

BBC-1

11:45 Heroes of the Prairie. 3.40 Crystal Tipps. News. Seaside Around Six and Nationwide. 7.10 Z Cars "Inspector Lovell" (a new series). 7.55 Panorama Listen Man! - London's young West Indians talk of their frustrations. 8.50 Natural Break with David Attenborough: Night Life. 9.55 Nine O'Clock News. 9.55 Casanova 103. 10.15 Never Forget What's Your Name? 11.20 starting Oliver Reed and Orson Wells. 11.30 News. 11.35 Post on Poetry: Patricia Beer. 12.00 Weather and Northern Ireland News.

BBC-2

7.15 People Ltd: series of programmes on the human side of organisations. Part 4. Who's for the top? 7.30 News Summary. 7.45 Inside Numbers. Ten: A conversation between the Prime Minister and Kenneth Woolcombe, Bishop of Oxford, part 1. 8.00 Alias Smith and Jones: a new series of the Western films with Hannibal Heyes and Jed "Kid" Curry, starring Ben Murphy as Jones, and Roger Davis as Smith in "High Lonesome Country". 8.50 Call My Bluff. 9.25 Horizon: What's So Big About Us? A look at the pygmies of Central Africa. 10.10 Second City Firsts: Mrs. Pool's Preserves. 10.45 Six of the Best: The Cricketer Memorial Gallery, Lord's. 11.00 News Extra. 11.30 Open Door: The London Trade Unions and Old Age Pensioners Joint Committee, investigation.

UTV

5.20 Lollipop. 5.50 News. 6.00 UTV Reports. 6.15 Me and the Chimp. 6.45 Opportunity Knocks. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 World in Action. 8.50 Singalongamx - Max Eygraves' guests include the Kaye Sisters. 9.00 Six Days of Justice - Black Spot: a look at the two million cases heard every year in the Magistrates Courts. 10.00 News at Ten. 10.30 Monday Night with the Rev. Patrick Marran, St. Michael's College, Enniskillen. 10.40 Monday Movie: "Waco" Howard Keel and Jane Russell - Justice needs to be restored to Vally and only the infamous sunfighter, Waco, can clean it up.

RTE

5.0. Sesame Street. 6.0. The Angelus. 6.1. Lolek and Bolek. 6.15. News. 6.20. TG4. 6.50. The Waltons. 7.50. An Nuacht. 8.0. Hair Today - Gone Tomorrow. 8.30. Hawaii Five-O. 9.30. Feet. 10.4. The Music Game. 10.50. Country Matters. 11.50. Outlook. 11.55. News.

RADIO 1-3. Radio 1 Club. 8.30. Newstart. 7.0. 22. Radio 2. 12.4. Sounds of the 70's: also on VHF, two hours of progressive pop. 11.30. Terry Johnson. 8.2. Humphrey Lytton. 8.2. The Big Band Sound. 10.2. Late Night Extra. 12.0. Mid-Night Hour. 11.5. Night Ride. 24. News Summary. RADIO 3 - 6.29. Piped Piper. 6.45. Homeward Bound. 6.5. News. 6.50. Study on 2. 7.24. Bachman. 8.30. Purcell's "Fanny Queen". 8.5. Radio 4. 16.4. Normal and Abnormal Behaviour in Childhood. 11.5. Historic Performances on Record. Richard Strauss conducts his Symphonic Poem. 11.4. News. RADIO 4 - 2.4. See With Mother. 1.1. News. 2.4. Afternoon Theatre. 4.31. Story Time. 5.0. The Reports. 5.50. 33 News. 5.55. Weather. 5.57. News. Just a Minute. 5.59. The Archers. 5.5. News Desk. 7.26. Frank Miller Goes Into Nobles. 8.0. The Monday Play "Starboard". 8.55. Weather. 9.30. The World Today.

10.26. A Book at Bedtime: "Greenaway" (part 1). 10.3. Radio 4. 11.3. Today in Fife. 11.30. News. 11.46. NI News. 11.52. NI News. 11.58. News. RTE RADIO 1 - The Young Station. 8.50. News. 9.50. News. 10.5. News. 11.5. News. 12.0. News. 1.1. News. 2.1. News. 3.1. News. 4.1. News. 5.1. News. 6.1. News. 7.1. News. 8.1. News. 9.1. News. 10.1. News. 11.1. News. 12.1. News.

To-morrow
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9-28 Schools. 12-55 News. 1.40 Pebble Mill. 1.45 Along the River. 2.2 Schools. 2.35 A Funny Thing: Sam Cook. 3-9 Petition Junction. 3-20 Day and Night: Specter. 3-30 Day and Night: Specter. 4-3 Petition Junction. 4-6 Petition Junction. 4-21 Petition Junction. 4-30 Petition Junction.

Was Jean Smith shot by mistake?



Jean Smith: Shot by mistake?

MRS. JEAN SMITH was the passenger in a 1100 car being driven down the Glen Road in Andersonstown, shortly before midnight, on Thursday, June 8, 1972.

A bullet fired from the direction of the Andersonstown estate passed through the rear window on the driver's side and hit Mrs. Smith in the head, causing a ghastly wound from which she soon died.

The driver of the car, a young man, thought at first that he had had a blow out, stopped the car, and jumped out to examine his tyres.

It was not until he was getting back in that he saw Mrs. Smith slumped on the passenger seat, bleeding profusely.

A crowd of youths gathered round the car. At least one of them recognised Mrs. Smith. She had lived in the area at her parents' home.

The young man asked them to inform the police of the shooting. They refused, saying they wouldn't go to the police station because they were wanted.

The young man put the woman into a taxi which took her to the nearby police station. Mrs. Smith was either dead when she was put into the cab or she died very soon afterwards.

And that is all that is known about the death of Mrs. Jean Smith, a Roman Catholic, 10, 16 months later, no new facts have emerged. There is only speculation.

One of the youths is reported to have said: "That's the UVF shooting."

But at that time on the road there were no other cars except the 1100. And it is considered highly unlikely that the UVF or any other extreme Protestant group would have fired from the estate where the Provisional IRA at that time were very strong.

It is even more unlikely in view of the fact that there were local men near at hand

at the time of the shooting. There is another theory and it concerns the Provisional IRA (MRF). It appears to hold more water, especially when some later events are taken into account.

Mrs. Smith was the mother of a young child. She had been separated from her husband for some time.

On that Thursday night she went out for a drink with the young man who was driving the 1100.

Neither Mrs. Smith nor the young man, it is believed, were involved

with any illegal organisations. They went down to the Glenview where they met a friend. They left shortly after 11 pm and drove up the Glen Road to leave the other friend off.

It was as they were driving back down that Mrs. Smith was shot.

It was a dark night. There had been no trouble in the estate although there had been a little shooting on the Falls Road about one mile away.

The area was edgy, however. At that time of night and in those days there was little peace of mind for the peace-wanting residents and even less for those who did not want peace.

Exactly a fortnight later Mrs. Smith was shot and seriously wounded at a bus terminus, only yards from where Mrs. Smith had been shot.

The man, none of whom died, were shot by an Army sergeant who later faced charges relating to the incident.

The sergeant appeared at Belfast City Commission last June where he was cleared of the charge.

The boy, in a majority decision, found him not guilty. He claimed in court that he had seen a man with binoculars, another with a pistol and a third with what he took to be an M1 carbine.

There were several shots and he returned fire with a Thompson sub-machine gun in three bursts, discharging about ten shots.

But earlier in the trial Sergeant Clive Graham Williams described his duties in the Army.

He said he was the commander of one of the squads in the Army's undercover Military Reaction Force and it was their duty to carry out observation in areas where it was difficult for uniformed troops to travel freely.

Andersonstown was one of these areas. He said that there

were about 40 men in the force in June 1972 and he had 15 in his squad. His men generally travelled two-four in a vehicle - private vehicles, not Army jeeps.

The full details of the incident did not become public knowledge until the trial, a year after the shooting.

In October 1972 a "laundry man" was shot dead at Twinbrook, again not far from where Mrs. Smith died.

The "laundry man" turned out to be Sapper Ted Stuart, another member of the MRF. The details about the work of the force became known.

Their undercover operations were far more widespread than the vast majority of people in Northern Ireland knew.

Some members of the Provisionals, who claimed the killing of Sapper Stuart certainly knew some if not all of what was going on.

There had been claims earlier about the work by Army plainclothes operatives. There had been allegations that they had bombed and killed to place the blame on either extreme Protestants or Republicans.

Mrs. Jean Smith was 24 and attractive with shortish dark hair. Her companion lived on the other side of the estate near Finaghy Road North.

It is unlikely that the car would have been recognised in a part of Belfast where strange cars are objects of suspicion.

Sergeant Williams revealed that the MRF had been in operation in the area around the time that Mrs. Smith died.

And the IRA were undoubtedly at that time starting to build up their dossier on the MRF using their own methods of surveillance and intelligence.

Were the Provos on the watch that night for the MRF? Had they received information that the MRF were active?

The death of Mrs. Smith is still shrouded in mystery. But the most rational explanation from the few facts available is that she was shot by mistake.

It would appear that a unit of the Provisional IRA was on the car thinking it was carrying Army personnel. Mrs. Smith's short hair may have led them to believe that she was a man on that dark stretch of road.

There were no reports at the time of the Army being in the area and there was no organisation prepared to admit killing Mrs. Smith.

Jean Smith may well have died simply because she, like so many others in Northern Ireland, had been in the wrong place at the wrong time.

CHRISTMAS EVE was only a few hours away. The night was dry and cold and there wasn't much sign of a white Christmas.

In the kitchen of her home a middle-aged Belfast housewife was doing some seasonal baking.

Earlier she had helped her married daughter and her two children put up a Christmas tree. Her husband finished with the day's work, was pottering around the house.

A knock came to the door. Expecting the carol singers, the daughter quickly made her way to the hallway to welcome them. But the "carol singers" brought death and heartbreak to the family for whom Christmas will never be the same again.

That was three years ago. Today the murder of 65-year-old businessman Andrew Jardine in the hallway of his home remains unsolved. He was the 32nd person to die through violence since the troubles began.

Now Mrs. Jardine and her daughters are trying to make a new life for themselves in another part of the country. The horror of that night distresses them still and they declined to be interviewed for this article.

The Protestant Jardine family lived at White Gables, a luxurious dwelling set among the hills at Hannahstown, a predominantly Catholic area near Belfast. By Ulster standards they were well off.

Mr. Jardine was managing director of Workman Ltd., concrete and iron manufacturers, and a director of Workman, Tooth and Jardine, builders and contractors. He was also manager of a quarry near his home.

He employed both Catholic and Protestant workers. During the second world war he served in the Army and he was a member of the Orange and Masonic Orders.

People living in the same area describe him as a friendly, quiet man who always had a smile on his face. If he saw children on his way to work he would stop and give them a penny or two for their lessons, or sweets if he had them.

Andrew Jardine was not known to be connected with any political organisation. His one hobby was guns and he was proud of the collection he had in his home. The guns were no secret. Most of his friends, neighbours and the police knew about them.

The violence in Ulster bothered him. He hated it and was very concerned about security.



Andrew Jardine: Co

At home he would never open the door himself. One of his family always did it for him.

On the night of December 23, 1970, his daughter, Mrs. Sylvia Murphy, went to answer the knock on the door.

This is how she described the next few horrifying minutes to the inquest on her father: "I saw a young man at the front door. I opened it just enough to speak to him. He put his hand inside his coat and immediately started to force his way into the hall."

"I tried to close the door and the man produced a revolver from inside his coat."

"I called to my father and I then saw two other men pull the front door open and the first man went into the hall. When I tried to close the front door the bottom pane of glass was broken."

"As I was struggling with the men at the door I heard a number of gunshot rings out in the hall and I could smell smoke. I saw the man in the hall standing to the left of the pantry door."

"He was standing with his back to me and deliberately started shooting at the pantry."

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TV COMMENT

It's a square-bashing world

Inquiries continue

POLICE still want to gather more information about the death of Jean Smith. Anybody who thinks he can help is asked to come to police at Lisburn, or to see the chief constable at Antrim.

TWO YEARS National Service was not every conscript's idea of paradise. Neither I suspect was it the only one. It was made out to be by virtually every contributor to Second House (BBC-2, Saturday).

Of course there was plenty of humour which spiced with dramatised scenes from novels and musical contributions, most at a first-class entertainment.

BERNARD Torney scored a personal success with his documentary The Markets which fully justified its peak BBC 1 slot on Friday. I didn't

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