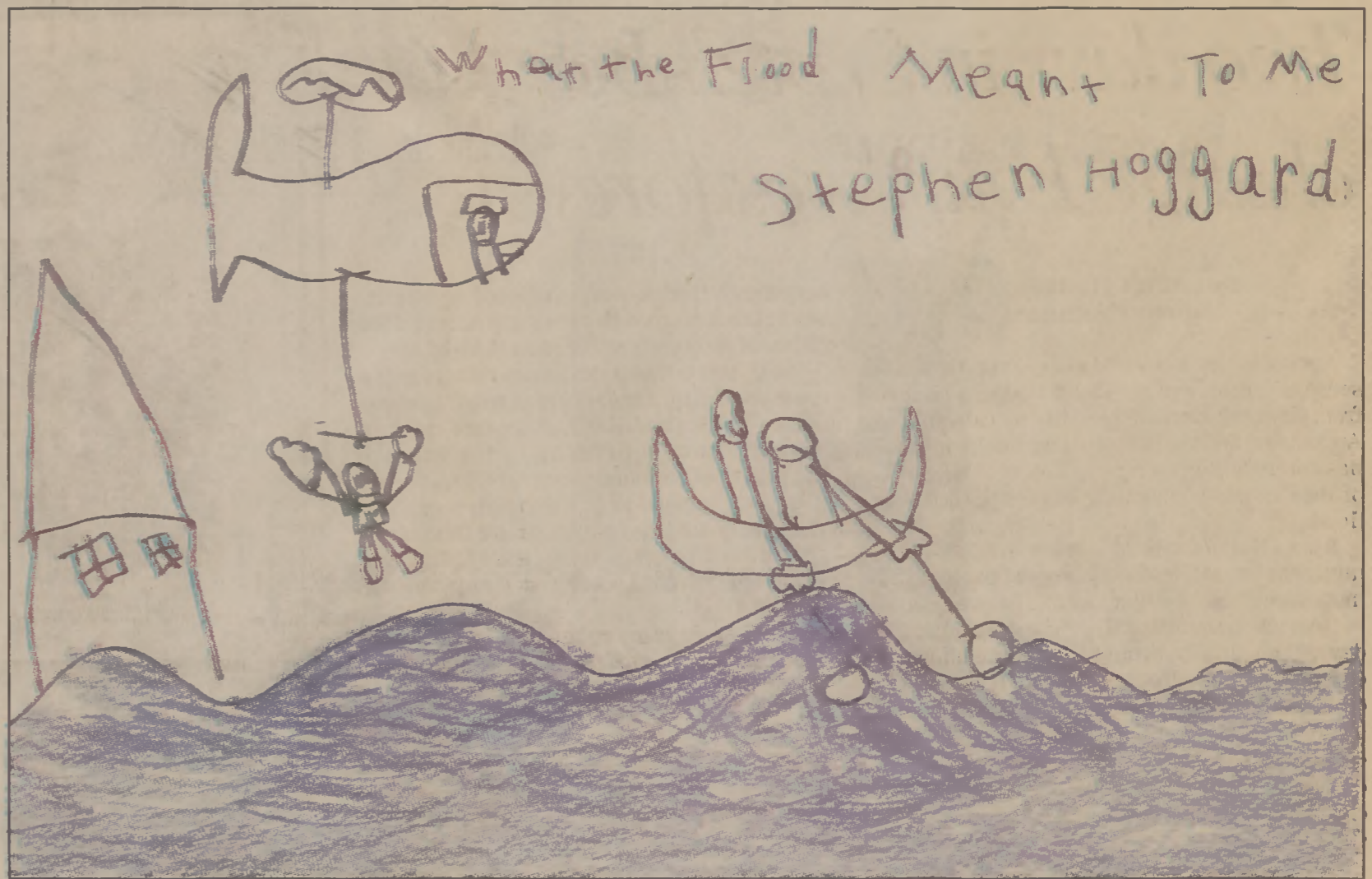


Windsor Elementary students tell what the flood meant to them

What did the flood mean to children? We decided to ask school-age children this question and picked Windsor Elementary School since we believed the Windsor area was the most severely affected in Bertie County. The Bertie Ledger-Advance contacted Principal Alice Pittman and she readily agreed to ask teachers to have students write essays about their feelings.

Initial plans were to offer three prizes; however, the Windsor Elementary staff felt it would be unfair to judge different age groups together so we agreed to provide a \$50 United States Savings Bond to the first place winner in each class. The Ledger thanks Principal Pittman, the Windsor Elementary staff and, especially, the students who participated.

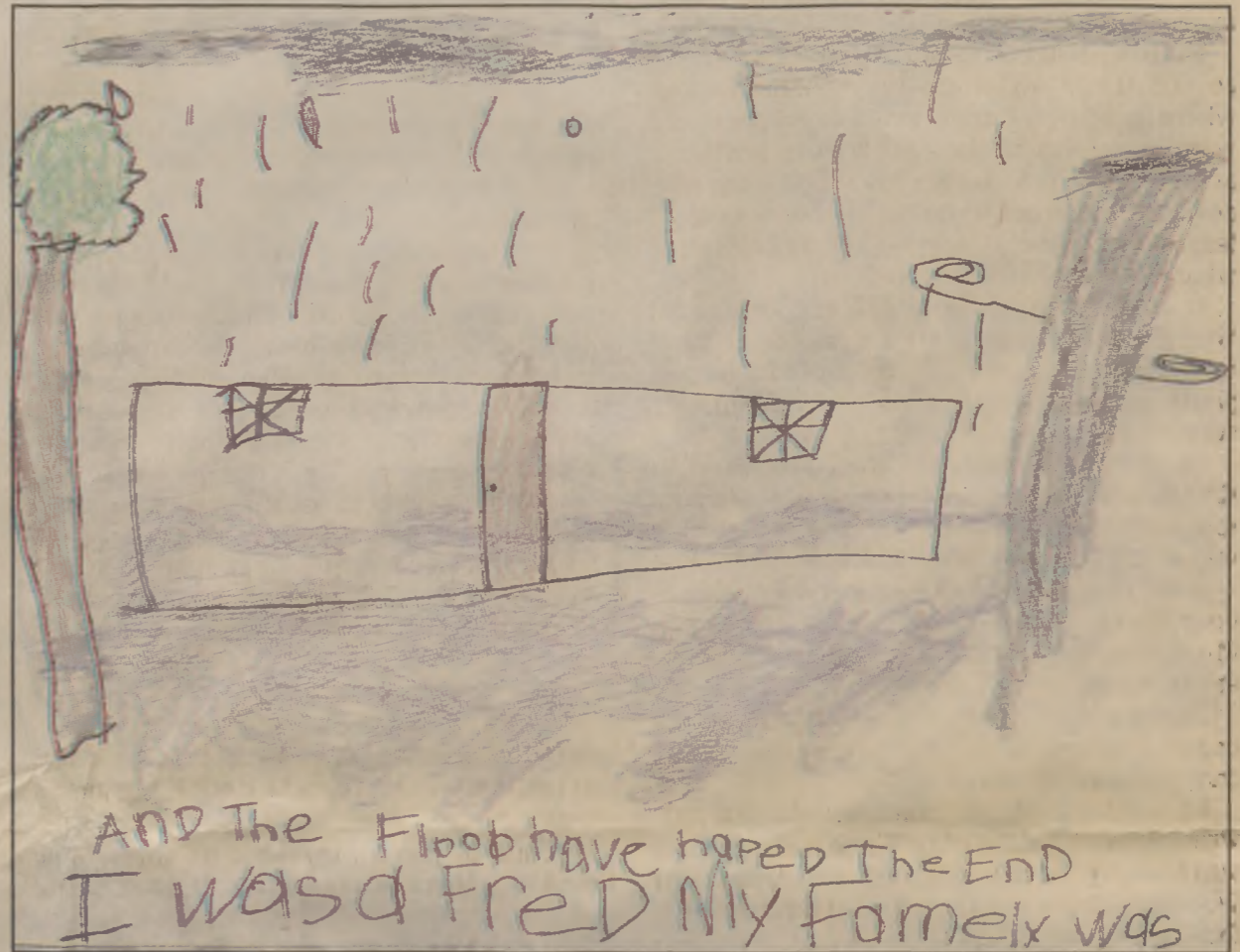
In drawings from the Kindergarten to expressions, in various forms, from grades One through Five, here is the work of the students:



First Place, Kindergarten: Stephen Hoggard, Nancy Cherry's Class



Second Place, Kindergarten: Trevon Jefferson, Ms. Renee Foy's Class



Third place, Kindergarten: Ashley Slade, Ms. Pam White's Class

What the flood meant to me.

By **KIRK HUTCHINSON**
Grade 1
C. Whitaker's Class
FIRST PLACE

The flood destroyed my house and made my granpa sick. Then my granpa died. Then the flood took away my desk, most of my clothers, and all of my Toys. Then after my grandpa died and all of my stuff got gone, it made me sad.

The flood

By **ADRIAN WHITEHURST**
Grade 1
Mrs. Larita Power's Class
SECOND PLACE

Doing the flood I was scare. I was rescued by boat and was taken to my grandmother's house. I hope this never happens again.

The Storm

By **ELIZABETH MOORE**
Grade 1
C. Whitaker's Class
THIRD PLACE

We had a big storm. His name was Floyd. He rained so much. Our streets had bunches of water in them. Today we did not go to school. I am playing with my nana.

We have played school, colored and sung songs.

FLOOD

By **TERRANCE WHITE**
Grade 1
Davenport's Class
THIRD PLACE

Flood
Swift/Victims
Homes Treat Fearful
Destated, Lost, Many hurt
Water

Floyd—destroted—The Floyd

By **RaShawnda Trenise**
Murphy
Grade 2
Rascoe's Class
FIRST PLACE

It rained on Friday. I was scared at night. I slept with my mother. We were out of school for a long time.

It messed up the earth like the story of Noah's Ark. It rained for forty days and forty nights. It flooded my cousin's house. It flooded to the windows. When they went to check on their house they had to get a boat.

By **Torrence Mourning**
Grade 2
Price's Class
SECOND PLACE

A long time from now there was a flood. Almost Everybody was flooded. I know my Grandma Chick was flooded. Karen Binian was flooded. I was a little sad. A tree almost hit my cousin's car.

Some people died from the flood. God protect us in the flood. No cable, no lights. The people who was flooded needs water, can foods. The flood was like an ocean.

The Workers, Police, and resue squad was trying to get a man out of the water.

By **Tamore Bazemore**
Grade 3
FIRST PLACE

When it started raining, I

was so sad
This like the 1st day we had no school

With rain I have nothing to do. Today is so boring.

The second day was flooded every where Phew!
"Rain Rain Go Away
Come again on a Sunday."

When is the son coming out?

The third day still silly old rain I sing again "Rain, Rain Go Away
Come again on a Sunday"

Please Do
I am not ever going anywhere.

The forth day come on "Rain Rain Go Away come again on a Sunday but still no answer.

On Saturday the flood was going down a inch. I was glad. Phew! A pla lo ya. Thank The LORD!

On Sunday The WATER WAS gone. Halaloya. Praise the Lord

By **LAMAR BUNCH**
Grade 3
SECOND PLACE

This is what I thought about the flood. That was the most water I have ever seen. I thought every one was going to get flooded out and killed. Some people did die. I felt so sorry for the people who died and got flooded out. Some people got stuck in their homes. Over 1300 people got flooded out. Some were lucky. I was very lucky. People tried their best to help people get out of their flooded houses. It was to late for some. They tried to keep from dying. They gave them medicine.

By **SATORA SWAIN**
Grade 4
FIRST PLACE

Homes are destroyed, People are Unhappy. Real Flood! People are Risking and saving lives. I am not Comfortable. The flood was Aggressive. It made me Nervous and Exhausted. Flooded! Lonely! Our lives! Your lives! Destroyed!

"The Flood"

By **Scott Hall**
Grade 3
THIRD PLACE

The Flood was not good. It messed up people's home. The Flood made me feel bad. I was scared that one of my family members would have been killed. I hope the flood never comes again. People lost food their homes and the almost lost their lives. I know one person that died in it. He was a Jefferson. He and his family members were driving a truck and the truck broke down and he got out to push the truck and the wind took him a way. It took people three days to find him. When they fond him he had died.

By **JOSEPH BOND, III**
Grade 3

The flood meant A lot to me. It was the worst thing that has ever happen in Windsor and North Carolina. Their was a lot of people that loss their Homes and Businesses. Lights were out for a couple of days. Lots of Roads and Bridges was closed. I feel very sorry fo the people that lost their homes and lives. But I thank God that me and my family survived.

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The Devastation of Hurricane Floyd

By **MARANDA HALL**
Grade 4
SECOND PLACE

Hail
Uncontrollable
Rain
Relatives pulled together
Injured people and pets
Closed school for days
Ambulances couldn't get through
No food to eat
Electricity was out
Flooded homes
Local stores were ruined
Older people died
Young children were terrorized
Damaging!

By **RYAN D. WHITE**
Grade 4
THIRD PLACE

Hurricanes are destructive
Upper tornadoes cut through trees
Roaring winds blew trees into the streets
Roofs were torn off houses
I hope Floyd never comes back!
Candles were lighted to give light
All people were out of homes
Nasty flood waters damaged schools
Eye Witness News Nine helped people
Flood waters damaged the woods
Long days out of school
Outrageous tornadoes
Yards filled with cut down trees
Destruction occurred everywhere!

By **BYRON CHERRY**
Grade 5
FIRST PLACE
Patsy McClellan's Class

The flood was very bad. Everything was gone. It made me sad. All they had was their lawn.

It all happened so fast. One person was killed. I'm glad it didn't last. The water flooded a field. I'm glad people have a new home.

People have new kitchens too

In that home will go a new phone.

Now people are not so blue. I'm glad people are back on their feet.

A wonderful future they will meet.

Have you ever seen water like this before?

By **MICHELE BELL**
Grade 5
SECOND PLACE

The flood of 1999 was water that you would see in the lake. It was terrible, but I was blessed that I was not involved in the flood. Two of my classmates house got flooded, but thanks to God their lives were saved. Seeing all the people that lost their homes made me sad, but I knew that in one way that I could help. When we found out that the hurricane was coming, my family and I went to New Jersey to my uncle's house. When we returned home the house was still stading and no water came in. We were blessed that the only th—that happened was the floor got real soft and we had to redo our bathroom floor. I hope that in the future we don't have to relive this experience.