Roy Shephard's programme guide

BBC 1

5.35 IVOR THE ENGINE.
5.40 NEWS: Weatherman.
5.55 SCENE AROUND SIX.
6.20 NATIONWIDE.
6.40 FILM: "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang." Dick Van Dyke. Sally Ann Howes.
9.00 NINE O'CLOCK NEWS.
9.25 HOLOCAUST: "The Road to Babi Yar." (2)
11.00 TO-NIGHT.
11.40-11.45 NI NEWS.

BBC 2

4.55 OPEN UNIVERSITY.
7.00 NEWS ON 2.
7.05 WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT.
7.30 NEWS ON 2: Weather.
7.35 GRAPEVINE.
8.05 JOHN WILLIAMS' WORLD OF MUSIC: With Guests Andre Previn, Cleo Laine, John Dankworth, Paco Pena, Stanley Myers.
9.00 THE GOODIES: Starring Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden, Bill Oddie.
9.30 A CURTAIN CALL FOR MOLIERE.
10.15 ONEUPMANSHIP: Richard Briers and Peter Jones star.
10.45 HOSPITAL: Geriatrics.
11.30 LATE NEWS ON 2; Weather.
11.40-11.50 CLOSDOWN READING.

What is to be done with young Peter Barlow? His father, Ken Barlow, has decided that Peter must stay with him in Weatherfield to complete his education. But Peter's grandmother, Edith Tattlock, wants Peter back in Glasgow . . . Clare Kelly (pictured above) plays Edith in Coronation Street on UTV tonight at 7pm, half-an-hour earlier than usual.

UTV

5.15 CARTOON.
5.20 CROSSROADS.
5.45 NEWS AT 5.45.
6.00 REPORTS.
6.35 LAVERNE AND SHIRLEY: New Comedy Series.
7.00 CORONATION STREET.
7.30 JAMES BOND FILM: "On Her Majesty's Secret Service," George Lazenby, Diana Rigg, and Telly Savalas.
10.00 NEWS AT TEN.
10.30 FIRESIDE THEATRE: "Kathy Karuks is a Grissly Bear."
11.25 MONDAY NIGHT.
11.35 BEDTIME.

RTE

5.10, Animals, Animals, Animals. 5.30, Nuacht. 5.35, Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe. 6.00, The Angelus. 6.01, Cartoon Time. 6.15, News and News for the Deaf. 6.30, The Flockton Flyer. 7.00, Tom and Gerry. 7.05, Richie Brockleman, Private Eye. 8.00, The Proms. 9.00, News. 9.15, How the West was Won. 11.00, Nuacht. 11.05, A Single Voice: "A Modest Proposal by Dean Swift. 11.30, Vesper. 11.35, Late News.

LAUGHTER BREWING

IF YOUR dinner or tea is not on the table at the normal time this evening blame it all on **Crossroads** (UTV, 5.20), which Ulster Television has scheduled earlier than usual, Mondays to Thursdays, in order to give "a bright new look" to the early evening slot, which will feature new American comedy series, starting tonight with **Laverne and Shirley** (UTV, 6.35) after "UTV Reports". It's about two young girls working in the bottle capping department of a Milwaukee brewery. The kookie couple share an apartment and scrap constantly because one dreams of a better life, while the other knows that this is it.

PART Two of **Holocaust** (BBC-1, 9.25) is titled "The Road To Babi Yar" and begins in 1941 as Dr. Weiss is struggling to run a hospital in the Warsaw Ghetto without adequate supplies or staff. He and his brother Moses are members of the Jewish council. They are forced to stand by helplessly as a number of women accused of smuggling are executed by firing squad. As a result Moses joins the growing resistance movement. Erik Dork's career is rising and as a major he is assisting Heydrich in finding new methods of exterminating the Jews in Eastern Europe. Under the guise of executing spies and saboteurs, they carry out the massacre of Babi Yar.

VALERIE Singleton joins the team of presenters which also includes Denis Tuohy and Donald MacCormick, when **Tonight** (BBC-1, 11.00) returns. Sally Hardcastle from "The Editors" also joins the programme, which has a new editor, Roger Bolton, who has worked on current affairs programmes, including "Panorama".

MUCH has happened since the first programme in **Oneupmanship** (BBC-2, 10.15) was screened in 1974. So the last programme of the present series is devoted to a refresher course for those who by accident or sloth missed the earlier editions. The supermanship crew includes Richard Briers, Peter Jones, Frederick Jaeger, Robert East, Claire Faulconbridge and Instant Sunshine.

MOLIERE is faced with the infidelity of his young wife who is intoxicated by her first success as an actress, in the penultimate episode of **A Curtain Call For Moliere** (BBC-2, 9.30). The failure of his new play "Le Misanthrope" depresses Moliere even more. Before he goes to war, the King finally permits a watered-down version of "Tartuffe" to be performed but the police intervene.

ALFRED and Belle Metcalf, both in their 80s, are the subject of the last of the repeats in **Hospital** (BBC-2, 10.45). Both patients yearn for their discharge from the male and female geriatric wards, so that they can be together again. But discharge depends on the results of tests. The film ends when a decision has been reached about their future.

FILM FROM THE Gay Community Centre in Birmingham is included in **Grapevine** (BBC-2, 7.35), the self-help show. The centre runs a counselling service and a Saturday night disco and the film includes interviews with female homosexuals as well as some of the males who form the majority of the membership. There is also an item on a community television project in Bristol.

ANDRE Previn, who wrote a small jazz composition especially for the show, Cleo Laine and John Dankworth, and flamenco guitarist Paco Pena, are the guests in the repeat of **John Williams World of Music** (BBC-2, 8.5), which illustrates this classical guitarist's wide-ranging tastes and talents.

FILMS

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (BBC-1, 6.40) is the 1968 version of the collection of stories by Ian Fleming about a car with magical powers. Stars Dick Van Dyke, Sally Ann Howes.

On Her Majesty's Secret Service (UTV, 7.30) stars George Lazenby, Diana Rigg and Telly Savalas. 007, James Bond, tracks down arch villain Ernst Stavros Blofeld, who is threatening world peace. The usual Bond formulated rules OK.

RADIO

BBC RADIO ULSTER — 5.0, Radio Ulster News and P.M. Ulster, followed by Change Gear from the Ideal Home Exhibition. (5.30, News Headlines). 5.55, Radio Ulster News. 6.0, Radio 4. 6.30, Programme News. 6.33, Radio 2 VHF. 7.0, Radio 4 (10.00, Lifelines. 417m.). 11.0, Eleven To-night. 11.10, Margaret Percy. 12.0, Radio 2. 12.5, Radio Ulster News; Inshore Forecast; Closedown.

DOWNTOWN RADIO (S) — 5.15, Newsline/Family Fare contd. 6.00, Sounds Easy. 6.30 Evening Round Midnight. 12.0, News. 2.0-2.2, News.

RADIO 1 — 7.30, Sports Desk (joins Radio 2). 10.2, Paul Gambaccini (S) including Randy Newman in Concert. 12.0 and 2 a.m. As Radio 2. (VHF Radios 1 and 2, 10.0, Radio 1. 12.0-2.2 a.m. Radio 2).

RADIO 2 — 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.2, BBC Northern Radio Orchestra (S). 7.30, Sports Desk. 7.33, Alan Dell/7.33, The Dance Band Days. 8.2, The Big Band Sound (S). 9.2, Humphrey Lyttelton (S). 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.2, Town and Country Quiz. 10.30, Star Sound. 11.2, Tennis: US Open. 11.3, Brian Matthew introduces Round Midnight. 12.0, News. 2.0-2.2, News.

RADIO 3 — 5.15, Bandstand (S). 5.45, Homeward Bound (5.45-7.30, Open University, VHF). 6.5, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, Lifelines. 7.30, Proms 78 (S) Part 1. 8.0, Feminism and Love. 8.20, Proms 78 (S) Part 2. 9.20, Creation and the World of Science. 9.50, Mozart (S). 11.15, Jazz in Britain (S). 11.45, News. 11.50-11.55, Tonight's Schubert Song (S).

RADIO 4 — 5.0, PM Reports. 5.40, Serendipity. 5.55, NI News. 6.0, News. 6.30, Share and Share Alike (S). 7.00, News. 7.5, The Archers. 7.20, Monday Play (S): "Flight Into a Wilderness" by Don Taylor. 9.15, Chapter and Verse. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.0, The World To-night. 10.30, Origins. 11.0, Book at Bedtime: "Zorba the Greek" (6). 11.15, The Financial World To-night. 11.30, News, Weather. 12.20-12.23 am, Inshore Forecast.

RTE RADIO — 5.00, News Headlines. 5.01, Music on the Move. 6.30, Farm Diary. 6.50, News. 7.00, Programme Signpost. 7.02, The Long Note. 7.45, Poems Plus. 8.00, Work and Money. 8.30, Nuacht. 8.45, Music Room. 9.30, Coicosan. 10.00, News. 10.15, Sportsnews. 10.20, By the Waters of Babylon. 10.50, Nightbus. 11.45, Late News and Weather.

TOMORROW

BBC 1

6.40-7.55 OPEN UNIVERSITY (UHF only).
12.45 NEWS; Weather.
1.00 PEBBLE MILL.
1.45-2.00 BOD.
4.18 NI NEWS.
4.20 PLAY SCHOOL.
4.45 ASK ASPEL: TV Requests, with Kate Bush.

BBC 2

6.40-7.55 OPEN UNIVERSITY.
11.00-11.25 PLAY SCHOOL.

UTV

10.30 MORNING MOVIE: "Easy Money." Greta Gynt, Dennis Price, Jack Warner and Petula Clark.
12.00 CHORLTON AND THE WHEELIES.
12.10 RAINBOW.
12.30 HOME MADE FOR THE HOME.
1.00 NEWS AT ONE.
1.20 LUNCHTIME.
1.30 CROWN COURT.
2.00 AFTER NOON.
2.25 TRADES UNION CONGRESS.
4.18 ULSTER HEADLINES.
4.20 UNDER THE SAME SUN.
4.45 YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.

BBC RADIO ULSTER — 6.0, News. 6.2, Early Call. 6.45, Good Morning Ulster. 9.0, Radio 4. 9.5, Paul Clark. 10.0, Radio 4. 10.5, A Taste of Hunni. (11.0 and 12.2 p.m. Radio Ulster News. 12.0, News). 12.25, The Byerly Turk: History of thoroughbred horses. 12.55, Radio Ulster News. 1.0, Radio 4. 3.0, Radio Ulster News. 3.5, Radio 4. 4.3, Ulster Garden. 4.35, Radio 4.

DOWNTOWN RADIO (S) — 6.0, Daybreak. 9.0, The Happy House. 12.0, Dinner Spinner (1.0, Newsline). 3.0, Family Fare (5.15, Newsline).
RADIO 4 — 6.0, News Briefing. 6.10, Farming. 6.30, To-day (6.50, 7.50, NI News). 8.45, A High Wind in Jamaica. 9.0, News. 9.5, Tuesday Call. 10.0, News. 10.5, New Britons. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Morning Story. 11.0, News. 11.5, Thirty-Minute Theatre. 11.35, Origins. 12.0, News. 12.2, You and Yours. 12.30, Desert Island Discs. 12.55, NI News. 1.0, The World at One. 1.30 The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour (2.0, News). 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.0, News. 3.5, The Lady of the Camellias (5). 4.0, News. 4.5, Gardeners' Question Time. 4.35, Story Time.

MADE IN ULSTER

The spring water that is bringing a cash flow to Ulster

BY ALAN WHITSITT

A BELFAST firm has upset the natural law that every schoolboy knows: "Oil and water do not mix."

Ross's of Ravenhill Avenue has just successfully mixed oil and troubled waters by pouring gallons of natural spring water from troubled Ulster into the oil-rich Arab states in the Persian Gulf. In doing so it hopes to re-establish valuable export markets once "bottled-up" by this family firm for almost 100 years.

Next year Ross's (est. 1879) celebrates its centenary with fifth generation Oscar Ross as promotions director in the boardroom. But although the world-famous brand name still appears on many of its products the business merged in 1975 with Cochran's (est. 1889), another famous Belfast soft drink manufacturer, ten years its junior.

The two names are now linked and poised to recapture the world's mineral water markets once held between them. According to an advertisement by Ross's in the Belfast Telegraph of 1951, Ulster's mineral waters "have weathered" Home Rule, absenteeism, three acres and a cow, Chinese slavery, and votes for women, and still serves, in Shakespeare's words, 'to cool a man's stomach this hot weather'."

The original founder of the firm, William Adolphus Ross, started manufacturing soft drinks in William Street South, and Montgomery Street in the Markets area of Belfast in 1879. The site was chosen because of the availability of natural spring water and easy access to the docks.

Ten years later Cochran's tapped the Cromac Spring water in nearby Bankmore Street and the two worked side-by-side up until 1956 when Cochran's moved to Miller Street off Ravenhill Avenue. Ross's sold up and merged with Cochran's in 1975 and moved into a new factory beside Cochran's old place on the Ravenhill Avenue.

The move has not ended the mystique attached to the water's biggest selling point. A new artesian well was sunk and the water is still drawn from the Cromac Springs, and tastes as good as it ever did.

But what makes the water so special? A Belfast public analyst's report indicates it is rich in calcium and magnesium and is, unlike mains water, extremely hard and organically pure with no chemical additives and it will definitely not be fluoridated.

The complete chemical analysis appears on the label of the natural spring water available in the shops in either fizzy (carbonated) or still (natural form).

With pollution on the increase and water shortages around the world, the sales potential for Ross Cochran's is challenging. Orders have already been sent to the Middle East and Mexico and the company is turning its attention to Africa and the States. In line with an aggressive export sales policy, £300,000 has been spent on doubling bottling capacity which is now 12,000 family size bottles per hour. Two new depots will be opened soon in Cookstown and Enniskillen and others are planned for next year.

Ross Cochran is a privately-owned independent company employing around 100 people on a six-acre site which includes 45,000 sq. ft. of warehousing and a modern bottling plant.

The company trades throughout the North and Republic of Ireland using both brand names. Ross's is marketed throughout the retail grocery, confectionery and licensed trades. Its main products are mineral waters but squashes, cordials and fruit juices are also sold.

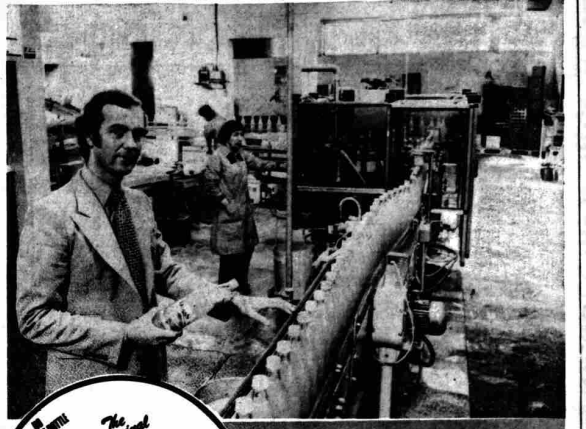
Soon it is hoped the company will redress the balance of trade which trickled away after two world wars, prohibitive tariffs, high freight costs and competition from foreign bottlers.

To quote the words of Adolphus Ross's grandson (Conway) in that Telegraph advertisement of 1951: "There is scarcely a country in the world in which at one time or another, according to the ebb and flow of trade, we have not done business, and good business. The gold rush in western Australia, the discovery of diamonds in South Africa, the nitrate boom in Chile, rubber at 12s a pound in the Amazon valley — those were the days . . .

"Then the war knocked business into a cocked hat and we had to begin all over again in spite of fluctuating exchanges, debasing of coinage, repudiation of debts, and such other fearful wildfowl, Ross's Ginger Ale continues to 'add to the agreeableness of life.'

"Of our brewed Ginger Beer, Indian Tonic, Lemonade and sparkling Grapefruit, this grandson cannot trust himself to speak. He has the wistful pride of the White Knight in inventions of his own and must leave judgement to others."

The second in a series that looks behind Ulster's famous brand names



Top: Mr. Harry Oliver in the Ross's Mineral Water Company, Ravenhill Avenue, Belfast, and above, Mr. Oscar Ross, the fifth generation of the family involved in the mineral business as promotions director, pictured with old bottles used by the firm in the past. Inset: One of their current labels.

15 YEARS UNDER WATER

Messrs. Ross and Co., the celebrated aerated water manufacturers of Belfast, have received the following interesting letter:

Messrs Ross and Co.

Buckley Cottage,
'Salcombe, Devon,
July 18th, 1906.

GENTLEMEN — I am sending to you by this mail a bottle containing a very small drop of your Ginger Ale. I thought it might interest you when I tell you it has been under water for 15 years from the 10th of last March. It was found in the wreck of the Miranda, which was wrecked off the Start Point in the blizzard of 1891. The diver was at work there last week, saw a bottle which he thought was wine by the look of it. He brought it up, and after it had been on deck a few minutes the cork began to lift. It was taken out quite easily without any injury, as you will see, and the contents were passed round for all on the vessel to taste.

At least twenty or more tasted it. The diver feared if it was good after being under water for 15 years; it must have been very good when new. We never see any of it this way. There is a small drop left that you can taste for yourselves. I took it upon myself to send this to you as such a thing may never have happened before and may never do so again. The wire was still on the cork, but very rusty — I am, your respectively.

(Signed) William Cook

● Extract taken from 1906 copy of Mineral Water trade review.

Sparkling medicinal water

THE earliest record of the Ulster's mineral water trade is that in 1734 John McCracken, an apothecary made a "sparkling medicinal water." In 1745 a Dutchman called Janss came to Belfast and carried on a similar trade. There is a record of William Corry, of Belfast, producing lemonade in 1813, and of Gratton's chemists advertising aerated ginger and lemonade in 1838. Sarsparilla was introduced in 1853 by Dr. T. J. Cantrell.

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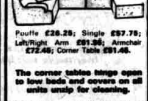

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