

EVENING MEETING—OCTOBER 10, 1977

EDD R. TURNER—Biographical Sketch



As the AAPG President for 1977-78, Houston geologists truly welcome one of their own—born and raised in Houston, Edd Turner has also managed to spend most of his adult life here. After receiving his geology degree at the University of Texas at Austin, Edd spent 3 years in service with the Corps of Engineers. He began his professional career as a geological scout with Union Producing Company, moving on to

work for Humble as a geologist before joining Getty Oil Co. in 1955. In his 22 years with Getty, he has held a number of positions, ranging from an initial assignment as exploitation geologist to his present post of Assistant Division Manager of Exploration.

Edd is an active member of many professional and civic groups and has served as an officer in most of them. His HGS service includes the offices of Treasurer (1957-58), Second Vice-President (1958-59), President (1959-60), and Editor (1961-62). Prior to his election to the presidency, Edd's AAPG service included acting as General Chairman of the 1971 Annual Convention in Houston and a term as Treasurer in 1973-74, in addition to active membership in a large number of AAPG committees. He is a Trustee of the Houston Museum of Natural Science, serving as Treasurer from 1972-76 and Vice-President from 1976-77. His other memberships include the API General Committee of Exploration Affairs, the Geology Foundation Advisory Council for the Department of Geological Sciences of the University of Texas at Austin, and The Petroleum Club of Houston.

THE GEOLOGIST'S OBLIGATION (Abstract)

by Edd R. Turner

Man has developed from a low intelligence level to a highly trained animal with almost unlimited brain capacity. Along with this increase in knowledge in the past 1,000,000 years, a complex society has evolved dependent on vast injections of energy that, if seriously interrupted, could cause the whole system to collapse.

The preferred American Way of supplying energy needs entails continued free enterprise and free market action of a large force of geologists. The American Way also requires a business profit to maintain the system. If we, as geologists, do not fight for recognition and fair treatment, present political action will drastically change our life-style. The current proposed energy bill is proof of this.