

# Mail to A-Board Office Indicates Huge Crop of Uranium Prospectors

# 'Old Gray Mare' Really Lives at Ohio University

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Uranium mining has become in the space of a few years a 100 million dollar American industry, growing bigger by the day. Uranium stock investors are confident there is an unlimited horizon for this industry which supplies the raw material for atomic energy. For an up to the minute report, a United Press correspondent visited the "capital" of the uranium boom on the western slope of the Rockies.

**By JAMES M. FLINCHUM**  
GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (UP)—The mail sacks have been getting heavier at the Atomic Energy Commission office here and this can mean only one thing—more prospectors than ever before are hitting the uranium trail this summer.

"We thought 1953 was a big year," an AEC spokesman said today. "And last year, we decided it couldn't be any bigger. But now it looks like this summer will top them all."

Although the snow hasn't melted yet in the high country, you can already tell the big prospecting season is near. The volume of letters received by the Grand Junction operations office of the AEC was never greater.

Thousands of prospectors, or would-be prospectors, are writing in for information about how and where to go to look for uranium. The AEC is happy to oblige.

"We'll do everything but point to a place on the map and say, 'Dig there,'" one AEC official said.

**Nationwide Affair**  
The uranium boom is a nationwide affair. From New York to San Francisco investors are sinking cash into uranium stocks. But out here on the 170,000 square mile Colorado plateau where the uranium is, the boom means sinking a pick into the ground.

Many of the prospectors will be vacationers from far corners of the country. Others will be "week-end prospectors" from towns or near the uranium fields. A small number will be new "professionals," launching a fulltime career with pickaxe and Geiger counter.

A few of them may become millionaires. Most of them won't. Every day scores of prospectors show up at the AEC's 10-acre compound lugging ore samples to be tested and the majority go away disappointed.

But the uranium boom has created a new crop of millionaires and revitalized little villages that a few years ago were known only to a few Indians and shepherders. The plateau—which covers parts of Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah—is alive with activity.

Private planes fly in and out of mining towns daily carrying wide-eyed investors and speculators. Many of the investors are oil men. Something about uranium mining appeals to oil men.

More and more old Wall Street names are becoming associated with uranium ventures, but the in-

dustry seems to be dominated by youth. The most famous uranium millionaires, Charlie Steen and Jack Turner, are in their mid-thirties.

The industry abounds with youngish executives. Arnold Kimmes of Grand Junction is under 35 but he heads a consulting firm which owns three airplanes and is chairman of the board of an investment company with headquarters in Denver and branches here and in Salt Lake City.

"Last year the uranium industry was where the oil industry was 60 years ago," says Kimmes, who would pass for a young movie hero. "This year it's where the oil industry was 40 years ago."

Financier Floye B. Odium has sunk considerable cash into uranium ventures such as the Hidden Splendor Mine and says the uranium horizon "seems almost unlimited to me."

Like others in the uranium business Odium bases his optimism on peaceful application of nuclear fission—atomic power plants, atomic ships, planes and trains—all of which will create a steady demand for uranium whether atomic weapons stay with us or not.

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UP)—"The Old Gray Mare" may be just a tune to most people, but to Jean Rittenour, Ohio State University riding instructor, the nag really lives. In the barn on her family's farm is a horse which the law of averages says should have been carrying ghost riders in the sky about 15 years ago.

Dare Me, a frisky 34-year-old mare, is somewhere between 102 and 136 years old, by human standards, say veterinarians.

Dare Me was one of three show horses which have earned Jean 50 trophies, more than 600 ribbons and enough money to pay for her schooling at Ohio State. "I taught the horses," she says, "and they educated me."

# Jet Age Outdoes Crosstown Ride

MINNEAPOLIS (UP)—A jet pilot at an Illinois airbase called home and told his parents to meet him at Wold-Chamberlain Field. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Grubb hopped in their car and drove the 10 miles from Minneapolis out to the field.

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