



**ONE-ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE**—Roseburg School District No. 4, with its modern buildings and extensive school construction program, still maintains a one-room school house. It is Sylmon Valley, pictured above, on the Melrose Road. The Sylmon Valley district was combined with Roseburg two years ago and the



school is used now only for first grade pupils. Group picture shows the class and their teacher, Mrs. Edna Matthews. Pupils are, left to right, first row: Loren Olson, Guy Swartz, Donald Larson, Herbert Linden, Frank Reed, Terry O'Kerr, Charlotte Temp-  
ron, Walter Landers, Teddy Carper, Eddy Marsh; second row: Melvin Saunders, Stephen Carlson, Bobby Erickson, Charles Mc-Grady, Larry Bergstrom, Walter Lindner, Jeanne Leach; third row: Lorna Stanfield, Cary Shinn, Yvonne Parkinson, Bonnie Sweem, Key Hollyman, Neta Eversholt, Sandra Barton, Linda Bunnell, Richard Fout. One pupil, Michael Baylor, is absent from this class picture. (Pictures by Paul Jenkins)

## Early Career Of Old School In Sylmon Valley District Told In Retrieved Records

In script that is still clear after half a century, the early history of the old Sylmon Valley School District No. 111 is recorded in a paper-backed school register found recently by W. J. Mess, maintenance supervisor for the Roseburg Schools.

The Sylmon Valley School, then as now, was a one room, one-teacher school. Pupils then ranged in age from six to 15 and received instruction in all the grades. Now the old school, located west of here on the Melrose Road, is part of the Roseburg system and it has a class of first graders.

The register includes the records of pupil attendance and instruction for the years 1899 and 1900, kept by three successive teachers, Lucy Byron, Myra E. Camp, and Grace Shupe, each of whom received a monthly salary of \$25.

### Early-Day Names Recalled

Each teacher answered form questions on a page of "General Statistics." One teacher, stating the number of visits to her school by the school directors or county superintendent, wrote an emphatic, "None!" In the spaces provided, her report was approved by T. F. Mabley, then chairman of the School Board.

The school register contains class enrollment lists with names that are still familiar in this area—such as Walter Cloake, Mary Cloake, Eva Cloake, Alfred Cloake, Cora Cloake, Warren Cloake, and Francis Cloake—and Eddie White and Gary Brown, Esther Bretzke and Jennie Stockwell, Mollie O'Shaughnessy and the Mabley children, Ray, Clifford, Lawrence, Warren, and Della.

Another record book that's not quite so old, which Mess also has, is the district clerk's record book dating from the years 1913 to 1917. The book contains the minutes of School Board meetings, as recorded by Arthur Cloake, secretary.

**New Building Opposed**  
Discussions were held by the

## North Atlantic Treaty, Six Other Measures Slated For Congress OKs By August 1

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(AP)—The Truman Administration's program is shaping up toward congressional passage of seven major measures by summer, with possible recall of the lawmakers next fall.

Although Democratic leaders wouldn't fix any schedule, there was mounting evidence they hope to ratify the North Atlantic Security Alliance and write into law six top-flight bills before August 1.

The six measures reported ready for preferential treatment include two passed already by the House.

One restores the original reciprocal trade agreements program without the restrictive amendments tacked on by the GOP 80th Congress. Another gives the President, subject to congressional veto, power to reshuffle government agencies.

Senate-approved bills for a long range housing program and for \$300,000,000 annual federal aid to education are on the House docket.

The Administration has made

it plain it hopes to obtain approval, before Congress quits this summer, of a substitute for the Taft-Hartley Labor Law and a measure raising the minimum wage level to 75 cents an hour.

Sandwiched in between would be 14 regular money bills for operation of government departments. Usually subject to little more than routine action, these measures have bumped up against an economy drive which is show-

ing a bit more persistence than these things usually do.

With time growing shorter, Administration leaders may have to pass up any final action on such Truman proposals as those to broaden social security and to set up a new farm benefit program.

Also left out of present calculations is the proposal for a \$1,450,000,000 foreign arms program.

Proposals of lesser importance, like the House-approved oleo tax repealer, also may be caught in the time squeeze.

### Tax On Television

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### North Bend Bond Issue Carries By One Majority

NORTH BEND, May 12.—(AP)—A \$235,000 bond issue to complete North Bend's sewage system and construct a disposal plant was approved by the margin of a single vote in a special election Tuesday.

After one ballot had been disqualified as improperly marked, the total vote was 217 yes, 216 no.

The bond issue will finance a plant to meet the State Sanitary Authority's requirements. At present sewage is dumped, untreated, into Coos Bay Harbor.

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