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RUED, DAVID E. INTERVIEW

S- 1941 Rued, David E. (1932 -). State Senator, District 13. Independent Republican, Aitkin, Minnesota.

1979 Senator Rued discusses his personal background including his decision to major in Agricultural Education at the University of Minnesota.

Rued tells that while working as an Agricultural instructor, he decided to run for state representative in District 13B (1978). His close defeat in that election led him to pursue the vacated seat of Senator Winston Borden in District 13. The victory in that election put him in the senate.

Rued related his attitude toward government in general and his feelings on various specific legislation. Rued also told of the conservative nature of his district as well as emphasizing his own conservative beliefs.

INTERVIEWERS: Calvin Gower and Al Nielsen.

DATE: February 5, 1980.

SUBJECTS COVERED: TAPE 1 PART 1.

007 FAMILY BACKGROUND:

- 011- Father's ancestry.
- 016- Mother's ancestry.
- 020- Born in central Wisconsin.
- 025- Father's occupation, dairy farmer.

037 EDUCATION:

- 038- Green Meadow Grade School, attended grades 1-8.
- 041- Moved to Big Lake Minnesota in 1946.
- 043- Attended Big Lake High School.

049 WORK EXPERIENCE:

- 050- Worked as a Gas Pump Attendant at a T.V. repair shop during high school. 1947-1950.
- 058- Enlisted in the Air Force Electronics School and worked as a Radio Technician. June, 1951.
- 066- Discharged from the Air Force, June 3, 1955.

088 EDUCATION-POST HIGH SCHOOL:

- 089- St. Cloud State University for Pre-Engineering.
- 090- Quit Pre-Engineering program.
- 098- Enrolled in Industrial Arts program at St. Cloud State University.
- 100- Quit Industrial Arts program.
- 114- Enrolled at the University of Minnesota, School of Agriculture. 1956 - 1959.
- 118- Graduated in the spring of 1959.

124 WORK EXPERIENCE - POST COLLEGE GRADUATION:

- 125- Started teaching for the University of Minnesota Agriculture School at Morris, Minnesota. Taught grades 9-12. Worked for two years until Morris was closed.
- 182- Taught at Waseca, Minnesota when Morris was ~~closed~~^{phased} out. 1961-1963.
- 190- Discussion of the University of Minnesota Agriculture School.
- 254- Went to work for the Giegy Chemical Company, sold agriculture chemicals.
- 347- Quit Giegy Chemical Company and went to work in Aitkin High School as a Agriculture teacher. July 1965.
- 362- Quit Aitkin to become County Extension Agent in Aitkin. 1967.
- 375- Quit County Extension Agent went to Aitkin High School to teach agriculture again in 1969. Worked for 9½ years.
- 380- Had to resign from School Board when returned to teach at Aitkin.

390 POLITICAL ACTIVITY:

- 475- Decided to run for the House of Representatives, District 13B, 1978. Endorsed by Republicans. Ran against Marlin B. Nelsen, incumbent. Dave Rued lost by 526 of 8,000 votes cast.

000 SUBJECTS COVERED: Tape 1 Part 2

- 000- Discussion of Republican party in District 13, and the campaign for the House of Representatives in 1978.
- 079- With Borden, State Senator of District 13, resigns.
- 086- Decided to run for vacated seat. Had to run against 6 others for the endorsement.
- 097- Won the endorsement for the senate seat but another Republican filed right before the primary deadline. There were then 2 Republicans and 1 Democrats running for the seat.
- 114- Won the Primary for the Senate Seat in District 13.
- 116- Won the Special Election for the Senate seat in District 13 against Donald Samuelson.
- 146- Began Senate term in January of 1979.

151 ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE LEGISLATURE IN 1979:

- 156- State wide building codes, Lumber Grades.
- 193- Local Option Bill.
- 242- Stadium Bill, repeal of the 7 county liquor tax, Stadium Commission.
- 380- Dave Rued voted against the repeal of the 7 county liquor tax.
- 400- Taxes and state spending, Tax relief on Realstate and increases in other areas.
- 438- District 13 conservative in most areas, mostly social matters.
- 472- Farm Youth Exchange program.
- 505- Welfare.
- 550- ERA, Abortion.

SUBJECTS COVERED: TAPE 2 PART 3

- 000 002 -Plans to Run again for the senate in the next election.
- 026- Sponsored a bill for session every other year.
- 030- Regional Government. 1968-1969.
- 060- Anti- Federalistic attitudes.

- 073- Rued is not in favor of full time legislature.
- 082- Discussion of salary.

100 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:

- 104- Environmental protection agencies.
- 202- Big industry and the environment.
- 219- Small industry and the environment.
- 230- Automobile industry.