an earnest interest and an active part in local public affairs and has filled the offices of constable, township treasurer, supervisor and township clerk, holding the last named several years. He is also chairman of the board of supervisors of King township for a number of years, and has long been one of the leading promotors of educational interests and activities in that township.

Mr. Aakhus has been married three times. His first marriage was with Miss Anna Torbinson and took place in Grand Forks. She was born in Minnesota but of Norwegian parentage. Five children were born of the union, Halvor, Torbjor, Theo, Olaf and Benjamin. Torbjor is now the wife of N. W. Phillips. The mother of these children died in King township May 11, 1904, and the father was married some time afterward to Miss Anna Nornes, a native of King township, this county, and the daughter of Gunsten Nornes, who was one of the first settlers in that township, where he died upward of fifty years of age.

By his second marriage Mr. Aakhus became the father of one child, his son Carl. Carl’s mother died January 28, 1907, and afterward his father married his present wife, who was Miss Engeborg Nornes, a sister of his second wife. The offspring of this union numbers five, Andy, Arnold, Melvin, Harold and Thelma. All the members of the family belong to and are active in the work of the United Lutheran church.

IVER JOHNSON.

This gentleman, who is the present capable and obliging postmaster of the thriving village of Beltrami, Polk county, has had a somewhat varied and interesting career, through which he has worked his way by his own pluck and ability, making every advance in his progress a stepping stone to something better. He is a native of Norway, where his life began March 27, 1871, and where he lived until 1882, when he emigrated with his parents to the United States and found a new home in the New World in Ottertail county, Minnesota. The next year the family moved to Polk county, and for a few succeeding years lived in Garfield township.

In 1892, when Mr. Johnson was just twenty-one years old, he took up his residence in the village of Beltrami, and there he was employed as a clerk in a store for about four years. At the end of that time he attended the Grand Forks college for a year, and on his return to Beltrami he engaged in mercantile business on his own account. In the spring of 1904 he was appointed postmaster of Beltrami, and this office he has filled with acceptability to the people ever since. He has always taken a warm interest in the welfare of the village, and has given it excellent service as village recorder, and the township the same in the capacity of township clerk and justice of the peace. In addition to his business and other holdings in Beltrami he owns fifty-five acres of good land in Reis township, which is close to the village and steadily increasing in value. On February 9, 1907, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Matilda Agneberg. They have four children living, Norman J., Ignatius M., Constance B. and Katharine M. The religious affiliation of the family is with the Lutheran church.

ELIAS STEENERSON.

Elias Steenerson was born in Houston county, Minnesota, November 4, 1856. He worked on his father’s farm and attended the district school in the town of Sheldon and a term in the graded school at Rushford, Minnesota. In the spring of 1876, he took a teacher’s examination, securing a certificate to teach; but he did not then take up that line of work, as different plans were in progress, his parents