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TODDVILLE, IA. - A daylong search Monday by about 250 persons failed to turn up any solid clues to the Saturday night disappearance of Guy Heckle, 11, of Cedar Rapids at a Boy Scout campout.

Fellow scouts in Troop 101, sponsored by the Eisenhower School PTA, told officers the group was playing the game, "Capture the Flag," when Guy disappeared about 8 p.m. Saturday. They said he had the "flag" at the time and was supposed to be hiding to keep it from being captured.

Searchers Monday combed an area three miles in radius from the hilly, wooded campsite near the Cedar River about two miles northwest of here.

"It's just faith that's keeping us going," said Howard Heckle, the boy's father.

Heckle described his son as "adventurous." but said the lad wouldn't disobey rules set by his scoutmaster. He said the family hasn't given up hope that Guy will be found alive.

"If the Lord has taken his soul, I want his body," the saddened father said.

Many of Heckle's fellow employes at Iowa Electric Light and Power Co. were among the searchers Monday. Sheriff's deputies had no firm theory as to what may have happened to the boy. One fear expressed by searchers was

river. People from all walks of life joined in the search Monday. Bob Strempke, a commercial photographer and neighbor of the Heckles, joined in the search Saturday night and was there all day Sunday and Monday. He closed up his studio.

Another searcher was Mirs. Robert Claypool. After spending the day tramping through the woods, Mrs. Claypool described Guy as "an obedient. co-operative boy. He isn't the type who would go off against



Search for Scout Continues

About 250 persons search a heavily wooded area near Toddville Monday for a youth who disappeared during a weekend outing with a group of Boy Scouts. Missing is Guy Heckle, 11, of Cedar Rapids.

TERRITORY VOTE

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) -WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - Guam and the Virgin Islands prices specified fall far below A Wyoming group was told the right to vote for president the current costs of production Monday that plans for an un- and vice-president was in- for hogs.

derground nuclear test called troduced jointly Monday by the ceived official confirmation of a Wagon Wheel will be delayed delegates from the two terri- Iowa producers ranges in the

Armour Announces Plans for **Guaranteed Hog-Price Floors**

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PHOENIX, ARIZ. - Armour and Co., one of the nation's major meatpackers, has announced plans for a four-year contract with farmers to guarantee a floor price for hogs.

a guaranteed price in the range talking about is a contract be-The proposed contract offers of \$20 to \$24 per hundredweight. well below current prices that NFO, in behalf of its members. have been exceeding \$30 in recent weeks. Thus, not many pected to take immediate ad- er." Our ideas and concepts ing the summer, it is hoped hog producers could be exvantage of the proposal.

Market Price Variance more effective."

The contracts provide, however, that for every \$1 the market price in a given area falls below the contract price, Arnour will absorb 25 cents. For each \$1 the market price rises above \$24, the farmer will absorb a 25 cent discount.

A.S. Drain, Armour executive vice-president, gave this example:

"If the applied market price base is \$19, the productracts)," Lashmeer said. er receives \$19.25, or 25 cents per hundred extra. If the market price rises above \$24, the hog raiser gets threefourths of the increase."

Oren Lee Staley of Corning, president of the National Farmers Organization (NFO), hailed the contract as a major breakthrough to end the "feast and famine" characteristics of the hog-price cycle, but said the

He said the current cost of

producing a pound of pork for area of \$25 to \$28.60 per hun-

whose figures are being used. costs of producing hogs and and enough of our competitors The NFO has been bargaining make contracts relative to the hog market into the \$20 to \$24 ject for more than two years,

NFO Idea

he said.

agement and all other things. **Possible Interest**

"They've bought our idea," he said, "but what we were agreed that many farmers ness." might not be interested in contween the meatpackers and the tracts with hog prices at current highs levels. "What we're saying is, 'join But when prices fall to low

the NFO and bargain togeth- levels, as they usually do durhave been sold. Now is the time many hog producers will be into join together and make it terested in signing the con-

The pacts apparently would Afraid tracts. be binding on both the farmers Bill Lashmeer, bargaining and Armour even if prices were to rise sharply and farmers **YOU'TE** co-ordinator for NFO, charged that the Armour plan wanted out, U.S. District Attoris an effort to get into the wanted out, U.S. District Autor-ney Allen Donielson of Des **going deaf?** picture before the other NFO Moines said. contracts are announced.

"I'd have to look into the "I think they (Armour) know restraint of trade laws and about some of the other negothe Armour plans in detail to tiations going on," he said, s a y positively," Donielson and they're hoping to get besaid. "but on the surface it low those figures (in other conlooks to me as if the contracts would be valid."

Staley said the NFO feels "We theorize that if enough that any contract negotiated

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dredweight, depending on should take into account the people do this (sign contracts), inputs such as feed costs, man- range, said Armour's Dew.

"That would at least do away with the disastrous prices of Bill Dew, manager of hog 1971 and other years that nearprocurement for Armour, ly put many people out of busi-

Dew said Armour and other meatpackers have had hog procurement contracts with producers in the past, but most of them have been tied to the futures market.

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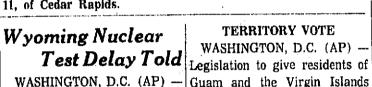
CHINA COTTON

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) -The government has not rebig sale of U.S. cotton to mainland China, Laurel C. Meade, could fall off one of the area's sales manager for the Agriculnumberous drop-offs into the tural Department, said Mon-

Meade sald he was misunderstood over the weekend when he told the Associated Press the sale of 400,000 balcs of cotton to China had been confirmed by a Texas firm. Plains Cotton Cooperative of

Lubbock, Tex., sold the cotton to a British firm, Ralli Bros. & Coney, Meade said. It was this transaction that had been confirmed, he said.

"We got confused between calling it a confirmation of a sale to Ralli Bros. and calling it a confirmation of a sale t



the rules."

Mrs. Claypool was his first den mother in Cub Scouts. "If you were to pick a boy or a family that something like this would happen to, it wouldn't be the Heckles," she said.

Officers said at this point there was no reason to suspect foul play.

Heckle said his son is a religious boy. "My wife and asked if U.S. cotton had been children love the Lord and sold to China. He said then it have followed Him better was true and that confirmation than Dad has. But it's faith in of the sale came to USDA last the Lord and the help and concern of all these people that's keeping me going today."

The Heckles have two daughters, aged 13 and 14.

Joining in the search Sunday and Monday was a Cedar Rapids municipal helicopter. Cedar Rapids Mayor Donald J. Canney spent part of Monday as a spotter in the helicopter.

Besides officers of various law enforcement agencies and individual volunteers, organized groups involved included citizens' band radio clubs, Boy Scout troops, church groups, Monroe Township Fire Department, Iowa Electric employes and workmen from the construction site where Iowa Electric is building Iowa's first nuclear-powered electric plant.

Bar Minors From W.D.M. Taverns

The West Des Moines City Council Monday night approved an ordinance forbidding persons under age 19 from being in taverns.

The ordinance, recommended by police chief Keith Townsend, passed a third and final reading unanimously and without discussion.

Under the ordinance, minors may not be permitted inside establishments that derive more than 50 per cent of their income from the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Although state law prohibits minors from buying, possessing of consuming beer or liquor, it is up to municipalities to prevent them from being in taverns.



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China," Meade told a reporter. "The department has no documentation of a sale of cotton to China." Meade said. "But we do keep hearing ru-80."

mors in the trade that this is Meade, who heads the Export Marketing Service in the de-

partment, earlier had been Friday from an official of the Lubbock Cooperative.

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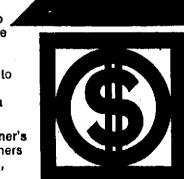
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