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(By International News Service) Willows, Calif., Dec. 5.—Residents of this community are mourning the passing of its most remarkable citizen, Mrs. Jane Hamilton, who died at the age of 103.

OFFICERS THINK MRS. BRYANT NOW IN MIAMI

Miami Police Talked With Mr. Bryant This Morning and Are Searching There For His Wife.

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DUKE UNIVERSITY PREPARES PROGRAM FOR "DUKE UNIVERSITY DAY"

Durham, Dec. 5.—Duke University is making preparations for appropriate observance of "Duke University Day" on December 12, in which alumni all over the country will take part.

AL JOLSON, WITH A SEVERE COLD, IS GOING TO ASHEVILLE.

Syracuse, N. Y., ecD. 5.—When Al Jolson closes his three days' engagement in "Big Boy" here today it became known his company's engagements in Erie, Pa., Youngstown and Lima, O., Fort Wayne and Indianapolis have been cancelled due to a throat ailment from which he is suffering.

REVENUE WILL NOT TESTIFY

Cincinnati, Dec. 5.—(AP)—George Remus served notice on the court today at the renewal of his murder trial that he would not testify in his own behalf.

CONTEMPT CHARGES BEING AIRED

Washington, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Another of seemingly interminable legal fights that have grown out of the leasing of Teapot Dome and Elk Hills naval reserves was brought into court today when Harry F. Sinclair, Wm. J. Burns and four associates were haled into court in contempt charges.

THIS IS NEWS

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 5.—(INS)—When a dog bites a man it may not be "news" under usual circumstances, but when a football mascot bites a policeman because he thinks the latter is a roofer for the opposing team, that probably is "news."

Advertisement for Total Taxes Levied For State Last Year, Average Tax of \$29.43

Taxes For State, County And School Amounted To \$84,305,702—Average \$29.43

INDEBTEDNESS IS HALF BILLION

State Gets No Property Tax But Just The Same Property Paid High In Other Taxes Assessed.

WOMEN WERE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN FIRE

St. Louis, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Four women were known to have been killed and 7 persons dangerously injured in a fire early today which destroyed the rear section of the Buckingham Hotel annex, with a loss estimated at \$170,000.

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