



Genevieve Matthews's grandfather, Clayton Briggs, stood in a garage he built in Kanorado in 1916. Briggs was one of the first people to live in

Kanorado, building a hotel, livery stable, creamery and four houses. Matthews, raised by her grandparents, still lives in a house he built.

# Dirt storms forced students to stay in town

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"It was like night all day long," Matthews said many times students who lived outside Kanorado would have to spend the night at homes in the city because a dirt storm would make transportation impossible. She said it was even hard to walk.

"We would link hands and make a chain before we walked down the

street," she said.

The first garage her grandfather built, Matthews said, later became Kanorado's community building, where townspeople watched movies, skated, held parties and danced. She said she danced away many nights in the old garage.

That's where she met her first husband, Joe Korbelik.

"He was the only guy my grandfather would let me go with," Matthews

said.

The couple married in Dec. 1933 and raised two children — Dennis Deane, 1941, and Linda Lurlee, 1946 — over 33 years together. They divorced in 1966 and Matthews married Marvin Matthews in 1967, another union that ended in divorce.

The 84-year-old was alive before indoor bathrooms, dishwashers, microwaves, electric ovens and televisions. At one time, Matthews said,

she had a waitressing job that paid 50 cents an hour. And that was considerably more than the \$3 a week she earned at a previous job.

Matthews said she and her husband bought their first television set from an Oberlin man in the 1950s. Other families would come over, she said, to look at a blank screen, waiting for a quick glimpse of a picture.

"Oh," she said, "you were excited about any little picture that flickered on."

Matthews said she used to bake bread, heat water to wash clothes or dishes and can two to three hundred quarts of vegetables and fruits each year. Now, she said, modern appliances do the work for her.

She said she likes it.

"I think with all the progress of different medicines and technology," she said, "things have improved extensively."

Looking back, Matthews said, she's had a full life.

"It's definitely been interesting," she said.

Matthews has visited 49 states — sometimes traveling alone — and has three grandchildren, Monique Davis, Amber Hurlbut and Denise Korbelik.

# Housing authority makes improvements

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thority tries to renovate the apartments or property.

They apply for grants, she said, and use the money to update or maintain the housing for safe and decent living conditions.

She said the apartments have good security systems and the housing authority used grant money to add more security, including key card and phone access entry systems.

Since 1995, she said, the authority has received grants to make improvements to the 72 high rise apartments. The improvements consisted of remodeling the kitchens in the Sparks Towers' apartments, including new counter tops and sinks.

# Hospital offers anxiety disorder screening in May

As part of National Anxiety Disorders Screening Day which is May 2, the Goodland Regional Medical Center will hold a free anxiety and depression program and screening on Wednesday.

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# Farmers grow herbs

CONWAY, S.C. (AP) — Like many others across South Carolina's tobacco patch, Greg Hyman's greenhouse is lined with green-gold plants headed for sunny fields. This is not tobacco, however, but herbs that one day might help growers offset the loss of tobacco dollars.

"We have to start somewhere," says Hyman, a fourth-generation tobacco grower.

Ten acres of herbs are being planted as a test this season by farmers in the Pee Dee, the tobacco-growing area in the state's northeast corner named for the river that winds through it.

"Can we grow it and will the customer buy it?" Hyman asks as he walks through the greenhouse where 250,000 seedlings of common and golden feverfew float in plastic flats, their white roots reaching through holes to the water below.

If the answers are yes, Hyman says, "Then we will start looking at the viability of this crop to produce cash for the Pee Dee, just like tobacco."

Based on Clemson University researchers' work on what herbs might grow well here, farmers will plant feverfew, a medicinal herb used to treat fever and headaches, and valerian, which has been used as a sedative.

Lawsuits against tobacco companies, anti-smoking efforts and higher

cigarette prices have not been good to those who grow the leaf. The Agriculture Department predicts domestic tobacco consumption will drop 25 percent during this decade because of higher taxes and retail prices.

Last season, South Carolina growers sold 72 million pounds of tobacco worth \$127 million, down from 80 million pounds worth \$135 million the year before. That means farmers must grow less tobacco under the federal price-stabilization program.

"I'm kind of backed into a corner. With the way they have this tobacco cut, I'm willing to try anything," says Jerry Breland, whose family farms near Ruffin. This year they are planting 180 acres of tobacco, down from 350 acres four years ago.

There are other crops, but few that bring in as much as tobacco. A farmer would have to grow four acres of cotton to bring in as much as one acre of tobacco.

While tobacco is in decline, domestic sales of medicinal herbs such as non-prescription diet supplements topped \$4.2 billion in 1999. Nutraceuticals, or foods with medicinal value, are an \$86 billion industry worldwide.

The idea now in South Carolina is to simply test the herbs, not immediately put a lot of money in farmers' pockets.

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