of the United Lutheran church, with eight churches in Polk county in his circuit, which has since been divided into two pastorates. Mr. Dale has devoted his life to his ministerial labors and enjoys the high regard of his many warm friends through his faithful service during the many years spent as a leader in religious interests. He was married at Roland, Iowa, in July, 1882, to Julia Olson, who was born at Leland, Illinois, November 23, 1865. Fourteen children were born to this union, twelve of whom are living. Mar­cellus A. Dale died at McIntosh, in his twentieth year and the death of Melvin Dale occurred when he was fourteen years of age. The surviving children are, Jeannette, who married E. G. Schlanbusch; Cas­par, Erwin, Christina, the wife of Reverend A. B. Hinderlie, Clara, Elnora, Andora, Ingeborg, Bea­trice, Marcellus, Marguerite and Jens.

WILLIAM J. RASMUSSEN.

William J. Rasmussen, municipal judge at East Grand Forks and one of the leading members of the Polk county bar, was born in Duck Creek township, Taylor county, Wisconsin, June 22, 1885, the son of Jacob and Caroline (Olson) Rasmussen, who were natives of Norway. Jacob Rasmussen continues to make his home at Phillips, Wisconsin, where the death of his wife occurred in her sixty-ninth year. William Rasmussen spent his youth in Phillips and there received his early education, later entering the University of Wisconsin. Subsequently he matriculated in the state university of Minnesota and there prepared himself for his professional career, graduating from the law school of that institution in 1909. He immediately engaged in the practice of law in East Grand Forks and rapidly won recognition as one of the able young attorneys of that section. In 1911 he was elected municipal judge and has since given most efficient and zealous service in discharging the responsibilities of his position. As public official or private citizen, Mr. Rasmussen is that type of broad minded and progressive citizen, whose influence is felt in every phase of community development. His political affiliations are with the Republican party. In fraternal orders, he is a well known member of the Masonic fraternity and a Knight Templar.

JOHN J. VAATVEIT.

John J. Vaatveit, a prominent merchant of McIn­tosh and well known citizen of King township, is a native of Norway, born in Village of Voss, on August 13, 1856. He was reared on a pioneer farm home in Dodge county, Minnesota, the family emigrating to the United States in spring of 1857, and spent his early manhood in Dodge county. In 1856 he went to Grand Forks, North Dakota, and began his career in the commercial world as a clerk in a general store. After spending seven years in that employment, he made his first independent venture in the mercantile business and for five years continued his successful operations, establishing a store at Northland, North Dakota, and was appointed the first postmaster at that place. In 1895 he sold his interests, resigned from the office of postmaster and transferred his attention to farming, removing to Polk county and buying a quarter section of land in King township, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for some twelve years. In 1907 he resumed his commercial activities, opening a general store at McIntosh, where he has since conducted a prosperous and steadily growing trade. During the many years of his residence in King township, Mr. Vaatveit has won the respect and confidence of all his associates through his ability as a business man and his public spirited citizenship. He has been