President of Ethyl Corporation

Rice Alumnus Turner To Address Reunion

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In years past it has been a common practice to get keynote speakers for the dinner from outside Rice’s Alumni group. This year, however, the speaker is to be B. Bynum Turner of the class of 1934. Turner, a native Texan—born in Angleton in 1910, is president of the Ethyl Corporation.

The title of his speech is “Look to the Future.”

Mr. Turner began his career with the Humble Oil and Refining Company in 1933. He remained with Humble at the Baytown plant until 1942, when he went into government service as head of the technical staff of a butadiene plant producing synthetic rubber. Later, in 1945-46, he became head of the butadiene section of the Rubber Reserve Company in Washington, D.C.

Responsible for Houston Plant

Joining Ethyl later in 1946, he has held positions in manufacturing, research and engineering, and administration. In 1951, while vice-president in charge of Research and Engineering, he was responsible for the construction of the company’s plant on the Houston Ship Channel.

In 1955 Mr. Turner was elected Executive Vice-President of Ethyl Corp. from which position he was promoted to President at the retirement of Mr. E.L. Shea of New York City. Since 1958, Mr. Turner has been chief executive officer, as well as president.

Son Attended Rice

Mr. Turner is married to the former Jeanne Leberman of Austin. They reside in both New York City and Carmel, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner have two children, Shelly and Benjamin Bynum, Jr. Shelly is now at the Lausanne School in Memphis. Ben is now in law school at the University of Texas. He attended Rice and received his B.A. in 1956. He is married to the former Harriet Calvin of Houston, who also received her B.A. from Rice in 1956.