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# RETONGA A BLESSING SAYS TENN. LEGISLATOR

**HON. W. T. Mathews,  
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Strength And Tells About  
His Own Case.**

Happily praising Retonga for his regained strength, Hon. W. J. Mathews, of Algood, Tenn., declares the famous medicine was "a godsend" in his case. Mr. Mathews served many years in both the House and Senate of Tennessee from Overton, Clay, Pickett, Fentress, and Putnam Counties. He is author of many progressive measures, including the good roads system and Tennessee Polytechnic School in Cookeville. For thirty-two years he was a merchant and druggist at Algood.

"Until a year ago I enjoyed splendid health," states Mr. Mathews. "Then I began to have lots of gas pains and acid indigestion.

It got so I scarcely wanted to eat anything at all. I felt miserably weakened and run-down; I could not get a good night's sleep and I had to rely largely on strong laxatives for elimination. My weight dropped from 160 pounds to 135 pounds and I became alarmed.

"Being a druggist I knew the ingredients of Retonga are good, and the relief it brought me was a godsend. I enjoy my meals now with no more worry about what to eat to avoid indigestion. I sleep restfully, I do not have to depend on harsh laxatives and my weight is back to normal 158 pounds. I feel good all the time and enjoy looking after my three farms and other interests. I shall be glad to tell anyone what Retonga did for me."

Probably no man in Tennessee enjoys a wider friendship or greater respect than Mr. Mathews. Retonga may be obtained at Sylva Pharmacy.

## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CITIZENS OF CANEY FORK SECTION

Haywood Electric Membership Corporation is a duly organized, existing and acting Corporation and in good standing under the laws of the State of North Carolina and of the State of Georgia. The territory authorized in the Charter includes nine Counties in North Carolina namely, Buncombe, Haywood, Transylvania, Jackson, Swain, Graham, Cherokee, and Clay, and the County of Rabun in the State of Georgia. The Corporation has approximately 550 miles of lines including lines now energized and under construction, serving approximately 3,000 members.

In 1940 residents of the Caney Fork area of Jackson County petitioned the cooperative to build lines and bring electric service to them and almost one hundred percent of the home owners from East La Porte up Caney Fork and Moses Creek and up John's Creek to the Wolf Mountain area signed applications for service and many of them paid the five dollar membership fee. The whole area was surveyed and maps were made and a complete tabulation of all the applicants for service was made. The maps and the tabulation sheets and other data were sent to the National REA in Washington, and after careful checking and study of the Caney Fork project, it was adjudged to be feasible, that is to say, that the project would be able to liquidate all indebtedness and become the property of the members within 25 years. The Cooperative then made application for a loan from the United States of America of sufficient funds to finance the construction of the system, and the application was approved, and funds were set up to finance construction. At the time when the Cooperative was ready, in 1941, to start construction of the said system, the United States Government, as a war measure, ordered all wire, transformers and other construction materials frozen in ware houses for the duration of the war. For that reason no construction work was started on this project for four years.

When the ban on the use of construction materials was lifted by the Government in 1945, the Cooperative sent its engineers and staking crew into the Caney Fork area, previously mapped and staked up, to stake out the lines. The Cooperative's staking crew found the staking crew of the Nantahala Power and Light Company had moved into the Cooperative's mapped and signed territory and were staking out lines in Lower Caney Fork near

### Date Set For Junior-Senior Banquet

The Junior-Senior banquet for the students of the Sylva High school will be held March 17, 1948, according to a statement made by the officers of the Junior class. The banquet was scheduled to have been held February 12, but had to be postponed due to the bad weather. New invitations will be sent to the guests and faculty.

East La Porte. This conflict of claims and resulting controversy over who should build the Caney Fork lines was adjusted between the Cooperative and Nantahala Power and Light Company in a meeting of officials of Nantahala Power and Light Company and representatives of Haywood Electric Membership Corporation and of the State of National REA representation, in July, 1945, in Waynesville, North Carolina.

In this said meeting it was mutually agreed that Nantahala Power and Light Company would build a line from East La Porte up Lower Caney Fork to the mouth of Moses Creek and up to the head of Moses Creek, and that the Cooperative would build all of the rest of the lines in the Caney Fork area, as mapped by the Cooperative. Nantahala Power and Light Company built its lines up Lower Caney Fork to the mouth of Moses Creek and on to the head of Moses Creek, and then withdrew from the area. The Cooperative revised its plans and built its lines from Moses Creek up to the Mouth of John's Creek and up John's Creek and across Rich Mountain into the Wolf Mountain community. When the Cooperative attempted building the upper Caney Fork line they failed to secure a continuous right-of-way, which stopped construction. Attorney Stillwell and Attorney Dan Moore, now Judge Moore, argued that the Cooperative had no power to condemn rights of way and the Cooperative entered into a consent judgment not to condemn any rights of way and secure electric service from whom ever they desired without interference on the part of the Cooperative. That judgement was signed by and between attorney for the Cooperative and attorneys for Ransom Hooper and others, and said judgement by no stretch of the imagination, affected in any way contractual relations between Nantahala Power and Light Company and Haywood Electric Membership Corporation. That clause in the said judgment relative to condemnation proceedings and interference with rights of citizens in upper Caney Fork, was inserted by the attorney for the Cooperative, for the reason that Nantahala was bound by its agreement with the Cooperative not to build the line in question. Nantahala Power and Light Company was a stranger to the Cooperative's suit against Ransom Hooper and it has no rights whatsoever under same. Had it not been for the agreement between the Cooperative and Nantahala, currently in effect, the attorney for the Cooperative would never have signed said consent judgement.

Certain petitioners on Caney Fork have asked the North Carolina Utilities Commission to order Nantahala to build the upper Caney Fork line. The Utilities Commission refused to make an order for Nantahala to build the said line. In Lieu thereof the Cooperative was directed to get ready and begin construction of the lines on or before the 10th day of March, 1948. News has been circulated in upper Caney Fork to the effect that immediately after March 10th, 1948, Nantahala will build the said line. There appears to be no directive issued in the order by the said Commission, dated as of January 8, 1948, the only order made in this matter so far as my file reveals, for Nantahala to build the said line, and yet Nantahala Power and Light officials claim that the Utilities Commission has stated to them that if the Cooperative fails to comply with the terms of the order of January 8, 1948, that another order will be made directing Nantahala to build the line. That news has resulted in failure on the part of the Cooperative to secure a continuous right-of-way for the lines, and the Cooperative's enemies in upper Caney Fork confidently believe that Nantahala will move in and build the line right after March 10, 1948.

The officials of Nantahala Power and Light Company have stated, time and time again, that there was an agreement as claimed herein and that they have told representatives of petitioners on Caney Fork that Nantahala Power and Light Company will not build the line in controversy be-

### BETA NEWS

Mrs. Sallie Reed is improving after a few days illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ray and two children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Hoyles Sunday. Mrs. Furl Gates and daughter, Olean, and son, Jewel Hues, visited Miss Carolyn Doris Ensley Sunday.

Mrs. Hilda Blazer left this week-end to join her husband, who is working at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

cause of the said agreement. We have requested the said officials to write a letter to the people of Caney Fork advising definitely that they have withdrawn from the area and positively will not build the said line. They flatly refused to write such letter. We then asked them to give such notice of withdrawal in the local papers. They flatly refused this request also.

These same officials have stated on different occasions that they do not want to build the said line. They have said so to REA representatives, and to the Utilities Commission in Raleigh, and yet they refuse to give public notice they will not build the line. They now say they will build the line if the Utilities Commission orders them to do so. It is now reported the Utilities Commission will direct Nantahala to build the line if the Cooperative fails to meet the conditions of the order made on January 8, 1948, but there is no such directive mentioned in the order itself. The said order provides that the Cooperative have till March 10, 1948 to get ready and begin construction of the lines, and that the matter is held over for further consideration after March 10, 1948.

News is now spread in Caney Fork area that immediately after March 10th, Nantahala will go in and build the disputed line, and because of said news many citizens refuse to sign easements to the REA.

The purpose of the petitions before the Utilities Commission was to give Nantahala some semblance of an excuse to by-pass the agreement with the Cooperative to not build a line in that particular area, and to allow it to violate the terms of the said agreement.

We contend that Nantahala Power and Light Company has no moral or legal right to build this line for two reasons: (1) No certificate of necessity can be issued legally, and (2) Nantahala Power and Light Company is barred from

## Livestock Farmers Must Plan

Livestock farmers—should continue to follow sound planning for highest profits in view of the recent breaks in livestock and commodity prices, says C. E. Clark, Extension Farm Management specialist at State College.

Mr. Clark says the best policy would be to sell only those animals ready for the market, because getting rid of the present herds will jeopardize future chances for a strong livestock program on individual farms.

Latest estimates indicate that the total meat output in 1948 will probably be 10 per cent less than the 23,300,000 pounds produced in 1947. This means that consumers can expect less meat per person available during 1948. A relatively large backlog of supplies in storage now will supplement meat supplies this summer and fall but will not offset reduced output, Mr. Clark said. This reduction in output will not improve until livestock numbers are increased, he added.

The demand for meats has been strong and record prices have resulted. Farmers have reduced the size of herds to take advantage of high prices, yet feed price relationships have been increasingly unfavorable to them. These relationships have needed adjustment and are necessary for continued production of livestock, the specialist said.

The recent drop in grain prices building the line by the agreement entered into with the Cooperative in July 1945.

If a directive is made by the Utilities Commission that Nantahala build said lines the Cooperative will take an appeal and let the matter go on its long and winding way through the Courts.

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has been partly attributed to speculations, lack of confidence on the part of traders and more favorable reports of wheat prospects in the United States and abroad. Breaks in commodity prices will likely show further decline before prices tend to rise again.

Livestock farmers should not get alarmed, but wait for an adjustment in livestock and feed prices, Mr. Clark said.

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