

explosive. The pipe took 21 months to construct and was finished at the end of January 1978.

The right of way can be seen from Marun to Esfahan, a 25m wide strip with a one metre crown indicating where the pipe is buried. To mark the line, 3000 yellow 'mushroom' markers have been installed alongside the crown, each showing the distance from the start. Villagers in the Zagros have happily adopted the new 'bridges' provided by the overhead crossings over 5 wide and formerly impassable rivers.

Earth Sensing from orbit—a correction Bill Putnam has kindly written to us to point out an error in our Notes last year (*AJ* 85 240). It was stated that as a result of Nimbus Satellite measurements, it had proved necessary to move the charted position of Mount Siple 2° to the W, and that this amounted to 222km. He points out that this latter figure would only be true if this mountain was located on the Equator; the correct distance would thus only be about a tenth of this amount, a much smaller discrepancy than was indicated in our text.

Cambridge Mount Kenya Expedition We have been kindly sent details of this expedition, which had scientific objectives. Its main aim was to make detailed studies of the microclimate on Mount Kenya and relate this to the distribution of Giant Lobelia and Giant Senecio in the alpine zone. The work was carried out by 5 expedition members during 6 weeks in the summer of 1980 (July/August). Landsat imagery obtained from the remote sensing facility in Nairobi and maps and aerial photographs from the Survey of Kenya were used. In selected areas, continuous temperature measurements were made at ½hr intervals, 40cm and 5cm above the ground and 10cm below at individual points. These readings were supplemented with manual measurements at other sites. Relative humidity measurements were also made as were wind speed measurements and estimations of cloud cover. Some specific methods were devised for estimating the required plant distributions. Detailed analysis of the data was not complete, but it was hoped to make detailed correlations between the plant distributions and the climatic data.

Alpine Club Notes

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General Meetings of the Alpine Club 1980

15 January	Members' slides
12 February	Paul Nunn: Climbing in Padar
11 March	Doug Scott: Nuptse and around Everest 1979
15 April	Joint lecture with ABMSAC—Tom Sage: Ballooning over the Alps
13 May	Robin Hodgkin: Mountains and Education
23 September	John Barry: Gauri Sankar
21 October	Alan Blackshaw with the Ski Club of Great Britain: Scandinavian Ski Mountaineering
18 November	Sally Westmacott: Three visits to the Wind Rivers Range
6 December	Annual General Meeting and Winter Dinner

Other Events

Dr Charles Warren mounted an exhibition of paintings—The Himalayan Scene—for the Annual General Meeting in December.

Alpine Club Meets

- 23 July—6 August Jointly with Climbers' Club family Meet at Bosigran, Cornwall.
23 July—16 August Jointly with ABMSAC Grindelwald, Switzerland, camping near Hotel Glacier.
16 August—30 September ABMSAC Meet at Bivio—Alpine Club members welcome.

Club Staff

Jan Fielding has taken over from Sue Lawford; Sue is now studying to qualify as a Chartered Accountant. Phil and Rosemary Seeney have taken over from Danny and Sherry Clarke-Lowes as caretakers of the Club. Phil Seeney is studying at both the Imperial College and the Royal College of Art.

Miscellaneous and Editor's Notes

Compiled by Edward Pyatt and John King

Contributions to the Alpine Club Archives It seems to me that many of us outlive our youthful circles and it becomes hard even for oneself to remember clearly what happened 60 or so years ago. This makes things difficult for editors and historians. Would it not be a useful thing for members to check and bring up-to-date for the archives their lists of climbs and dates of things alpine of special interest? It would also be valuable to list the date and place of publication of relevant climbing material. *Dorothea Richards*

The Library The long task of preparing the catalogue of books, guidebooks, journals and periodicals for publication is at last nearing completion. Typing the pages of the author catalogue of over 10,000 entries was completed in October 1980 and the subject catalogue should also be ready for the printer by mid-1981—publication should not be long delayed thereafter. Our next major task will be cataloguing the many manuscripts, volumes of tracts, maps, photographs and slides and a mass of correspondence for publication some years hence.

The Library is being used increasingly for reference particularly by younger members planning expeditions. In a recent twelve-month period a total of 517 visits were made of which 372 were by members. The demand for photocopying is also increasing and the Library has recently issued a leaflet giving information on the services provided with advice on copyright limitations, etc. The leaflet and associated order form may be obtained from the Librarian.

The sale of surplus books and journals to Members has provided further funds for the purchase of books to fill gaps in our collection and for the repair and re-binding of some of our older treasures. We are aware of further gaps to be filled as opportunity occurs and we have a list