

# Maxon Lauds Voter Registration Work

(Continued from page 1) they don't do that any more."

She has fewer difficulties in Canton, in neighboring Madison county, where the population is 70 per cent Negro. "If they ever shoved me around in Canton they would have a riot and they know it." But I can't drive through Branden without having a cop pull me over and tell me to get the hell out of there."

Miss Maxon has high hopes for Negro voter registration in the next few months, now that the poll tax has been eliminated by the Supreme Court decision. Mississippi will also have a federal registrar. The Freedom Democratic Party is running five candidates in the congressional race, four of them Negro, and one Negro for a senate seat.

There were only 94 registered Negroes in the county when Miss Maxon arrived. She estimates that some 1,200 are now registered and hopes to have all 6,000 Negroes eligible to vote in the June primary.

"The main problem is just the fear," she said. "We will ask for a mobile registrar so they won't have to travel 50 miles to register. And if we don't get one we'll demonstrate."

Then she talked about integrating the schools. "There will never be integration until they open every school and change the faculty!" Miss Maxon had 25 children signed up to attend white schools, but after the police had visited their parents only six of them entered the schools.

"The cops were given the names by the school superintendent," she charged. "That is the only place they were on file."

Under a new integration plan children over 13 do not need their parents' permission to attend a white school, and Miss Maxon hopes their will improve the situation. "Parents are the ones who suffer," she said.

"The reprisals are tremendous, threats of violence, lost jobs. One house was burned to the ground because of the integration issue," she continued.

Miss Maxon was asked about the white churches. "Those are not churches," she said. "I would call them Klan Klaverns!" Then she talked about the Negro churches. "They have supplied a meeting place and a lot of solace."

"It's really a very beautiful thing. The church is the only

comfort they have and the only place to go. There is no recreation offered to the Negroes.

"The church has served a very important function: the germ of the idea of a community," she said. But she didn't just praise the churches. "They have done some bad things too, like preaching acceptance of the Southern Negro's role." Then she thought a second and added: "But maybe that's not so bad when there is no other recourse."

The workers hold "mass meetings" at the churches every week, and about 100 Negroes attend. "Our communications are based on the grapevine," she said. "There are no cars or telephones. The meetings are announced and reported in the churches every Sunday."

"They burned down our church so we built a cement block one. And if they blast us out we will

build it again," she declared.

"The FBI called me a liar and a troublemaker," she said, "because I told them the other side of the story." And she mentioned one instance when the FBI waited through four days of heavy rain before investigating a house which had been burned.

Miss Maxon receives \$80 a month from Eugene CORE to cover all of her expenses. And she lives with a family of five which has a total income of \$96 a month. "He was a carpenter," she said, "but he lost his job when I came to live with the family."

The Freedom Schools, she said, are designed to build confidence. "The Negro schools are terrible and are not accredited. But the kids can make the transition. They run the Freedom Schools themselves by tutoring each other. Their future is in school

integration and the vote and they know it."

Miss Maxon charged that the federal programs are exclusive of the civil rights people. "The poverty groups can't get to the money without going through an agency. The forms are just too complicated."

Then she talked about the future. "The people can carry on themselves after two years with a worker. What we need now is more experts—lawyers, teachers, economists. We are now learning who to ask for the right help."

The southern whites were soundly berated by Miss Maxon. "I just can't understand the white man. He thinks he under-

stands and can handle the Negro, but won't believe that they act two ways."

And she continued: "The white thinks only in his own terms, of the good old days and the confederate flags. But it never was that way. The Negro was starved and beaten just like he is now," she charged.

Miss Maxon also spoke about the entire program in general. "The problems of poor people are so tremendous; they are inexpressible. The system they live in didn't give them the tools they need."

"It's so frustrating to have nothing to begin with, but they can still build. That is the beautiful strength of this movement."

"But it is ugly, too, because they are so completely defeated all the time."

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## Speech League To Meet Here

Nearly 300 forensics students and 76 speech and debate coaches will be on the University campus Thursday, Friday and Saturday, for the 59th Oregon High School Speech League state tournament.

Competition will take place in both Oxford-style (four-man) and Lincoln-Douglas (two-man) debate, and the individual events of extemporaneous, impromptu and after-dinner speaking, oratory, serious and humorous interpretation, radio, and poetry reading.

The state tournament will begin Thursday, with registration that day and two rounds of 28 debates each in the evening. Competition in individual events and debate will be held all day Friday, with final rounds slated for Saturday.

Finalists will be announced at a Friday evening banquet.

## SU Board Refutes...

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power—15 student votes to two faculty votes. If the Senate were to have veto power over the Board, the Board would no longer be an administrative body, and students would lose administrative power.

So the actual question is whether the Board should remain administrative. This decision is up to President Flemming, as the person served by the Board, said Cross.

In other action the Board:

- Formally approved the amendment on membership selection. (See page one of the April 14 Emerald.) There are seven positions open to petitioning—four from the Liberal Arts College, and three from the graduate school. Students nominated by the Board or Senate to fill two student-elected positions will campaign under ASUO rules and will be included in the ASUO student body election.

- Accepted policy proposals from the Student Activities Committee. One proposal states student organizations wanting to sponsor a public event for which admission will be charged must petition either the Board or the

Student Activities Committee. The organization must also furnish a guarantee insuring the University will not be financially liable for the event. The other proposal requires that no printed matter may be distributed unless the sponsoring group can be "easily and readily identified." Also, all publications and posters must have the name of the sponsor on each copy. There are other restrictions; details are available in the ASUO office.

- Defeated a proposal to select Directorate and committee chairmen at the end of winter term, instead of during spring term, which is currently done.

- Accepted budget proposals for Special Attractions, Little Concert Series, Recreation Council, and Income. The total increase requested in all SU budget proposals is about \$23,500. ASUO budgets are asking for a similar increase, and the Publications Board is asking for a \$15,000 increase.

### YAF to Sponsor 'Choice' Film

The film "Choice" will be shown by the Young Americans for Freedom today at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. in 123 Science.

This film was produced for television by the Mothers for a Moral America in an attempt to promote the Barry Goldwater presidential campaign of 1964.

### Council to Discuss Voting Booths

Representatives from all dormitories, preferably the president, should attend the Inter-Dorm Council meeting at 6:15 p.m. today in the Student Union.

Topic of the meeting, according to Hal Kingslien, IDC president, will be a discussion of putting voting booths in all dormitories for the primary and general elections this term.

According to Kingslien, who may be reached at Ext. 1822 for further details, such booths would alleviate waiting and should result in a much higher turn-out at the polls.

Kingslien said that additional poll workers would be needed.

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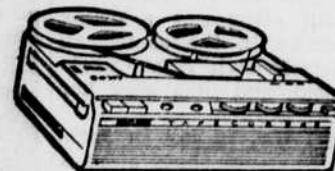
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