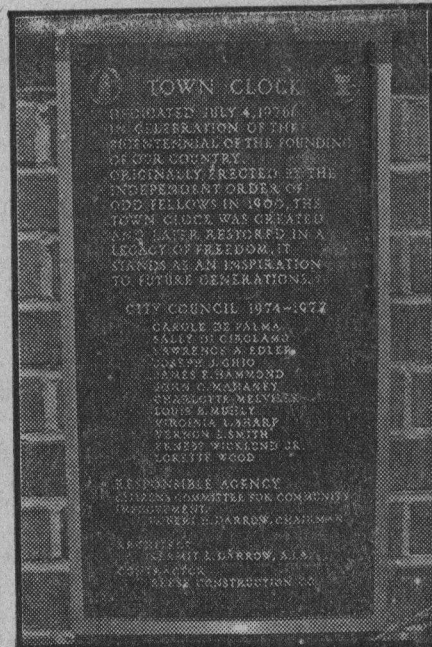


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Robert H. Darrow speaks at Sunday's Town Clock ceremonies.

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Project's dedication plaque.

July 4 Ceremonies Mark End To Town Clock Project

Ceremonies marking placement of permanent plaques and honoring major financial donors to the Town Clock were conducted Sunday, six years after the historical landmark's dedication.

Principals in the project and other community members gathered at the structure in downtown Santa Cruz to pay tribute to the many persons who donated money and time to the city's Bicentennial program. The landmark was reconstructed with original parts whenever possible.

The Town Clock was completed in 1977 and cost \$120,000. Half of those monies was raised in public subscription through sales of bronze and silver medallions, lapel buttons, memorial tiles bearing the names of donors placed in the Town Clock base and major donors whose names appear on the bronze plaque.

The original clock tower was constructed in 1873 atop the IOOF Building on Pacific Avenue. It was destroyed by fire in 1899 and was reconstructed in 1900.

In 1964, the IOOF dismantled the tower as

part of a remodeling project, and the city bought the tower for \$1.01.

Reconstruction was coordinated by the Citizens' Committee for Community Improvement, chaired by Robert H. Darrow, and the Town Clock Committee, headed by Denise Holbert.

Sunday's ceremonies marked the conclusion of the program, although financial contributions to help maintain the clock will continue to be accepted by the city.