

A special personal project of Sen. John A. Metcalf is the eventual development of a nine-foot channel on the Minnesota river. He has put in unnumbered hours of work seeking to convince the army corps of engineers and other federal agencies of the worth of such a project.

Metcalf was superintendent of schools in Swanville and Shakopee for 17 years and is a past regional chairman of the Minnesota Council of School Executives. He interrupted that stretch for 10 years, going into the automotive business at Shakopee, then returned two years ago to his first love, education.

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He presently is superintendent of schools in joint independent school district 15 in Dakota and Scott counties.

Metcalf graduated from Lake City high school, St. Mary's college and the University of Minnesota. He belongs to the Shakopee Sportsmen's club and the Knights of Columbus, which he served in 1953-1954 as state activity chairman.

In the 1955 session he was on the education, university, dairy products and livestock, public domain and aviation committees. He's been on the interim committees studying the Korean veterans' bonus and public employment retirement systems.

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Seventeen years as a superintendent of schools are part of the preparation of Shakopee businessman John A. Metcalf for his new parttime career as state senator.

He takes the seat occupied by farmer-businessman Henry Wagener since 1942. Five times a grandfather at 50, married 27 years to wife Ina Mae, Metcalf has three daughters.

He is owner of Metcalf Motor Service, a garage and service station in Shakopee. Before going into business, he was nine years superintendent of schools at Shakopee, eight years at Swanville, Minn., following high school at Lake City, college at St. Mary's, Winona, and graduate work at University of Minnesota. He is a past regional chairman of the Council of School Executives.

Professionally, he's a member of Minnesota Automobile Dealers' Association and National Automobile Association, was president of Shakopee Commercial club in 1940, 1941 and 1951, has been general manager of the Shakopee Fun Fest several years.

A Catholic, he was 1953-54 state activity chairman for Knights of Columbus. For plain fun, he's been general manager of Minnesota State Amateur Baseball tournament (1938-9, 1948), is a member of the Sportsmen's Club.