



Estella High School, now Darway.

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TOURING SULLIVAN COUNTY'S MUSEUM . . . while dusting

While doing a write up about the school bell in front of DarWay Nursing Home in Estella for one of the soon to be distributed History Quest

questions, we found the following write-up. It appears to have come from an old Sullivan Review but no date is showing on it.

Elkland Township High: The Elkland Township High School [this pre-dates the article to before 1931] is holding its preliminary declamatory contest at Estella on the evening of April 6. At that time four contestants will contend for the honor of representing the school in the coming county contest. The remainder of the evening will be spent in the consideration of a very serious matter. For some time back a certain unsavory character by the name of "Bad English" has been frequenting the premises of the Estella High School. His whole influence upon the pupils of that institution has been unwholesome. This person has at last been apprehended and will be place on trial that night. The law firm of Shayer and Morgan, noted criminal lawyers, has been retained by the defendant. The firm of McCarty and Wright, equally noted attorneys, is handling the case for the prosecution. No stone is being left unturned by either side to accomplish its purpose. Intense local feeling is being developed over the coming legal battle."

This is obviously the prelude to a play so deftly done that it is drenched in humor. Hats off to the students of that era for the wit they've used. And can you just imagine what trouble "Bad English" would be in today!

Should you wish to visit the museum or do research, please contact us for an appointment by phoning 570-946-5020 or emailing museum@scpahistory.com. Because of the virus, simply stopping in is not advisable at this time.



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Lopez schoolhouse, 1907