Mail to A-Board Office 'Old Gray Mare' **Really Lives at** Indicates Huge Crop of Ohio University Uranium Prospectors Gray Mare" may be just a tune COLUMBUS, Ohio UP-"The Old

mining has become in the space youth. The most famous uranium of a few years a 100 million dollar millionaires, Charlie Steen and ger by the day. Uranium stock in- thirties. vestors are confident there is an The industry abounds with unlimited horizon for this industry youngish executives. Arnold which supplies the raw material Kimmes of Grand Junction is unfor atomic energy. For an up to der 35 but he heads a consulting and 136 years old, by human the minute report, a United Press firm which owns three airplanes standards, say veterinarians. correspondent visited the "capi- and is cheirman of the board of tal" of the uranium boom on the an investment company with western slope of the Rockies.

By JAMES M. FLINCHUM

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (UP -The mail sacks have been get- try was where the oil industry educated me." ting heavier at the Atomic Energy was 60 years ago," says Kimmes. Commission office here and this who would pass for a oung movie hero. "This year it's where the oil Jet Age Outdoes prospectors than ever before are industry was 40 years ago." hitting the uranium trail this summer.

"We thought 1953 was a big vear." it couldn't be any bigger. But now limited to me." it looks like this summer will top them all."

yet in the high country, you can fission season is near. The volume of letwas 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 'Dig 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 "weekend prospectors" from towns in 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 sheepherders. The plateau - which covers parts of Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah - is alive with

to most people, but to Jean Rit-tenour, Ohio State University rid-EDITOR'S NOTE: Uranium dustry seems to be dominated by ing instructor, the nag really lives. In the barn on her family's American industry, growing big- Jack Turner, are in their mid- farm is a horse which the law of averages says should have been carrying ghost riders in the sky

headquarters in Denver and branches here and in Salt Lake

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

about 15 years ago.

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Like others in the uranium busi- and Mrs. Edward Grubb hopped ness Odlum bases his optimism in their car and drove the 10 miles Although the snow hasn't melted on peaceful application of nuclear from Minneapolis out to the field. - atomic power plants,

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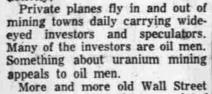
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