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compile some advisory material on the workings of the Congress for the next set of delegates who will attend the 1949 Congress.

(8) The committee discussed the advisability of using only one question instead of two. Opinion again was divided. This matter, also, should be studied by the next Faculty Committee on Rules.

(9) After carefully watching the workings of the Third National Delta Sigma Rho Student Congress, this committee is firmly convinced that the Congress is a very worthwhile forensic experience; that the value to the student both in speaking, association with other students, and increase of knowledge on important current topics is great; and that the Congress definitely should be retained as the principal feature of the Biennial meet-

ing of Delta Sigma Rho. In general the committee wants to go on record as strongly approving the Congress idea and the implementation of it as demonstrated in the Third National Delta Sigma Rho Student Congress.

Respectfully submitted:

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Dean William R. Davis, 1877-1947

Dean William Rees Davis, dean of the Division of Letters and Arts in Whitman College and for many years sponsor of the Whitman chapter of Delta Sigma Rho, died on March 13, 1947.

A graduate of Ripon College in 1901 and the recipient of the M. A. degree from Harvard University in 1910, Prof. Davis was a member of the Whitman faculty for 35 years. He was particularly interested in the fields of English and speech, being a great admirer of, and an authority on, Shakespeare and also actively sponsoring speech activities at Whitman. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Delta Sigma Rho, and of Phi Delta Theta, social fraternity. In addition, he be-

longed to the Modern Language Association, the American Association of University Professors, and the National Council of Teachers of English; and he was the founder of the Inland Empire Chapter of Teachers of English.

President W. S. Anderson of Whitman College paid tribute to Dean Davis as follows: "Countless students of several generations at Whitman will be saddened by the news that the College has lost one of its great teachers and a faithful servant. Prof. Davis' very life was woven into the fabric of Whitman College and into the lives of its graduates. In a large sense, he can be counted as one of the founders of Whitman."

Professor V. A. Ketcham, 1884-1947

Victor Alvin Ketcham, professor of Speech at the Ohio State University for thirty-four years, died on July 20, after a two and a half-year illness. He was 63 years old. Professor Ketcham was born in Corning, Ohio. He attended the Ohio University prior to entering the Ohio State University, where he received his A.B. degree in 1907. He went on to receive his LL.B. degree at the Ohio State University Law School in 1910.

Early in his career Professor Ketcham turned from the practice of law to the teaching of Speech. He taught at the University of Maine from 1910 to 1912, and at the University of Illinois from 1912 to 1913, before becoming associated with the Ohio State University as a staff member in 1913. Professor Ketcham served for three decades as director of Public Speaking and Debate courses and activities at Ohio State. In 1936, he was made Chairman of the newly created Department of Speech. His own indefatigable labor in bringing the new department into being was recognized by his associates.

In the late 29's and early 30's Professor Ketcham spent much of his time giving lectures to classes of the personnel heads of several large corporations, including RCA and General Electric. In this work he was highly successful. Among the works of Professor Ketcham were, ARGUMENTATION AND DEBATE, and MAKE A GOOD SPEECH. The latter is now in mimeograph form and will soon be published. His lecture, "The Seven Doors to the Mind," has been printed in several text books on public speaking as illustrative of the imaginative elements in Speech.

Professor Ketcham was a member of the American Association of University Professors, the Speech Association of America, the Ohio Society of New York, Delta Sigma Rho, the Lions Club at New Lexington, Ohio, and the Faculty Club.

Funeral services were held in Columbus, July 23, and burial was in New Lexington. Members of the Speech Staff at Ohio State University served as pallbearers.