years, after which he served as assistant postmaster for one year. On April 1, 1899, he moved to Mentor and again became a hotel keeper and also engaged in the livery business in connection with the hotel, and in these lines of public service he is still engaged, in addition to being postmaster of Mentor, which he became by appointment of President Wilson on January 1, 1915.

Mr. Le Page has taken an active part in the affairs of the village and township, and has acceptably filled all the different offices in their gift. He has also been a justice of the peace for a number of years. On August 17, 1875, he was married in Ontario, Canada, to Miss Emma Seguin, a native of that province. They have had twelve children, eight of whom are living. They are Anatole, Arthur A., Louis F., Endora E., Ferdinand H., Alma E., Eva C. and Theodore C. All the members of the family belong to the Catholic church, in the welfare and progress of which they are deeply interested.

OLOF M. GROVEN.

Mercantile circles in and around Mentor, one of the thriving and progressive villages of this county, has no more enterprising, energetic or resourceful merchant among their business men than Olof M. Groven, the junior partner of the hardware firm of Ellingson & Groven, dealers in shelf and heavy hardware, furniture, stoves and ranges, farm implements, threshing machines, harness and horse furnishings. He was born at Winger, Polk county, Minnesota, March 10, 1892, and is a son of Ole T. and Tone (Hauge) Groven, natives of Telemarken, Norway, who were among the first settlers at Winger, where they located early in the eighties, and where they now own the east half of Section 26.

The son grew to the age of twenty years on his father’s farm and obtained his education in the district schools and at the college in Crookston, from which he was graduated in 1911. During about four months of 1912 he served as bookkeeper for the Mentor Co-operative company, then formed a partnership with Eric Ellingson for the purpose of engaging in the hardware and implement trade. The partnership still exists and the firm is in the front rank of business men in its part of the county. It carries an extensive stock of goods at all times and studies how it may best meet the requirements of the community in which it operates, please its patrons and continue to build up its trade and enhance its reputation and that of its store.

Mr. Groven is a young man, but he takes an active and helpful part in the affairs of Mentor, Grove Park township, in which the village is located, and the whole county of Polk. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the Order of Modern Woodmen of America, and is a gentleman of fine social qualities and warmly interested in everything that ministers to the welfare of the people among whom he lives and labors.

HON. A. L. HOVLAND.

The testamentary interests of the people of Polk county were placed in capable and careful hands when they were put in charge of Hon. A. L. Hovland as judge of probate by the fall election of 1912. He was well prepared for his official duties and since entering upon them he has been diligent, conscientious and thoroughly fair and discriminating in the performance of them. He was first elected as a non-partisan candidate and in 1914 was reelected with general approval in all parts of the county.

Judge Hovland was born in Goodhue county, Minnesota, December 31, 1863, and is the son of Lars J. and Ingeborg (Throsseth) Hovland, who were born in Norway and came to the United States in the late