

# Dead girl's parents find foot in bag instead of girl's toys

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WAGONER, Okla. — A funeral director, named in a \$75,000 lawsuit because the pa-

rents of a dead girl found a decaying human foot in a bag that was supposed to hold the child's belongings, says it was an honest

mistake "blown out of proportion."

Wright Funeral Home in Coweta, one of several defendants named in the Wagoner County suit, was in charge of funeral arrangements for Connie Erwin, 9, who died in Oklahoma Children's Memorial Hospital in Oklahoma City last May from a brain tumor.

Wright funeral Director Charles White said Wednesday funeral home personnel were given a bag said to contain the girl's belongings when they picked up the girl's body from Ryland Funeral Directors Service in Oklahoma City. Ryland also is named in the suit.

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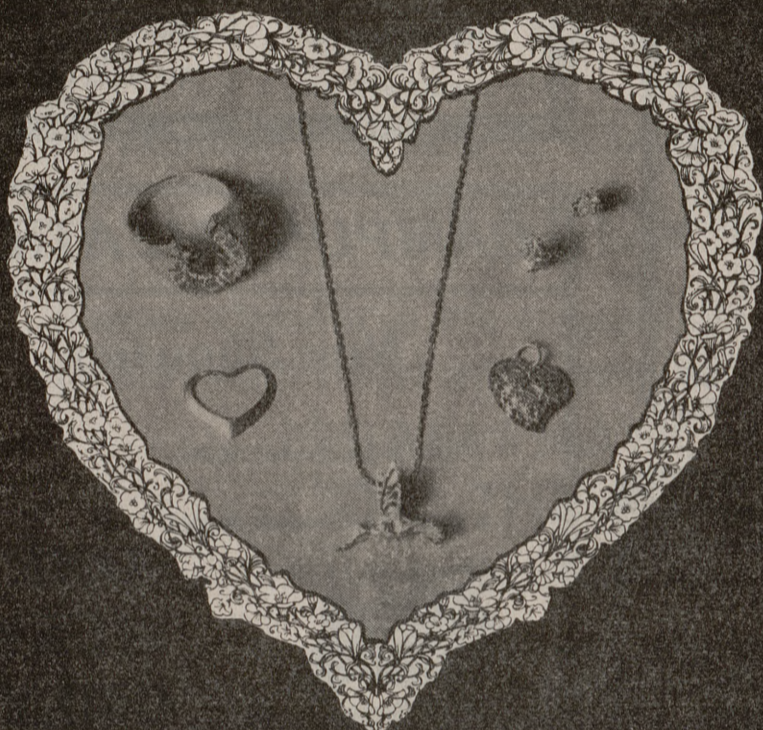
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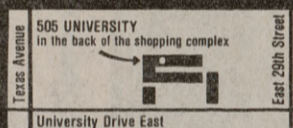
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## Payless furloughs may salvage jobs

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WASHINGTON — Some 45,000 federal employees will be required to start in the next two months taking one day off without pay every two weeks to conform with President Reagan's budget cuts.

The Office of Personnel Management came up with the idea of these furloughs late last year as an alternative to layoffs, known in Washington as RIFs (reductions in force).

The office initiated the procedure and urged other agencies to consider similar action. So far, two other agencies have adopted the procedure.

Federal Aviation Administration officials said Wednesday that agency's 45,000 employees would be furloughed with the exception of the 10,000 air traffic controllers whose jobs are viewed as essential.

Spokesman Jerry Lavey said the furloughs will start in April and last through the end of the

1982 fiscal year on Sept. 30. The employees will be told to take one day off per two-week pay period.

A Transportation Department spokesman said the FAA, which has a \$3 billion budget for 1982, is the only branch of the department planning furloughs.

The third federal agency that has announced once-a-fortnight furloughs is the Census Bureau, part of the Commerce Department.

Spokesman Gary Wilkinson said the bureau's 6,000 employees were notified Feb. 3 that they will be furloughed starting next month. The mandatory vacations will start with one day off every two weeks but could be expanded later.

"Everybody takes off one day per pay period," Wilkinson said. "That keeps the work flowing. The employees here seem to be almost universally in favor of the furlough idea because it does save jobs."

Lavey said the details of the FAA furloughs have not been worked out and there has been no official notification of employees.

"I believe it includes everyone," Lavey said. He was not sure however if J. Lynn Helms, FAA administrator, and his deputy, Michael Fennel, would be furloughed because they are paid fixed annual salaries.

"They get their salaries no matter what," he said. At the OPM, which administers benefit programs for the federal workforce, director Donald Devine and his deputy were exempted from the furloughs as were the 3,000 employees not paid out of the agency's budget but from trust funds and other off-budget sources.

But the agency's other 3,000 employees have been told they will have one day off without pay every two weeks starting next month.

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