



Ferguson residents—Mrs. George Carter, T. W. Ferguson (left) and Greene Eller—visit Tom Dula's grave.

'Hang Down Your Head and Cry' The Story of Tom Dooley

By Roy Thompson Staff Reporter

FERGUSON—Above the ambling Yadkin as it meanders between the Brushies and the Blue Ridge on its way to the sea there's a grave of a hiding man named Tom Dula. It's been nearly a century since Tom danced to the hangman's tune. The weeds are taking his grave and the two river-smoothed flints that mark it. But, after all these years, the memory of Tom Dula grows green as the Yadkin bottomsland in spring. His legend has lived and grown, as legends will. Today, with Tom Dula's ballad being sung the world over, his legend is lively as a cricket here in southwest Wilkes.



T. W. Ferguson at Laura Foster's grave.

Two things they don't like about the popular version of the old ballad: They misspelled Tom's name. He pronounced it as it was "Dooley" the way the song has it. But it was spelled D-U-L-A. And in the song, they have Tom confessing. Every man, every woman, every child within a day's walk of Ferguson can tell you the story of Tom Dula. And each time the tale is told, it varies slightly from the previous telling. There's Agreement on One Point. Cutting the fiction from the facts is almost as impossible as getting beggar lice out of a tweed suit. But on one part of the Tom Dula story, Ferguson is almost shoulder-to-shoulder and sings in close harmony: They think the public gullows down Statesville way had the wrong victim when Tom Dula was hanged. "Throughout history there have been many stories about the eternal triangle. This next one is about a Mr. Grayson, a beautiful woman and a condemned man named Tom Dooley..."

A triangle it was. Tom Dula was in it. And there was a beautiful woman, Mr. Grayson? He wasn't part of the triangle. He didn't get into the story until the triangle had been destroyed. Tom Dula was a black-haired, fair-skinned, blue-eyed man who was too handsome, too skilled at fiddling and too interested in the women folk for his own good. He wasn't much of a hand to work, and he spent more time with fiddle and jug than he spent with a plow. But he was a charmer, and Mrs. George Carter of Ferguson, who was brought up on the Dula legend, will admit to you today that "Tom's been a hero to me since I was just a little girl." Tom, she says, as if talking about a man who'd left Yadkin Valley last week, "always had spices in his shirt that made him smell nice. He Had Just Returned From War. "Tom." That's the way they all refer to him nowadays. "Tom Dula had just come home from war back in 1865. He'd been with Zeb Vance's 26th North Carolina Regiment. The 26th had had it tough at New Bern, at Malvern Hill and, finally, at Gettysburg. But Tom came home with a smile on his lips and a fiddle in his chin. He'd promised a lot of pretty girls he'd come back to them, and come back he did. Two of his girls were Laura Foster and her first-cousin, Mrs. Ann Melton. Ann had been a Foster when Tom rode away to war. She'd loved him, but she hadn't waited. She was a beauty, Ann was. That's one of the few details of the legend which everyone agrees today. And when Tom came back, Ann started slipping off from home to see him. Then there was Laura Foster. Some say she was

Yul Brynner as New 'Solomon' Film Stars Pay Last Respects to Tyrone Power in Spain

MADRID (AP) — Movie stars and stragglers paid their final respects Sunday to Tyrone Power at a memorial service at the U. S. Torreon Air Base. The 45-year-old actor suffered a heart attack on the motion picture set of "Solomon and Sheba" during a duel scene Saturday and died an hour later. His body is lying in state in the Torreon base hospital with only members of the "Solomon and Sheba" company and close friends being admitted. Air Force Chaplain Floyd M. Patterson conducted the memorial service in a chapel in the base service club. "Thousands of telegrams of condolences continued arriving from throughout the world. Among those wiring the grief-stricken widow, the former Debbie Ann Minardis, were Noel Coward, Charles Laughton, Vivien Leigh, Billy Wilder and Director Henry Hathaway. A spokesman for the "Solomon and Sheba" company said no final decision had yet been reached on the place of burial. The young widow, a bride of only a few months who is expecting a baby in February in state in the Torreon base hospital, intends to fly to Hollywood with the body. Although company officials expressed a desire to finish the film, it only as a memorial to Power, Producer Edward Small said Sunday Yul Brynner will replace Power in all scenes. Small, in Hollywood, said Brynner will fly to Madrid before this weekend. He stated that costars wiring the grief-stricken widow, Gina Lollobrigida and George

Sanders have been alerted that the scenes in which they appeared with Power will be refilmed. Small said he made the decision to eliminate Power's scenes from the six-million-dollar movie after consulting with director King Vidor here. U. S. Air Force officials offered the facilities of the Torreon base for the memorial service in view of Power's record in World War II as a pilot officer of the U. S. Marine Corps. Power's widow drove to the base hospital with Producer Ted Richmond and his wife and William Gallagher, Power's secretary. She looked dazed and was sobbing quietly when she came out of the hospital conference room where her husband lay in state. Miss Lollobrigida arrived with Italian actress Marika Pavani and her French husband, actor Jean Pierre Aumont. The entire company passed through the flower-filled room and past Power's bier in a continuous line. Later, a company spokesman said Mrs. Power was trying to leave for New York with Power's coffin Monday on a Trans World Airlines flight which leaves Madrid at 10 p. m. Power's Last Job Was Heart Appeal. HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Tyrone Power's last job before the cam-

Best Year in Building Is Forecast For 1959

Outlay to Top \$50 Billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Spending on new construction will rise 7 per cent next year to a record \$52,300,000,000 on a wave of home and highway building, the government estimates Sunday. Outlays this year will be about \$48,300,000,000. That also is a high mark, but was achieved with the help of price increases. In physical volume, 568 building did not match the 1955 level. The Commerce and Labor departments said that in crossing the \$5-billion-dollar mark for the first time next year, the nation's builders will set records not only for construction value but physical volume of work done.

Accurate Forecast

A boom year in housing was foreseen. About 1,300,000 new homes will be started, the departments predicted, compared with about 1,170,000 in 1958. But residential building activity may taper off in the second half of next year. The annual official construction forecast has a high accuracy rating. This year's estimated activity is just a shade higher—less than 1/4 of 1 per cent—than the Commerce-Labor forecast made in November a year ago. The departments said their estimate of a 3 1/2 billion dollar increase in 1959 assumes that a rise in national production will continue, with credit adequate for construction generally but growing tighter for residential building.

Scars of Recession

Nevertheless housing and road building will account for about four-fifths of the 1959 gain in construction. Factory building, on the other hand, will drop 15 per cent, contributing to a 3 per cent decline in private nonresidential construction. The forecast said this anticipated downturn reflects the postponement and cancellation of new plant projects by many companies during the recession of the past year. Some returns in new factory projects is expected in 1959, but not enough to offset the loss of total plant construction outlays. Prospects are for a 12 per cent rise in highway spending to \$10 billion dollars. But other public outlays also will increase because of anti-inflation measures and the revision of defense programs. Small Gain for Schools. Federal, state and local government outlays will reach a record \$17.6 billion in 1959. Outlays for schools will show only a small gain but should reach three billion dollars for the first time. Spending for public hospitals will climb 10 per cent and for mental hospitals, 15 per cent. Buildings will rise 42 per cent. An 11 per cent advance in residential expenditures, public and private, will increase housing outlays from \$18.1 billion dollars in 1958 to \$20,600,000,000 next year, the report said. A 13 per cent increase in outlays for private, nonfarm dwellings will increase spending in this category to 15 billion dollars. Outlays for publicly owned housing will rise by about 20 million to \$1,100,000,000, passing the billion-dollar mark for the first time.

Chrysler, UAW Come to Terms

DETROIT (AP)—Chrysler Corp. and the United Auto Workers Sunday night came to terms on the last of their comprehensive contracts, ending a paralyzing strike that started five days ago. The time run out 92 hours to resume full-scale production of 1959 model cars Monday. Her father and brothers started clerical workers and employees in Chrysler's engineering departments—marked the end of the UAW's 1958 contract negotiations with the Big Three car makers. The agreement came at the end of a marathon bargaining session that lasted nearly 35 hours, with only short recesses for meals. Coming out of the negotiating room, UAW President Walter Reuther said the new agreement represents "very substantial progress particularly in the area of the job security" which this group of Chrysler workers.

Weekend Death In State Rises to 24; Father and Son

Former State Senator R. Posey Jones Dies in Fla.; Mount Airy Business Leader

MOUNT AIRY—Robert Posey Jones, 56, Mount Airy businessman and former state senator, died at 3 p.m. yesterday at a Clearwater, Fla., hospital. Mr. Jones and his wife left Tuesday for their winter home at Clearwater. He was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage Friday afternoon while playing golf at Clearwater. Mr. Jones was born in Surry County Oct. 14, 1892, to George T. and Mary Mosley Jones. He was educated at high schools at Booneville and Pilot Mountain and attended Edwards Business College in Winston-Salem. He entered the tobacco business early in life and was a familiar figure for many years at markets in Winston-Salem, Douglas, Ga., Mullins, S. C., Taber City and Greenville, Tenn. He also operated a burley tobacco warehouse at Boone one season. For some years he was engaged in the warehouse business with his brothers, Frank and Tom Jones, in Mount Airy. He was active in political affairs and represented the Surry County Welfare Board at one time. He served terms as president of the Mount Airy Tobacco Board of Trade and was president of the Surry County Farm Bureau at one time. He also was past master of the Granite City Masonic Lodge. He was married to Mrs. T. W. Johnson, Mrs. M. S. Simpson, Mrs. Mair Carter, all of Mount Airy, and to Mrs. A. Davis of Winston-Salem. The body will arrive at Jones Funeral Home here Sunday. Other arrangements are incomplete.

Davidson Man Dies In Crash

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25th Fatality In Rockingham

Four Northwest North Carolinians were among the 24 persons killed in traffic mishaps on the state's highways during the weekend. Howard Swanson Wilson, 51, of Draper was killed about 7:30 p.m. Saturday when his car crashed near Draper. His son, Willie Edward Wilson, 23, of Dallas, Texas, the other occupant, died nearly three hours later of injuries received in the accident. State Highway Patrolman J. A. Parker said he was unable to determine who was the driver. James Douglas Bean, 24, of Denton, R. I., was killed at 10:30 p.m. Saturday in a head-on collision at Cotton Grove Road and Old Linwood Road at Lexington. Lexington police said Paul Lincoln Cooper, 36, of Denton, R. I., and Miss Annie Mae Johnson, 21, of Denton, R. I., were in the car. Lexington, finance of Mr. Bean, were badly injured. Police said John L. Green Jr., 32, Negro, of Elk Street, Lexington, was driver of the other car. The driver of the machine struck the driver of the Bean machine. Critically Injured. Cooper was in Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, last night and his condition was described as critical. He suffered a fractured skull. Miss Johnson and Green were in Lexington Memorial Hospital. She suffered facial and hand lacerations and a fractured leg. Her condition was described as critical. Green had a fractured jaw and face lacerations. No charges have been preferred. The driver accident brought the death toll on Rockingham County highways so far this year to 25. State Patrolman Parker said the Wilson car was "the worst wrecked of any I have ever seen." The 1950 Chevrolet was moving east on N.C. 700 just east of Draper when the driver lost control of the machine, struck a tree and was carried off around another. R. V. Carlisle, 46, Negro of 306 B Street, North Wilkesboro, died at Wilkes General Hospital at 11:30 p.m. Saturday of injuries received that afternoon when his car left U.S. 421 three miles east of Wilkesboro, struck a bank and wrecked. Driver Thrown Out. State Highway Patrolman K. M. Gentry said the 1951 automobile in which Carlisle was riding alone was thrown out of control when it struck the bank. The Associated Press reported that six persons were killed in a collision near Gastonia yesterday. The accident between a tractor-trailer and an auto carrying six persons resulted when the two vehicles collided on a bridge on Highway 321 about five miles north of Gastonia. The dead, all of whom were in the auto, were identified as Charles Ray Baker, 23, his daughter, Mitzie Jean, 10, and a 12-year-old boy. See Weekend, Page 2

Red Blockade Of W. Berlin Seen Averted

Threat of Force Is Given Credit. BERLIN (UPI) — West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt said Sunday night he believed the announced Western determination to hold this threatened outpost city by force has averted a new Communist blockade. In a radio speech to Berlin and the surrounding Soviet bloc, Brandt said he stressed Big Three security guarantee has driven home to the East that they will stand by it. Brandt's defiant speech came amid these related developments: —The United States won a diplomatic victory over the East Germans when the Communists released George S. Milroy, a 29-year-old tourist from Ann Arbor, Mich., who was held for a month in the Soviet zone in an attempt to force U. S. diplomatic recognition of the East German regime. The U. S. mission in Berlin refused to negotiate with the East Germans and the Communists dropped charges—denied by Milroy—that the tourist had photographed a military installation. —In East Germany, the Communists marched East German voters to the polls to cast ballots for unopposed candidates of the Communist Party. "Nationalist Front" in elections for the East German parliament, the East Germans could not vote. —The Communists, busy with their election, made no new threats against West Berlin. Air, road and canal traffic to and from the city was normal Sunday but the United States had not yet made a new attempt to send a truck convoy to the West. Three U. S. Army trucks were refused passage at a Soviet checkpoint Friday when the Soviets demanded the right to search them. —In Bonn, the West German government recalled a note to Moscow requesting one Big Four conference that would discuss both German reunification and a German peace treaty.

A Warm 82 Degrees Equals Old Record

November is all mixed up this year. It may be fall, but Twin Cities are getting a taste of leftover summer. The temperature here climbed to 82 yesterday, equalling the highest ever recorded in any year. More of the same is in store for Winston-Salem and neighboring North Carolina. The weatherman said today's high may be below 80. North Carolinians received Sunday in warm, mild weather. Temperatures rose to record highs in spots all over the state, and cloudy, rather humid conditions made the day almost sultry. For almost a week, the Weather Bureau reported, North Carolina and other Southeastern states have been in an almost stationary weather pattern. "We're on the west side of an almost stationary Bermuda high pressure area," one forecaster explained. He added that a little cooler air is expected to come down the Atlantic coast Monday, lowering temperatures in the northeastern part of the state. "But it won't change things a great deal." Some showers were predicted for Monday in the mountains and extreme northeast. By contrast, the Rocky Mountains were gripped Sunday in a dry, hot, and sunny weather cold broke the old mark of 80 set in 1914. At Raleigh-Durham the high was 81, one degree short of the record. On the coast, Wilmington had 82, which was 15 degrees above the normal high for the date, but a degree under the 1955 record. Beaufort in the Journal, and Carolina Beach were in the middle 80s.

Rescued Flier Had Given Up Hope, He Says

Two Are Dead, Two Missing. HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah — A survivor of an eight-man parachute jump from a crippled Air Force plane said Sunday he had just lain down to die in the snow when rescuers reached him. As Sgt. L.C. Reyno Felner, 26, Hazard, Ky., told his story in a hospital at this air base here Sunday, he said he was one of two dead, two missing, and four rescued. The two who died while struggling through deep snow toward civilization were S.Sgt. Ivan Prohaska, 31, Buhl, Idaho, and M.Sgt. Joseph A. Beagan of Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. Still missing were the capt. L.D. Donald E. Born, 28, Andover, N. Y., and the navigator, Capt. Donald Liggett, 40, Indianapolis, Ind. Captain Is Found. The plane commander, Capt. Harry O. Blount, 33, Great Falls, Mont., was found within a few hours after the men jumped in a storm just before dark Friday when their C-119 developed engine trouble. The others, rescued Saturday night while the storm still raged, were S.Sgt. Walter P. Bigelow, 27, Utah, and Capt. Roy Copeland, 22, Eastport, Wash. The weather cleared at times and the Air Force dispatched helicopters and planes to join in the frenzied air-ground search for the men. Most of the rest of the terrain through which they broke in the clouds. Weather Bureau forecasters said snow flurries and temperatures of zero to 10 below are expected Sunday night in the mountains.

The Seeds of Tyranny

Twenty-seven years ago, in his famous novel "Brave New World," Aldous Huxley prophesied the coming of a completely organized and regimented society—a human servitude made acceptable by regular doses of chemically-induced happiness. But in 1931 Huxley fixed this nightmare seven centuries away. Today, he warns that the world is heading for it all too fast. Within 20 years, he predicts, all the world's overpopulated, underdeveloped countries will be under some form of totalitarian rule. Huxley's views, important to all thinking men and women, are outlined in a provocative series of 10 articles beginning today in the Journal, and culled from his newly-published book "Brave New World Revisited." See Page 4.

It's NEW

Search Area. The search area is over the El Monte Mountains, a spur of the rugged Wasatch Mountains, 30 to 40 miles east of its base near Ogden, and approximately 50 to 60 miles northeast of Salt Lake City. The highest mountain in the area, Monte Cristo Peak, rises to 12,000 feet. Much of the rest of the area is between 8,000 and 9,000 feet. Five NOCs all landed in a steep area known as Hells Canyon. Blount was found some distance to the west. The search for Born and Liggett centered on the high divide between. It was thought Saturday night the sergeants all had been rescued alive. It wasn't until searching followed their trail back through the snow early Sunday morning that it was learned the two had been while fighting their way toward camp. easier to read WANT ADS. Beginning today, your Journal and Sentinel Want Ads have a new face. It's the far more readable and attractive Spartan type face. It's even fun now to read Journal and Sentinel Want Ads for profit and pleasure.

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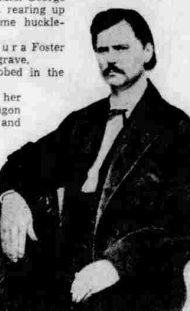
# The Story of Tom Dooley

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Two or three weeks later, Col. David Eagles Horton was riding his big horse, Mike, up the stream, and the horse, according to Mrs. George Carter, commenced rearing up and snorting at some huckleberry bushes.

They found Laura Foster there in a shallow grave. She'd been stabbed in the left breast.

They brought her back home on a wagon filled with straw, and "Cousin Ella" McDowell's mother, who saw her ride away for the last time, saw her come back down the mountain on that wagon.



Zeb Vance . . . fought another lost cause . . .

"This time I'm going to reckon where I'll be? Hadn't of been for Grayson I'd be in Tennessee."

Grayson was Sheriff Jim Grayson of Wilkes. It was some time before he arrested Tom Dula, and nobody agrees today as to where the arrest was made. Some say in North Carolina; some, in Virginia; some, despite the song's version, say Tom actually made it as far as Tennessee.

The day after Tom was taken to Wilkesboro jail, Ann Melton was arrested, too.

Both were charged with Laura's murder. Then came Zeb Vance. One of his men in the 26th was in danger, and Zeb Vance left his law practice in Charlotte to ride the rescue.

### Lawyer Gets Change of Venue

He convinced the court that Tom would never get a fair trial in Wilkes, and he got a change of venue to Statesville. Tom Dula was moved to the jail there to await trial.

Today, though nearly a century has rolled by since Tom Dula went to Statesville jail, folks around Ferguson are still riled up about the treatment he got.

"They made him sleep on the floor," Mrs. Carter said indignantly. "They wouldn't even let him have sheets. Said the floor was good enough for a murderer."

And they fed him none too well. Tom's mother did what she could for her boy. She was a tiny, frail woman who spoke in a voice so quiet that you had to strain to hear her.

But she was stout enough to walk from Ferguson, across the Brushies to Statesville, taking home-cooked food and clean clothes to Tom.

It was about 40 miles, and there are those who say that she made the trip on foot at least once a week through all the long weeks that Tom sat in Statesville jail.

Ann Melton, meantime, sat in a cell in Wilkesboro. Her attorneys won trial delay after another. It is said that Ann never fretted about her trial.

If you believed the stories told on her nowadays, she kept telling her friends, "They'll never put a rope around THIS pretty neck!"

### Keeping Company With Laura

Then Tom's day in court came. He'd been keeping company with Laura. She'd told people she was running off to marry him. Dr. Carter's autopsy showed that she was pregnant.

After her body was found, Tom had left the Yadkin country and headed out. It looked bad, and when he took the witness stand, he did nothing to help himself.

Today, they say he was protecting Ann Melton, and Tom Dula is widely regarded as the picture of Southern chivalry.

Whatever his intent, he contradicted himself onto the gallows. Zeb Vance made an eloquent speech to the jury, which included a number of men who, like Tom, had fought for the Lost Cause, but Vance was fighting yet another lost cause.

"Guiltily," they all said. Then came the long wait for the rope. Tom Dula, the light-hearted fiddler, was a changed man.

Over and over and over again he told visitors he'd give anything he had if he could just get back home and sleep on his old feather bed one more time before he hanged.

And the night before the hanging came. . . . "This time tomorrow reckon where I'll be. Down in some lonesome valley hangin' from a white oak tree."

It wasn't a white oak tree; it was the gallows Stateville had standing ready for such grim business. They tell two stories about Tom's last words.

### Tom Dula Hanged on a Pretty Day

Some say he held his right hand high and said, "Gentlemen, do you see this hand? Does it tremble? I never hurt a hair on the girl's head."

But there are those who say it went this way: "Boys, stay clear of fiddlin', women and whiskey." Then on a morning so pretty that it made leaving this world even more of a chore, they hanged Tom Dula.

His folks came down for the body. Took it back to the old house place. Laid it out on his old feather bed the way Tom had longed to be.

The body lay there overnight, and it bled some, and today . . . but that's getting ahead of the story. Next day they buried him. Down toward the river from the house.

They put a couple of big river flints to mark his grave. One at his head; one at his feet.

"This time tomorrow reckon where I'll be . . ."

The grave is still there. Three more alone of it. None are marked save by river flints. No names. Greene Eller, a Ferguson oldtimer who's been around the old Dula place for a mighty long time, thinks Tom's grave is the one nearest to where the house used to be.

Tom Ferguson, the Yadkin historian, and others think some kind of a marker should be placed there so that nobody will ever forget about Tom Dula.

Forget? Not likely! They'll tell you today that Ann Melton was right. They never put a rope around her pretty neck. They tried, but the jury said "No."

But there are those who say . . . Hill Carter got the story from his grandfather, Dr. Carter. He's the one who performed the autopsy on Laura; saw Tom in Statesville jail and, finally, tended Ann Melton as she met death.

Dr. Carter, Hill says, told members of the family that Tom told him that Ann Melton slipped Laura a dose of laudanum and then stabbed her before Tom could interfere.

Tom wouldn't tell the story because he had to protect Ann, Dr. Carter always said. Then there was the business of Ann's death years later.

Some say she died of blood poisoning following childbirth; others say a heavy ox cart tumbled over and pinned her underneath it.

Dr. Carter, his great-grandson says, always used to say that Ann asked him to let her know when her time had come.

"I have a confession to make," she is said to have told the doctor.

When Ann came to death's door, the doctor told her what she tried. There was things to be SEEN in that house. Some said it was hanted."

The house was rented to a lot of different families. It has changed hands many times. Daniel Boone was the first owner of the land. Nobody ever seemed to stay there long.

Just the blood. One family had a pack of boys. They slept in Tom Dula's old room. They slept in mortal fear that they might fall out of bed "into Tom's blood."

And, when the boys had a falling out, as boys will, there was always a contest. Hill Carter says, "to see who could throw whom into Tom Dula's blood."

Eventually, the house was torn down. Time and the plow have now erased all trace of it.

The field on which it stood is freshly-plowed, and if you follow the furrows downhill toward the Yadkin, you'll come to a place where they veer quickly to the left and then, turning once more, start to the river once again.

There, where the furrows change direction, lies Tom Dula's grave.

A few miles upstream, just over the line in Caldwell County, is Barnett's Field, where the old Foster place once stood. It, too, is gone.

Laura Foster's Grave Is Unmarked

Over in one corner, in another spot that has been spared by the plow, lies the unmarked grave of Laura Foster. No stone. Just honeysuckle and briars and two sticks that somebody recently stuck up there to let people know which was the right clump of honeysuckle and briars.

They're gone, but the story lives on. Over in Ferguson, Mrs. Stewart Green has an old, old Victor record with Tom Dula's ballad on it. The time's a bit bouncier than the 1858 version, but it has more details in it.

It's sung by a fellow named Grayson. Some say it's Sheriff Grayson, the one who brought Tom back for trial.

"Tom Dooley," incidentally, was 3rd on "The Hit Parade" Friday night.

"Cousin Ella" McDowell was different from the rest. She's 92, and she's confined to her bed, and she's heard about Tom Dula for nearly a century now.

She's got little confidence in the stories that "they" tell—or the ones that busybody reporters write—about Tom and Laura and Ann.

She frowned sternly as she fixed the reporter in her steady gaze and said "You can put a lot of truth in this story or a lot of lies. One thing you can know for sure about this, and that's about all . . ."

"Tom Dula's been dead a long time, and it's about time people stopped talking about this thing."

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## Break-in Charged To Davidson Man

A Davidson County man accused of breaking into a Forsyth County home was arrested yesterday.

Frank Byerly of the Arcadia section at Greensboro, Rt. 2, was released under \$750 bond for appearance in Municipal Court here Nov. 20.

He is accused of breaking into the home of Cohen Jones yesterday. He's reportedly hoping Davidson County officers. Other details were not determined immediately.

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