

MEETINGS

DINNER MEETING—NOVEMBER 9, 1987

LAWRENCE W. FUNKHOUSER—Biographical Sketch



Larry Funkhouser, current President of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, received his A.B. degree in Geology from Oberlin College in 1943. After service with the U.S. Air Force in World War II, he received his M.S. degree in Geology from Stanford University in 1948.

Funkhouser joined Chevron, then known as Standard Oil Company of California, as a geologist in the Gulf Coast area in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was named Division Exploration Superintendent for The California Company, Chevron's Gulf Coast subsidiary, in 1956, and became Division Exploration Superintendent in Midland, Texas, for Standard Oil Company of Texas, another Chevron subsidiary, in 1961. In 1963, he was appointed Vice-President, Exploration, for Standard Oil Company of Texas in Houston.

In 1966, Funkhouser was appointed Vice-President, Exploration, for Western Operations, Inc., Chevron's West Coast operating subsidiary in San Francisco. He assumed the position of Corporate Vice-President, Exploration, in 1968 and was elected a Director of Standard Oil Company

of California in 1973.

Funkhouser was named Director and Vice-President of Exploration and Production for Chevron Corporation in 1976 and retired from that position in 1986.

In addition to his honorary membership in the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Funkhouser has also been awarded honorary membership in the Northern California Geological Society and the Pacific Section of the A.A.P.G. He is a member of the Geological Society of America and serves as a Trustee of the G.S.A. Foundation. He is an All-American Wildcatter, holds membership in the Society of Exploration Geophysicists and has served both as a member and as Chairman of the Earth Sciences Advisory Board at Stanford. He has been active in the American Petroleum Institute and is a past chairman of A.P.I.'s Committee on Exploration. He has served on the National Research Council's Board on Mineral and Energy Resources and is currently a member of the NRC's Commission on Physical Sciences, Mathematics, and Resources.

THE VANISHING FRONTIERS IN OFFSHORE UNITED STATES

Production and reserve trends indicate that imported oil will account for more than 50% of the U.S. supply in the early 1990's, setting the stage for another 1970's-style energy crisis. The next crisis will be potentially more serious because the possible frontier resources of the U.S. have been severely downgraded. The reasons for failure in various frontier plays will be reviewed. Remaining frontier potential will be examined.