History Of Central

Dr. E. H. Garinger, city school superintendent, and principal of Central High School for 22 years, receives a copy of the school's history from David Hobson. A project of Mrs. Gretta W. Kistler's advanced senior English class, "The Big C" is a gift to the school which is ending its history this year. With the construction of the new Garinger High School, the students, faculty and principal at Central will take up new quarters in September.

Bad Weather Proved To Be Blessing In Disguise

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scattered clouds, the wind down and the sea appreciably quieter.

We went back aboard the command ships to await confirmation. Don Moon woke me from a sound sleep at dawn this morning to give me the final word that we were definitely on the way.

"Perhaps it was because I had a sense of unreality about this thing that I was able soon to go back to sleep again. It was scarcely believable that the Germans would permit the assembly and departure of this tremendous force with only a few sporadic and ineffectual air raids. That this has happened is a tribute to the work of our Air Forces and the R.A.F. . . .

"I thought of you all most keenly yesterday morning, as I do each Sunday, as mass was celebrated in the main mess hall aboard ship. The hall was packed with soldiers, sailors, officers and men alike. I am sure the thoughts of everyone were more on families at home than they were on the service, though the seriousnes of the project on which we were about to embark was to me, for the first time, clearly in the air. This dual feeling was reflected in the frank wholeheartedness with which the men joined in the singing of hymns that most of them had rarely sung since they were boys. . . ."

Even before the Bayfield cast anchor off Utah Beach, the parachutists of the 101st Airborne Division, led by Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, began dropping back of Utah Beach at 1:30 a.m. south of the town of Ste. Mere Eglise. The 82nd Airborne Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Matthew D. Ridgway, commenced its drop about one hour later astride the Merderet River, west of Ste. Mere Eglise. These two divisions had the mission of seizing key communication centers and the western exits of the causeways which led across an inundated area just inland from Utah Beach.

Don Moon and I looked up as we heard the roar of our air transports returning from their drop. A shiver of apprehension ran up my back as the first planes approached almost at masthead level. I recalled that many had been shot down by our own troops and naval gunners at the landing in Sicily a few months before. In order to avoid this danger, plans called for the returning airplanes strictly to avoid the transport area by swinging to the north. However, the discipline and good judgment of the troops and naval gunners saved the situation and not a single shot was fired as the air transports lumbered overhead.

But a new fear beset me as I realized that at least some of these planes must have dropped their loads outside the prescribed landing zones. Later, this proved to be the case. This made it tougher for the airborne divisions to accomplish their mission, but the scattered drop of parachutists over broad areas of the peninsula added to the confusion of the Germans and slowed their reaction to the principal drops and to the seaborne landing.

At 3:52 a.m. the medium bombers of the 9th Air Force began dropping their bombs on the German coastal batteries. There was no evidence of enemy counter air action.

As the sky grew lighter, the great array of ships began to loom around us. First, the other troop transports close at hand; then the bulky LSTs, crammed with tanks, artillery and vehicles which were to follow the smaller landing craft ashore; next the ghost-like outlines of cruisers and destroyers which were to furnish fire support for the assault; and finally, off toward shore, the long thin lines of bobbing personnel landing craft which looked awfully small and powerless as they approached the beach.

The infantrymen in these craft received very powerful fire support. Hundreds of rockets saturated the landing beaches, raising great clouds of sand and smoke until the beaches themselves and the assault waves of troops were lost to view.

Poor visibility, combined with a strong tidal current, caused the assault waves to hit the beach almost a mile farther south than planned. This error, like the scattered parachute drop, proved a blessing in disguise, since it landed the troops farther away from the one German battery which had withstood the air and naval bombardment and on a section of beach that proved to be less well defended than the intended landing area.

Tomorrow: D-Day through German eyes.

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High Wind, Heavy Rain Sweep West Texas Area

DALLAS, Tex. (AP)—High wind and heavy rains poured out of a thunderstorm line over West Texas early today, forcing families from their homes in Snyder and flooding stores in Lubbock.

An unidentified man was reported injured in Snyder when high winds blew a trailer over on him.

Fire Chief B. A. Porter said Snyder fire and police units and Civil Defense workers were evacuating families from low-lying areas in the West Texas oil city.

In Lubbock, at least a dozen downtown stores reportedly suffered damage from water that poured in after an estimated two inches of rain fell.

U.S. Highway 84, connecting Lubbock and Clovis, N.M., was reported closed by high water about 20 miles northwest of Lubbock.

Several houses were reported unroofed by high wind at Slaton, southeast of Lubbock. There were no reports of injuries there.

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All you have to do is write a letter telling why you think your Pop is Tops. Entries will be judged on the qualifications you list for your Pop, on originality, sincerity and neatness.

Enter now . . . and win a prize for yourself, and a gift for your Dad for Father's Day!

HERE ARE THE RULES:

1. Write a letter of 25 words or less telling why you think "My Pop's Tops."
2. The contest is open to all boys and girls 6 through 16 years old (except children of Charlotte News and Charlotte Observer employes).
3. Contestants are limited to a single entry.
4. All entries must be received not later than 12 Noon on Tuesday, June 16, and are to be sent to the "My Pop's Tops" Editor, The Charlotte News, P. O. Box 360, Charlotte 1, N. C.

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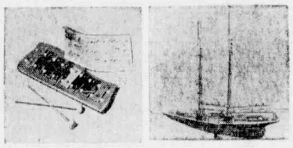

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