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**TOURING SULLIVAN
COUNTY'S MUSEUM
... while dusting**

It's that time of year, again: Graduation! So, from out of the annals of history within the Fuller genealogy, we found what may be of interest to graduates. To face a world of adventure ahead of you, when we are young, we often don't quite realize that we're not the first ones to embark on life's journey. This writing may, if nothing else, let you know that you're not the first, won't be the last and that your experience is a shared feeling.

This oration is by Marjorie Fuller who attended the Estella High School of Elkland Twp. and wrote this for the fifteenth annual commencement held on May 6, 1921 and read aloud as part of the scheduled program



<u>Top Row</u>	<u>Second Row</u>	<u>Third Row</u>	<u>Bottom Row</u>
Clara Dunlap	Mark Bedford	Rex Rosbach	Sylvia Bown
<u>Carl Molyneux</u>	Glenna Baumunk	Twila Deifenbach	Homer Galough
<u>Alice Molyneux</u>	Earl Brenchley	Howard Bennett	Gladys Fawcett
Marian Brown	<u>Elizabeth Snyder</u>	<u>Frances McCarty</u>	Lawrence Baumunk
Dean Gilbert	Marjorie Fuller	<u>Kenneth Snyder</u>	<u>Bessie Wright</u>
Martha Vogt	<u>Fred Norton</u>	<u>Vera Boyles</u>	<u>Kenneth Plotts</u>
<u>Lula Norton</u>	Ida Shaffer	Roscoe Benchley	<u>Florence Molyneux</u>
Myra Day	<u>Warren Brown</u>	Winifred Chapman	Arthur Fawcett
<u>Stanley Woodhead</u>	Alma Norton	Ted Vogt	<u>Dean Norton</u>
Naomi McCarty	Roscoe McCarty		

ESTELLA HIGH SCHOOL 1920-1921

that evening. "Reminiscences of the Trail Never to be Forgotten – Dear classmates we are about to leave each other as classmates. But we have that of an arrangement by which we can remember each other and the happy school days spent at the E.H.S. We hope each one will take this small gift as we have intended and that it may prove to be of some benefit to you in future life. We that of our honorable pres. first, Fred Norton, as you are always looking for new words and their meaning we that a dictionary would be the most useful to you in your business life. We are sure you will be as faithful to your offices in life as you have to us as our class pres.

"To Ida Shaffer a faithful member of our class we give a book of poems we hope you will enjoy speaking these to people in the future as much as we have enjoyed hearing you speak at entertainments during the past three years.

"Elizabeth Snyder, in as much as you are the youngest we give you a rubber doll, with which to occupy your spare moments, we hope you will enjoy looking after it.

"To our basket-ball captain Carl Molyneux, we give an illustrated book on the care of Ford cars. We hope you sill study this very carefully, so that in the future you will have no trouble in climbing Coon Hill in the wee small hours of the morning.

"Alma Norton, as you are the one who likes to ride in a Dodge car, we give you this can of gasoline, we advise you to carry this on all your trips so that if the supply of gasoline becomes exhausted you will not have to walk into the next town for some.

"To Clara Dunlap a popular member of our class we give a box of powder and mirror, because you are always so worried about your nose shining we hope these will help you solve that problem in the future.

"Frances McCarty as you admire a woodhead, first after your own head, and now as school is over and you will not have that woodhead with you so much we present to you this wooden head so you may have a woodhead with you all the time.

"To Stanley Woodhead the honor member of the class, we give a dog chain so that you may tie the dog up on McCarty ridge so people will not know when you get there and when you leave.

“Sylvia Bown since you are the most quite [quiet] member of the class we present to you a flute so that you will be able to make as much noise as the rest of us.

“To Myra Day, the prettiest girl in the class we give an automobile and just a bit of advise, which is get Dean Gilbert for your chaeuffeur and we hope you will spend pleasant evenings joy riding.

“To Miss Molyneux our assistant principal we give a pardner for the banquet, altho it is quiet [quite] late we think this will settle the trouble you have been having. We hope will have an enjoyable evening.

“And for, our principal, Mr. Bedford, since you enjoy singing we picked a song which we think the pupils of the Estella High School will enjoy hearing you sin. We present to you the song “Oh Helen”.

“To Naomi McCarty, one of the girls who enjoys reading I give a book of some of the works of Homer. I suppose your mind will sometimes wonder when you are reading this and you will think of the Homer in the Freshman Class.

“Altho many of these presents are trifling yet we hope you will carry them with you so that they may serve to be a perpetual source of remembrance to you each time your eyes chance to rest upon them. Especially Alma Norton and Frances McCarty.”

This writing for class mates in jest to one another, gives a past glimpse of lives turning a page from high school to moving on – all with fond memories of each other.