

MERCHANTS ASK WHAT BECAME OF PHONE PROTEST

Want a Report From Mayor
and City Council by May 12,
Date of Next Meeting.

WHY IS IT PIGENHOLED?

Retail Merchants' Association
Sends Resolution Against
Parcels Post to Washington.

In session last night the Retail Merchants' association passed a resolution asking the mayor and city council what became of the petition filed with that body some time ago asking it to take some step to secure a reduction of the rates for business telephones charged by the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone company. Discussion brought out the fact that since placing the petition with the mayor and city council that body has done nothing except to pigeonhole it. The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That a written communication be forwarded to the city council asking that steps be taken to secure a definite answer from the Southwestern Telephone company as to what action they intend to take in connection with the demands embodied in a petition which was presented to the city council in November, signed by 1500 business men and merchants of San Antonio, and which has also been taken up by correspondence with the telephone company and committee from the council.

"Further, that the present committee be asked to present this communication to the mayor and city council and ask for a report by May 12, the date of the next meeting of this association."

Against Parcels Post.

A resolution against parcels post was directed to be sent to the state's representatives at Washington. Letters will also be sent out to merchants in other towns asking them to join hands to defeat the proposed legislation. The resolution to members of congress reads:

"Whereas, It is believed that the passage of a parcels post bill in the nature of experimental legislation will be a wedge for further drastic legislation of the same kind, which will be detrimental to the best interests of both the general public and the retail trade, we, the Retail Merchants' Association of San Antonio, do petition our representatives at Washington to use every effort to stop the passage of the said parcels post bill.

"It is further believed that instead of assisting in wiping out the present postal deficit that the carrying of postal parcels at a low rate of postage will encumber the mails and further increase the financial difficulties of the postal service.

"Further, we, the retail merchants of San Antonio, do hereby pledge ourselves to extend every assistance in our power to defeat this legislation, which we deem to be detrimental to the best interests of Texas trade and industry."

As the result of a movement to increase the membership, the following persons were added last night: R. A. Earl, grocer; J. L. Hinson, Fred Murphy, lawyers; N. O. Anderson, National Surgical Cot company; Adolph Dauenberg, grocer; E. Hall, upholsterer; R. A. Scott; San Antonio Crushed Rock company; P. V. Bartley, grocer; Glasgow Woolen Mills; B. W. Gray & Bro., Kellan Hardware company; W. B. Kelly, jeweler; Merchants' Coffee company; H. L. Wyant, grocer; the Zoeller company, typewriter supplies, and the following physicians: William Wolf, F. E. Young, Winn Traylor, W. B. Russ, Robert E. Moss, A. C. McDaniel, W. E. Luter, B. F. Kingsley, Malone Duggan, F. P. Herff, Charles D. Dixon, S. S. Beakley.

The association will give a smoker at Turner hall on May 25.