

## 6 Drown In Iowa

By The Associated Press

At least six persons drowned in Iowa over the long Fourth of July weekend as thousands flocked to the lakes and rivers for relief from steamy 90-plus degree heat.

Linn and Johnson County authorities continued dragging the Cedar and Iowa rivers for the bodies of Gene Lavern Garrison, 32, and Roy Kessler, 53 both of Cedar Rapids, drowned in separate boating mishaps.

Other victims were:

Robert Briggs, 16, of Council Bluffs, drowned while swimming with his family Monday in Lake Manawa near Council Bluffs.

Jimmy Silvers, 18, of Packwood, who drowned in about 10 feet of water in a farm pond near Ollie Sunday night. A scuba diver recovered the body.

John E. Follett, 18, of Union, whose body was recovered early Monday from an abandoned quarry near Gifford where he had gone swimming Sunday with two companions.

**In Sandpit**

Byron Pound, 15, of Coggon, who drowned while swimming with four other boys in a sand-pit near Quasqueton in Buchanan County Sunday. Independence firemen located the body in about 15 feet of water.

Dragging started in the Iowa River near Coralville for Garrison's body after three persons who had been riding with him in his boat reported him missing late Saturday night.

Officers said the boat motor quit and Garrison started to swim to shore to get help. His companions said they heard him call for help and he then disappeared.

Linn County authorities said they answered a call early Sunday and found a man clinging to an overturned boat near the Chain Lakes bridge northwest of Cedar Rapids. They said the man told them Kessler, owner of the boat, had disappeared beneath the surface.