

# General Visits In Dunsmuir

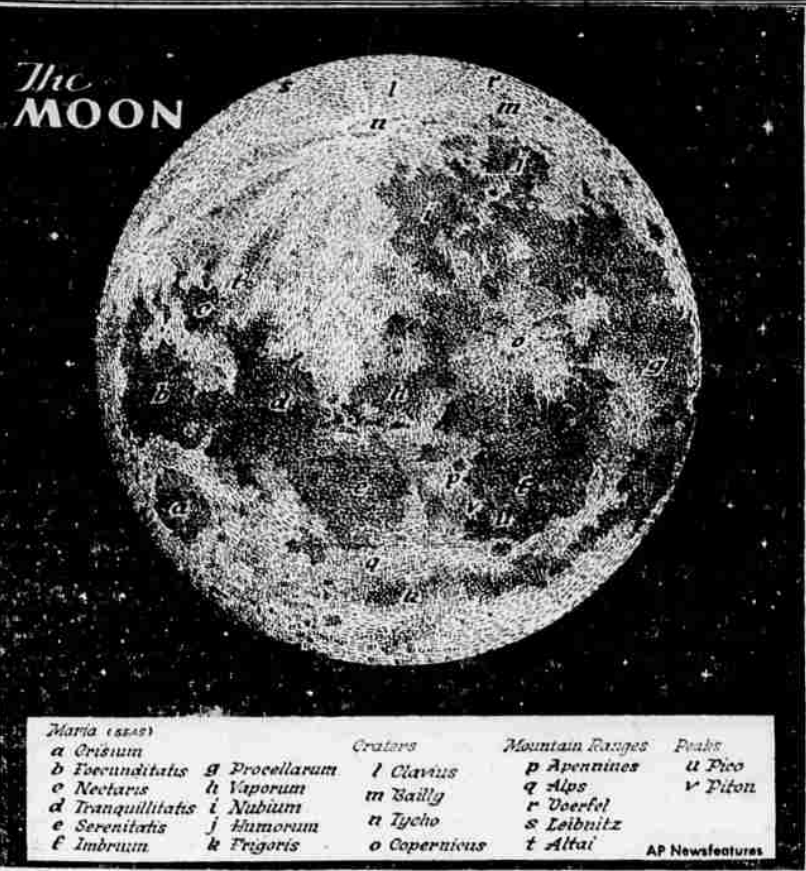
DUNSMUIR—Maj. Gen. Harvey Fischer, commanding general of the Southern European Task Force, branch of NATO, with headquarters at Verona, Italy, left Dunsmuir Monday after a quiet 10-day stay.

General Fischer's arrival in Dunsmuir was occasioned by the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Herman Fischer, 201 Wood Street. Mrs. Fischer is in the Mount Shasta Hospital and is still critically ill. Her husband, Herman Fischer, a daughter, Mrs. Howard Woodside of Auburn, and a son, Sidney Fischer of Dunsmuir, were among the immediate relatives at her bedside this week.

In discussing the United States military strength in Europe, General Fischer said he felt the Christian spirit and simple neighborliness are a greater potential force than atomic weapons and intercontinental missiles. These defensive measures are not a long range solution; learning to live together is, the general said. He states personnel in his command are learning the Italian language, customs and background. In turn, service men and their families are being encouraged to invite their Italian neighbors to observe and participate in their activities. "Understanding and confidence of the peoples of the world is our best defense," General Fischer said.

Fischer, who has spent most of the last two decades outside of the United States, finds himself a comparative stranger in his own country. In asking directions or making simple purchases, he says he finds courtesy and concern for another's needs could be more widely practiced here.

Fischer left his command on October 9 for a temporary assignment at Sandia Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico. This is his first visit to his home town since Christmas, 1932.



Maria (seas)	Craters	Mountain Ranges	Peaks
a Crisium	1 Clavius	p Apennines	u Pico
b Fecunditatis	2 Procellarum	q Alps	v Piton
c Neectaris	3 Vaporum	r Doerfel	
d Tranquillitatis	4 Nubium	s Leibnitz	
e Serenitatis	5 Humorum	t Altai	
f Imbruium	6 Copernicus		

# Silent, Lifeless Moon Waits For First Visitor From Earth

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Sooner or later—and there's a good chance it'll be sooner—the first earthman is going to step out of his spaceship and onto the moon.

Scientists, viewing the moon for centuries over a distance never closer than 216,420 miles, can make a pretty shrewd guess as to what the first lunar explorer will find.

The moon is a dusty, lifeless, rugged, silent globe about a quarter the size of the earth. It will provide none of the earth's life-giving necessities, not even air.

The first man who, millenniums ago, looked at the moon detected dark and light areas. He no doubt thought of the dark patches as seas. Later they were given the name "maria," or seas.

Telescopic investigation, however, revealed them to be dry plains, possibly great stretches of lava from age-old geologic disturbances. But, the areas are still known as maria.

Some of the maria are of tremendous size. The largest, Oceanus Procellarum (Ocean of Storms) is about twice as large as the Mediterranean Sea. Mare Imbrium (Sea of Showers) covers some 340,000 square miles.

The light areas on the moon are mountain ranges and plateaus. The Liebnitz and Dorfel ranges are

higher than any mountains on earth, more than 30,000 feet.

Unseen by the naked eye but easily among the most impressive sights through even a low-powered telescope are the craters of the moon. They have been the object of considerable scientific controversy.

One school of thought holds that they were caused by the impacts of meteors long ago. The moon, with no protective shield of atmosphere, is easy prey to the space wanderers.

Another theory is that the craters were formed by volcanic activity in the centuries before the moon cooled into a barren world.

Still another theory has it they are deformations of the moon's outer crust which appeared as inner layers cooled and contracted.

The deepest crater is Newton, 29,000 feet. Bailly, 170 miles in diameter, covers the largest area. Clavius is 17,000 feet deep and 145 miles in diameter.

The most impressive crater is Tycho (most are named for famed astronomers). It appears as a huge light spot with light lines radiating away from it.

It is just possible that the moon does have an atmosphere, but one so thin as to be almost undetectable. Some scientists think it's made up of chemically inert gases like argon.

It is also possible, but not likely, that life exists on the moon in primitive forms like bacteria or lichens. Some astronomers think they've detected plant-like changes in color on the earth's natural satellite.

The moon's gravitational pull is one-sixth that of the earth. Thus, a 150-pound lunar explorer will find that he weighs but 25 pounds. He will be able to perform prodigious feats of agility.

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The third batter lined the ball over short—and the shortstop leaped 30 feet in the air to grab it. The game was played in complete silence—no cheering, no arguments with the umpires. There is no sound on the airless moon.

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# Stricken Family Selected To Lead Polio Fund Drive

For the first time in the 20-year history of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, a family, rather than a single child has been chosen to appear on its nationally distributed March of Dimes poster and coin collectors.

A young Air Force officer's family, the Joseph L. Solomons of Warner Robins, Georgia, has been named 1958 March of Dimes poster family, it has been announced by Basil O'Connor, president of the national foundation. Their picture will appear on millions of pieces of campaign literature and posters. During January they will make a coast to coast tour, appearing at polio fund events.

Mrs. Helen Solomon and her three children, Joe, now 9, and twins, Lindy and Sandy, now 6, all had polio during a single week in 1953, and they have been fighting the effects of the crippling disease ever since. The father of the family, Maj. Joseph L. Solomon, was away on temporary duty with the Air Force at the time.

"As the Salk vaccine makes 'new' polio more and more invisible, the Solomons are a living, visible reminder that the polio problem does not end with the wonderful headlines on declining polio incidence," O'Connor says. "The Solomons were stricken with polio in the days when there was no Salk vaccine," he states. "Their groping toward a normal, productive life will continue far into the future, perhaps at a time when there are not many new polio cases recorded during a summer."

Ever since July 4, 1953, the tragic aftermath of polio has been a daily part of the Solomon household, according to attending physicians at Georgia Warm Springs Foundation. Joe and Sandy, who require daily physical therapy, will need operations when they are 12. Mrs. Solomon had a mild case of polio and was left with no muscle weakness.

Total March of Dimes aid to the family to date has been over \$5,000 in addition to the substantial sums the family has spent. Many more thousands of dollars will be needed for the operations.

California Weather: San Francisco Bay Region: Fair through Wednesday except patches of morning fog; little change in temperature; high today 63-68; low tonight 50 in downtown San Francisco and Oakland and 44 elsewhere; westerly winds 7-14 m.p.h. afternoons.

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High	Low	Rain
Albuquerque	58	38 .63
Atlanta	67	47
Bakersfield	64	43
Boise	51	32
Boston	56	49 .01
Brownsville	84	69
Chicago	52	40 T.
Denver	37	33 .07
Detroit	50	41
El Centro	70	54
Fresno	64	49 T.
Helena	37	19
Kansas City	45	41
Los Angeles	68	
Miami	81	63
New Orleans	67	33
New York	37	49
Oakland	64	47
Oklahoma City	43	42 .12
Phoenix	66	47
Pittsburgh	48	42 .01
Red Bluff	63	37
San Diego	64	56 .28
San Francisco	61	51
Seattle	52	33
Stockton	66	40
Thermal	70	45
Tucson	67	46
Washington	60	43

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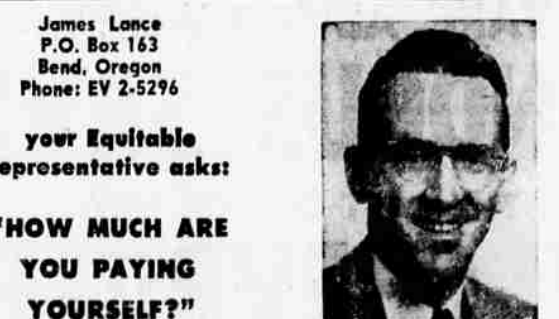
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# Why Did She Do It?

Geo. N. Taylor  
Cat-Fit lived in an old shack beside the brick-pond. You can see her, tall and skinny, the icy winter wind driving her old coat and calico dress against her thin self. Down the street she came, drawing a four-wheeled boy's cart and you know she has come for the family wash. Then one day word came that Cat-Fit was dead. She had hung herself by the neck in the old shack there by the brick pond. Now give the Cat-Fit kind a little lift. It may testify as to what Christ has for such. For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. — Luke 19:10 — BIBLE. Adv.



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