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### NOTICE

Pursuant to an order of re-sale made by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Surry County in the Special proceeding entitled J. H. Parker and others Vs. Mary E. Disher and others I will sell at public auction on the premises on

14th day of Dec., 1923, at 2 o'clock, P. M.,

the following real estate, lying in Eldora Township, Surry County, N. C. adjoining the lands of N. T. Hutchens, Jeff Creed, Cleveland Parker and others, and contains 65 acres being the real estate owned by Jonathan Parker at the time of his death, not including the dower of 25.50 acres allotted to his widow, Sallie Parker.

Terms of sale, one third cash, balance in equal payments of one and two years.

Re-sale made for the reason that J. H. Parker who became the purchaser at the sale heretofore made by the undersigned commissioner has failed and refused to comply with the terms of the sale heretofore made in this cause.

This the 12th day of Nov. 1923, W. M. Jackson, Commissioner

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### CUTS OFF WIFE'S HEAD AND BURNS IT

After Committing Hideous Crime Milwaukee Man Carries Headless Body 11 Miles and Hides it in Woods

Milwaukee, Dec. 8.—E. Ray Tompkins, real estate dealer of Whitefish Bay, and former member of the Milwaukee Normal school faculty, is in the county jail formally charged with the murder of his wife, whose nude and headless body was found today near Douglas bay, 11 miles from Milwaukee.

Tompkins confessed that he strangled his wife until she became unconscious, placed her body in a bath tub and severed her head under a tap of running water, according to District Attorney George A. Shaughnessy.

Mrs. Tompkins disappeared from her home last Thursday. About 9 o'clock that morning she sent her two children, Marjorie, 10, and Robert 7 to school and told them she would not be home in the morning but would return in time to prepare lunch for them.

The girl said her father met her and her brother that noon and took them to lunch, sending them back to school and took them to dinner away from home that evening. When her mother did not return home that night she refused to go to school Friday, she said and called her uncle, William C. Conrad, and told him her mother was missing. Conrad notified the police.

Another woman brought about the conditions at the Tompkins home which resulted in the attack on his wife, police said. Tompkins, they said, was found by detectives, hired by his wife, at an apartment with a woman said to have been a student at the normal school where he taught for 12 years.

As a result, police said, a divorce was to have been obtained and Mrs. Tompkins was to have received a pre-divorce settlement the day she disappeared. Tompkins was arrested and questioned regarding the whereabouts of his wife but he denied any knowledge of why or where she had gone.

The police, in their search for Mrs. Tompkins, learned from J. F. Douglas, owner of an estate on which the body was found, that Tompkins had talked with him regarding the caretaker's home and that later an automobile of the same make owned by Tompkins had been driven to Lion's Den, a wooded glen near Douglas bay. The imprint of the tire tread was the same as the tread of Tompkins' car. An investigation of the tonneau of the car revealed bloodstains, as did a pair of overalls identified as Tompkins'.

County officials took Tompkins to the Lion's Den this morning and he aided them in the search for his wife. The body was covered by muck, leaves and stones in a well-hidden spot. Tompkins turned to Sheriff Phil Westphal and in a choking voice cried: "Who could have done this thing? Find the guilty one."

Three hours later according to Shaughnessy, Tompkins' nerve broke and he confessed.

In her distress over the conditions in her home, Tompkins said, his wife addressed a letter to her father in which she detailed her troubles and told of her husband's infidelity. The letter said she intended placing charges against her husband unless he divided his property with her and consented to a separation.

"In his confession," as related by the district attorney, Tompkins said he came into possession of the letter before his wife posted it. He returned home Thursday morning after the children had left for school and

stormy few moments he declared his wife said:

"You are only good for tending furnaces."

"This taunt enraged him and he caught her by the throat, choking her into unconsciousness. He carried her body to the bathroom where he placed it in the tub, turned on the water and went to the kitchen where he procured a large butcher knife, with which he removed her head. He carried her head to the basement and placed it in the furnace.

"Later in the day he placed the body in a trunk, carried the trunk and its contents to the garage, where he loaded it into his machine, and at his convenience drove to the spot where he hid the evidence of his act."

Details leading up to the slaying of the woman, date back considerable time, beginning about three years ago when an apartment house, which Tompkins owned and made his home, was under construction. He suffered a breakdown and was taken by his wife to his home in Bloomington, Ill., and later visited his wife's parents at Clinton, Ind. While there he showed indications of mental disorder and, returning here was placed under the observation of Dr. F. C. Studley, who declared him a paranoiac, and liable to cause injury to his wife or other persons. Later in November 1922, Dr. B. B. Rowley also an alienist, attempted to have Tompkins placed in an institution for observation, declaring he thought him a potential killer. Neither physicians expressed surprise when advised Tompkins had confessed to killing his wife.

Tompkins gave his age as 39 and that of his wife as 42.

### Administrator's Notice

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. M. Harrell, deceased, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment and all persons having claims against the estate are hereby notified to immediately file same with the administrator within one year of this notice or same will be pleaded in bar of recovery.

This the 14th day of Nov. 1923. 12-20c  
Walter W. Carter, Adm.

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### COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of an order made by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Surry County in the case entitled Hannah Atkins, widow, and others against James Atkins and others, appointing me commissioner for the purpose, I will sell to the highest bidder, on the premises on

Friday, December 21st, 1923, 2 o'clock P. M.

the reversionary interest after the falling in of the dower estate the following tract of land to-wit:

Beginning on the old line and at an angle in same where a dogwood formerly stood at 132 feet from L. W. Atkin's corner and runs with the old line North 15 1-2 deg. East 28 poles up the creek to the said line; thence with said State line, South 85 1-2 deg. East 390 feet to where a White Oak formerly stood; thence South 2 deg. West 900 feet with the old line and hedge to three Spanish Oaks; thence South 64 3-4 deg. West 700 feet to a small Pine on the West side of the branch and 16 feet beyond a large Poplar on the line; thence, North 84 deg. West about 800 feet to the beginning containing 22.4 acres, including a dwelling house, outhouses, buildings and improvements thereon. The privilege of the use of the road leading from the public road across the farm to the land allotted to Mrs. Atkins will be given to purchaser.

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