

Ain't No Water in the Pool, But Mirk to Clear With New Contract

Troubles and tribulations of all kinds have characterized the long wait for a finished product in the Malvern Municipal swimming pool project originally scheduled to be completed prior to this summer season. All that should soon be behind says Mayor Jon F. Kemp.

After many days of delay by South Pacific Pools, the contrac-

**\$16,100
for SCS
Cost-share**

Albert Washburn, Chairman of the Mills County Soil Conservation District, announced today that an allocation of \$16,100 has been made to the district by the Iowa Department of Soil Conservation for use in cost-sharing with farmers on permanent soil and water conservation practices.

The district is now in a position to accept requests from soil conservation district cooperators for cost-sharing on such conservation practices as terraces, tree planting, and certain other permanent practices. Further information can be obtained at the soil conservation district office in Malvern.

Washburn said this is the first time that state moneys have been made available to cost-share on soil conservation practices in Iowa.

The Iowa General Assembly stated that not more than 50 pct. of the actual cost of installing conservation practices could be paid from these funds.

He also said a small part of the appropriated funds may be used to abate erosion nuisances under the conservancy district soil loss limit regulations.

The law specifies that cost-sharing must be furnished in an amount of at least 75 percent or more of the cost of the practice before a landowner can be required to install control mea-

tor, the town received notice that the firm was "defunct."

In a special meeting July 19, the mayor and council heard from principals and pondered the problem.

Last Tuesday a telegram from the bonding company for the project informed the town that South Pacific was unable to complete its contract due to financial difficulties.

Kemp says the town has an iron-clad contract with 100 percent bonding protection on performance, labor, and materials. The bonding firm is United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co.

Thursday, the town dispatched a certified letter to South Pacific Pools giving the firm the one week required notice before declaring it in default on contract.

On Aug. 6 the bonding company will take over the project and complete the pool at NO extra expense to the Town of Malvern, says Kemp.

Also in the contract is a clause that allows the town a \$50 per day decrease for every calendar day the pool is not open since June 1, 1973, the completion date contracted for.

So, although the pool is dry, the kids cannot swim, and the project has become a headache for the town fathers, there is a silver lining. The default of schedule will save the taxpayers \$3,050 on the original cost figure!

asures to abate an erosion nuisance.

Washburn further pointed out that practices installed in the cost-share program must adequately control erosion, must be properly planned and installed as a condition to payment under the program.

The staff of the Mills County Soil Conservation District will provide technical assistance to those landowners and operators requesting cost-share funds.

The number of cost-share agreements that can be entered into during the year will be limited.

Therefore, those wishing assistance should check with the district office immediately.