

# Mining of Talc Deposit Slated

Ashland — Tom Carrithers, Ashland, his son Jerry Carrithers, and Bud Stanley and Wilbert Grey have contracted with L. A. Bratcher to conduct an open pit mining of talc on Mr. Bratcher's property in the Ashland burn area, southwest of the city.

Plans call for the talc rubble to be shipped by open gondola. The material will be stockpiled through the summer for winter shipment. The talc ledge on the Bratcher property is reported to be 3500 feet long and 700 feet wide.

Talc is used in the manufacture of a number of items, including paints, cosmetics, electrical insulators, paper, rubber, face powders, and pharmaceuticals. The textile industry uses it as a sizing for cotton.