

**Lynch Phone Unit Awards Contracts**

LYNCH — On Thursday the Boyd County Telephone corporation of Lynch opened bids and awarded contracts for construction in connection with the new cooperative telephone installation here.

Neligh was low bidder for erection of three dial equipment buildings for the low bid of 11 thousand-dollars.

Construction of the pole line and wire was awarded to Cushing Construction company of Woodbine, Ia., for \$213,513.39.

Mrs. Margaret Boeler departed last Thursday to visit friends in Omaha.

**Lacks Password**

**Battalion Commander Captured**

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I told you when we left O'Neill Friday, July 27, that I would write you and let you know all the news and what we have done and what we are going to do.

We arrived at Camp Ripley, in central Minnesota, shortly after noon on Saturday, July 28. While the enlisted men were putting their gear away and setting up "housekeeping", the officers drew the equipment that was being issued for the encampment period.

This equipment included nine fully-equipped M-47 tanks — all in excellent condition.

The men were quite anxious to get started so we began working on our tanks within two hours after our arrival. We almost missed chow that evening because we forgot to change our time to daylight savings time, which is one hour later than O'Neill time.



No mud tires are needed as tankers from O'Neill's company D, 195th tank battalion, prepare to blast across a water hole on the Camp Ripley, Minn., tank driver course. Commanding the M-47 45-ton tank is 2/Lt. Richard Johnson of Spencer (topside, at left). Alongside him is Pfc. James Chavla. The O'Neill company is part of the Iowa-Nebraska national guard's 34th infantry division now in its second week of encampment at the central Minnesota camp.

Up at 5  
We were up at 5 o'clock Sunday morning and on the way to the field by 7 in a convoy of nine tanks and three wheeled vehicles. The ranges are 15 miles to the north of our camp site. This experience proved to be very exciting to most of the men as it was the first time we have had a full convoy of men from our own company.

We fired 30-calibre machine guns all day Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Over 40 men from the company qualified on this series of "tables of fire" — a very excellent record. In fact, we lead all other companies in the tank battalion.

Monday, July 29, we secured from the ranges at 4 p.m., and moved out in convoy to "tactical bivouac" in the field.

Company D arrived at the area one hour later and immediately set up a defensive perimeter to defend the section assigned to our company. We camouflaged our tanks, tents and other equipment.

Outposts were manned and field telephones were used to relay all messages to our command post.

**Citation Received**  
The "aggressor force" tried to break our lines and we captured five men — including one officer. A humorous side to this: One of our men captured our battalion commander. He was late arriving in the bivouac area and did not know the password. After a delay of 10 minutes we okayed his entrance into the area. We received a citation for our conduct during this bivouac training.

I had breakfast Saturday morning with State Sen. Frank Nelson of who had flown up Friday afternoon with the governors of Nebraska and Iowa and a number of other senators. We

regarded them as VIP's (very important persons.) Sen. Nelson was with us on the firing range. He said he would report to the folks back home that we are busy and working very hard.

(Editor's note: Senator Nelson was with us on the firing Monday "Voice of the Frontier" radio program, WJAG, 9:30 a.m.) The morale is good and the food is excellent. The first five

days were rough for most of us — long hours and no time off. But the pace is slowing up and I'm sure time will go faster from now on out.

The governors and senators reviewed us in a Saturday ceremony.

Our special troop train will commence the return trip on Thursday, August 8, and we'll be back in O'Neill on Friday, August 9.

**O'Neill News**

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McKown and family of Columbus were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Liddy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cronin of Grand Island were Sunday guests of Mrs. P. B. Harty. The Cronin girls, Miss Kathleen and Betty, who had been here since last Thursday, returned with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Perego and daughter of Atkinson were Saturday evening callers of Mrs. J. F. O'Conner and Miss Marybelle.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Rohde were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brandhoj of Bradgate, Ia. The men were in the army together.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Rodman and Betty were his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kosse of Austin, Minn.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ted McElhane and Miss Jeannie plan to leave at the end of the week for a vacation in Colorado. In Denver they will visit their daughter, Miss Marjorie.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Pinkerman were Saturday overnight guests in Red Bird of Mr. and Mrs. Veldon Pinkerman.

Mrs. Harold Krugman and two boys of Spencer were Sunday dinner guests of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Petsche and daughter, Cheri and Colleen Wanser returned to Hartington last Thursday after spending their vacation with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Froelich.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bird and family of Highlands, Tex., arrived Saturday to visit her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Moore and children for about a week.

St. Anthony's Hospital Auxiliary benefit, O'Neill Drive-In Theatre Thursday, August 8, showing "Ambassador's Daughter" an entertaining comedy you'll enjoy. Be sure to attend. Money used to apply toward purchase of baby incubator.

Mrs. Lowell Nesbitt and boys and Mrs. Maynard Morrow and two children drove to Hoskins to visit Mrs. Robert Amen and Jimmy, formerly of O'Neill. Mr. Amen, who was employed by the Gillette company in O'Neill, is in Egypt with the Army.

Miss Barbara McCarthy, a student nurse at St. Catherine's

in Omaha, is spending her two weeks' vacation with her parents, the George McCarthys. Their son, Edward, arrived Saturday from Omaha where he attends summer school at Creighton university. He attended a classmate's wedding in South Dakota and left for school early Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gross of Hampton, Ia., came Friday to visit their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Reynolds returned Sunday. Steven returned with his grandparents for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. Renze and Jim were in Niobrara Sunday.

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**20th Annual Grimton Reunion Scheduled**

VENUS — All former teachers and pupils of the Grimton school are urged to attend the 20th annual Grimton reunion to be held Sunday, August 18, at the usual place, according to Mrs. Albert Pospeshil, publicity chairman for the reunion committee.

There will be a picnic dinner and supper. Coffee and tea will be furnished by the committee.

Mrs. Joe Beckwith and children of North Platte arrived Sunday to visit her sister, Mrs. Edward Schmit and family and her mother, Mrs. Lod Janousek for a week. Mr. Beckwith will arrive at the end of the week and take them back.

Frontier for printing!

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— O'NEILL —

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