

going tough and many of them MinisterNamed

The first population figures returned for Banner County were Moderator of those of the census of 1890. In that year, the county had a population of 2,435. This was the highest it's **Presbytery** ever been. By 1900, the population had dropped to 1,114. It The Rev. St. Paul Epps, pastor of years of the twentieth century, the Bel-Vue Community church and by 1930 had reached 1,676. It Nebraska's panhandle, traces back combination stores and post of-

tablished by the legislature in early days, but only one remains,

vation of 5,340 feet, just inside the Wyoming line, about midway be-

Today the lands of Banner finest wheat fields, and wheat is

Trial of Officials

Continued from Page 1 ter, a Negro lumber worker from passed it, or when or why. Snorted embruced in the original county. Konovsky, chief of police; Theo- persons including Konovsky. All Ansley, La., his wife and ten chil- Judge Harris: "We just wen't en- The name "Banner" was chosen dore H. Wesolowski, fire marshal, the indictments except the one dren (aged 2 to 17), heading for force the bill. It's unconstitu- because it expressed the hope of and Nicholas Berkes, town attor- against Konovsky were thrown dren (aged 2 to 17), heading for Yakima, Wash., where Minter had tional." But there it was on the some of the new county's enthusi-ney, on charges of conspiracy to out of court. a new job waiting. One morning law books. Finally, Mayor Lewis astic citizens that it would indeed keep a Negro from moving into

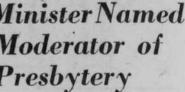
Highway 6, a car nosed out of a unanimously to abolish the law. The early whites in Banner and Patrolmen Frank Janecek and Under count one, the defendants side road. Braking to avoid a col- Last week, with Mrs. Minter County had been occupied almost Frank A. Lange as well as San- are accused specifically of conlision, the Minter truck skidded home from the hospital but still exclusively with cattle raising, dusky, Konovsky and Berkes on a spiring to prevent any Negro from and overturned. Margaret, 14, was killed. Mrs. Minter was seriously Judge Haris ripped the old law of free range land used by the killed. Mrs. Minter was seriously killed. Mrs. Minter was seriously from the odinance book. The Min-injured. The other children were cut and bruised. Cut and bruised. Fruita. "I never had such treat-come in, and by the time the come in, and by the time the come in the riot which began July 12, 1951. Fruita responded to the emer-gency. Townspeople sped to the scene in private cars to carry the Minters to a hospital. Mrs. Wilda apartment, but never lived there. ment of the U.S. Constitution by property and forcing white fami- of the law in connection with his

Clark, his wife, and two chil-Schafer Construction Co. While birth, marriage and death; per-elation which fills my heart to to quell the violence after city dren now live in the Michigan police failed to take action. Boulevard Gardens apartments.

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LOS ANGELES, Cal.-(ANP)jumped up again in the early the Bel-Vue Community church The history of Banner County, like all of the southern half of Nebraska's panhandle, traces back combination of villages—or, at least

As moderator, he will have through old Cheyenne County, es- fices-were started in the county's titular supervision over all of the United Presbyterian churches in tablished by the legislature in 1867, and embracing all of the area included in the present coun-ties of Kimball, Cheyenne, Deuel, Garden Morrill Banner and the Presbytery, a territory that

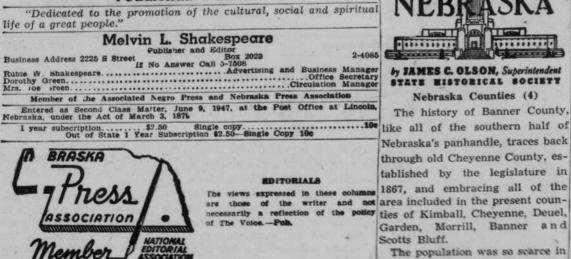
He also will convene all Presbytery meetings; preside at all or-The population was so scarce in the region that such an arrange-ment worked very well for a while Indeed, until 1870, Chey-

> Rev. Epps has been in the Presbytery for five years and has been active in the youth work of

> A Cook county grand jury indicted three Negroes-although no Negroes took part in the violence -including Clark's attorney, George Leighton and three white

> Konovsky eventually was found not guilty when a Criminal court

Words simply cannot express the sincere thanks and humble took the Illinois National Guard Clark, his wife, and



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Good Neighbors

The little (pop. 1,849) town of Mrs. Minter was recovering, enne County remained unorgan-Fruita in the valley of Colorado's women took turns caring for the ized and was simply attached to the dig 200 feet and more to secure family. Fruita's citizens paid for Lincoln County for administrative water. an all-white town. Because no Ne- repairing the Minters' truck, for purposes. In that year, however, gro had ever lived there, few their hospital bills, and for Mar- the county showed a population of County support some of the state's the Presbytery. townspeople even knew of their garet's funeral. City Judge I. L. 190 and an organization was es-Jim Crow ordinance forbidding Harris and Police Chief Herd tablished Negroes to remain in town after Johnston were pallbearers.

sundown. Then the Minters came Then someone remembered the County approved the creation of town's Jim Crow ordinance. No Banmen, Devel and Scotts Bluff to Fruita.

The Minters were Melvin Min- one seemed to know who had counties out of part of the area last month, as they approached Moore called an emergency meet- become the "banner county" of Cicero. Fruita in their pickup truck on ing of the city council which voted the state.

Lahue offered them an unoccupied house she owned. "Here's the key," she said. "Use it as long as you wish." Other womenfolk

Prices reasonable

Editor brought furnishings and food to Dear Mrs. Shakespeare: stock the house. Cecil Schafer gave I once read that there are three Minter a job as a laborer with his decisive stages in a person's life;

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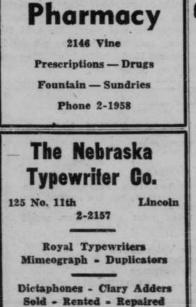
Also Police Sgt. Roland Brani, judge directed such a verdict.



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