

American Radio Archives

Calling all Cars Collection (Charles S. Jones)

Scope of the Collection: 273 16-inch transcription discs:
269 *Calling all Cars* transcription discs 1934-1939.
4 discs from other sources: 2 discs from a Dwight D. Eisenhower speech, 1953,
1 discs of "president's speech" undated, and one disc of the Richfield Show.

Charles S. Jones (1895-1970) was a businessman, and the head of Rio Grande Oil, which sponsored the radio program *Calling all Cars*. Jones was also a personal friend of Dwight D. Eisenhower. The transcriptions came to Jones in his capacity as sponsor of the program.

Calling all Cars ran on CBS on the West Coast only, from 1933 to 1939, it was sponsored by Rio Grande during its entire run. The program listed no cast credits, and was one of the earliest police shows on radio. Like *Dragnet*, it took true crime stories, and used them as the basis for the plots.

With the transcription discs are pages from an "Electrical Transcription Library Notebook" which are typed synopses or "squibs" of episodes on 3 ¾ x 6 inch pages. These do not exist for every episode, we have the following:

pp. 22-26, 39-53, 60-68, 72-86, 91-117, 132-135, 141-143, 150-158, 164-166, 168-169, 177-178, which cover the dates January 1, 1935 to September 26, 1939. Episodes 58-303.

Occasionally, the synopses mention the name of a guest for the evening

Calling all Cars

03-14-1934	The Chloroform Murder
03-21-1934	Capture of Dillinger Gang
03-28-1934	Spinoza Case
03-28-1934	Case of Ed Spinoza
04-04-1934	Red Rose Girl
04-11-1934	Cute Rate Murder
04-18-1934	Hammers in Honduras
04-25-1934	Captain Courageous
05-02-1934	Murder at South Gate
05-09-1934	Little Phil Alguin
05-16-1934	Gettle Kidnapping Case

05-23-1934	Seven Words and a Fingerprint
05-30-1934	Dinner Party Bandits
06-06-1934	Big Mail Robbery
06-13-1934	Murder of a Soul
06-20-1934	One of the Finest
06-27-1934	Bureau of Power & Light Hold-up
07-04-1934	July 4th in a Police Car
07-11-1934	Fingerprints Don't Lie
07-18-1934	Manchuko Dope Ring
07-25-1934	The Execution of John Dill
08-01-1934	The Nitroglycerin Parson
08-08-1934	The Corpse in the Desert
08-15-1934	Crooks Are Human Beings
08-22-1934	You Can't Kill a Cop
08-29-1934	Let the Sucker Pay
09-05-1934	Marks on the Bedroom Screen
09-11-1934	The Human Bomb
09-18-1934	Ruth Judd Case
09-25-1934	Stop that Car
10-02-1934	Skid-Row Dope Ring
10-09-1934	The Unwritten Law
10-16-1934	One Way Ride
10-23-1934	The Trouser Cuff Clew
10-30-1934	The Perfect Crime
11-06-1934	Six Shots at Midnight
11-13-1934	A Thousand Pieces of Paper
11-20-1934	Death for a Diamond Ring
11-27-1934	Sometimes People Aren't Murdered
12-04-1934	Don't Get Chummy with Watchmen
12-11-1934	A Cup of Coffee, Some Strychnine & You
12-18-1934	The Moving Picture Murder
12-25-1934	Human Side of the Cop
01-01-1935	Highlights of 1934
01-08-1935	Crime Does not Pay
01-15-1935	Two against Six
01-22-1935	The San Quentin Prison Break
01-29-1935	The Necking Party Murder
02-12-1935	The Remote Control Sleuth
02-19-1935	The Wreck of the Old Fifty-Nine
02-26-1935	California's Two-Man Crime Wave
03-05-1935	Undercover Woman
03-12-1935	Thou Shalt not Kill
03-19-1935	Mae West Jewel Robbery
03-26-1935	The Rhythm of the Jute Mill

04-02-1935	The Aborted Revolution
04-09-1935	The Blonde Menace
04-16-1935	The Midnight Phantom
04-23-1935	Wholesale Murder
04-30-1935	The Corpse in the Cellar
05-07-1935	The Wilting Chrysanthemum
05-14-1935	Murder in the Vineyard
05-21-1935	Hightower Case
05-28-1935	Youth Rides Rough
06-04-1935	The Innocent Bride
06-11-1935	Hot Bonds
06-18-1935	The Chinese Puzzle
06-25-1935	Meet the Baron
07-02-1935	The Oakland Payroll Train Holdup
07-09-1935	Murder by Blueprint
07-16-1935	The Human Claw
07-23-1935	The Opium Den
07-30-1935	Gun Drunk
08-06-1935	The Celestial Journey
08-12-1935	The Vegetable Market Murder
08-20-1935	The Grinning Skull
08-27-1935	Bad Dope
09-03-1935	Black Vengeance
09-10-1935	The Tunnel Bandits
09-17-1935	Eighteen Days of Freedom
09-24-1935	The Hollywood Kidnapping
10-02-1935	Escape
10-09-1935	Fire-Fire-Fire!
10-16-1935	Murder for Insurance
10-23-1935	Hugh Crowley's Last Beat
10-30-1935	The Murder Quartette
11-06-1935	Catching the Louse Kid
11-13-1935	Invitation to Murder
11-20-1935	Bank Bandits and Bullets
11-27-1935	The Killer Returns
12-04-1935	Burglary Charges Collect
12-11-1935	Paroled!
12-18-1935	Corpse by the Road
12-25-1935	The Polly Moran Jewelry Robbery
04-17-1936	Hang me, please Hang me, Please!
01-01-1936	Ghost House
01-10-1936	Death under the Sahuaro
01-17-1936	The Match Burglar
01-24-1936	Corpse without a Face

01-31-1936	The Bull in the China Shop
02-07-1936	Knives on the Barbary Coast
02-14-1936	Young Dillinger
02-21-1936	Murder in the Back Room
02-28-1936	The Clue of the Blood Stained Saw
04-03-1936	Crime vs. Time
04-10-1936	One Good Turn Deserves another
04-16-1936	The York Gang Hold-ups
04-24-1936	The Beer Bottle Murder
05-01-1936	And a Little Child Shall Lead them
05-08-1936	Weather Clear - Track Fast
05-14-1936	The Cookie Vejar Killing
05-15-1936	The Seventy-four Day Stakeout
05-21-1936	The Caliente Money-Car Hold-Up
05-22-1936	The Triple Cross
05-28-1936	The Missing Mexican Sheiks
05-29-1936	The Throat That did not Bleed
06-11-1936	The Skeele Kidnapping Case
06-12-1936	Gold in Them Hills
06-19-1936	The Woman with the Stone Heart
06-25-1936	Clue of the Grooved Bullets
06-26-1936	Reefers by the Acre
07-03-1936	The Flaming Tick of Death
07-10-1936	The Crimson Riddle
07-17-1936	The Cockeyed Killer
07-24-1936	The Body in the Sack (The Corpse in the Cotton Shack - squib)
07-31-1936	Murder My Wife
08-06-1936	The Clue of the Smashed Windshield
08-07-1936	Opium and Dough Don't Mix
08-14-1936	The Mystery of the Murder of the Messenger Boy
08-20-1936	The Times Bombing Case
08-21-1936	Body, Body, who's Got the Body
08-28-1936	All that Glitters
09-03-1936	Killer Hudson
09-04-1936	Body in the Mine (Indian in the Mine - squib)
09-11-1936	Twenty Keys to Death
09-17-1936	Verdugo Hills Murder
09-24-1936	The September Killer
09-30-1936	Hard to Kill
10-07-1936	The Holy Twenty-One
10-14-1936	Noblesse Oblige
10-21-1936	A Trap to Catch a Madman
10-28-1936	The Army Game
11-04-1936	Murder in Room Nine
11-11-1936	Nine Years a Safe-Cracker

11-18-1936	The Corpse in the Red Necktie
11-25-1936	The Baby Dillinger Gang (California's Baby Dillinger - squib)
12-02-1936	The Fire Detective
12-09-1936	The Criminal Policeman
12-16-1936	Multiple Murder
12-23-1936	The Milkbottle Murder
12-30-1936	Fifty Cents for Life
02-03-1937	Whistling Snowbirds
02-10-1937	The Laughing Killer
02-17-1937	The Torture Extortionist
02-24-1937	Banker Bandit
03-03-1937	The Honor Complex
03-10-1937	Desertion Leads to Murder
03-17-1937	Hit Run Killer (Hit and Run Killer - squib)
03-24-1937	Trail by Talkie
03-31-1937	The Double Cross
04-07-1937	Death in the Morning
04-14-1937	Ransom Ring
04-21-1937	Pegleg Justice
04-28-1937	Murder Week
05-05-1937	Ice House Holdup
05-12-1937	John Doe Number Seventy-One
05-19-1937	The Turf Burglars
05-26-1937	The Disappearing Scar
06-02-1937	Cinder Dick
06-09-1937	The Man Who Lost His Face
06-16-1937	The Bamboo Snake
06-23-1937	The Desperate Choice
06-30-1937	The Perfumed Cigarette Lighter
07-07-1937	Kidnapped
07-14-1937	Man Overboard
07-21-1937	Alibi
07-28-1937	Prisoners of Santa Barbara
08-04-1937	The Case of the Broken Xylophone
08-11-1937	Case of the Manilla Envelopes
08-18-1937	True Confession
08-25-1937	The Criminal Returns
09-01-1937	The Case of the One Pound Note
09-07-1937	Tobaccoville Road
09-15-1937	Murder in Basin Street
09-22-1937	The Case of the Bone Button
09-28-1937	The Crimson Crusader
10-05-1937	Sirens in the Night
10-12-1937	The Case of the Two-Edged Knife
10-19-1937	Death in the Forenoon

10-26-1937	The Case of the Bloodstained Coin
12-07-1937	The Skeleton in the Desert
12-14-1937	The General Kills at Dawn
12-21-1937	The Shanghai Jester
12-28-1937	The Sands of the Desert
01-04-1938	The Buccaneer
01-11-1938	Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
01-18-1938	The Case of the Titled Pan
01-25-1938	The Trail of the Numbered Bills
02-01-1938	The Case History of Dallas Eagan
02-08-1938	Flight from Freedom
02-15-1938	The Homicidal Hobo
02-22-1938	The Case of the Drunken Sailor
03-08-1938	Death in the Moonlight
04-05-1938	The Case of the Pink-Nosed Pig
04-12-1938	The Case of the Roving Robbers
04-19-1938	Murder at Midnight
04-28-1938	The Case of the Pattering Parrot
05-05-1938	The Case of the Blood-Stained Shoe
05-12-1938	The Case of the Ruined Suspenders
05-19-1938	The Case of the King's Ransom
05-26-1938	Muerte en Buenaventura
06-02-1938	The Case of the Greasy Trail
06-09-1938	The Turtle-Necked Murderer
06-16-1938	The Case of the Twenty-Fifth Stamp
06-23-1938	The Case of the Incurable Youth
06-30-1938	The Big Shot
07-07-1938	The Case of the Kalsomined Kar
07-14-1938	The Case of the Man who Talked
07-21-1938	A Murder Has Been Arranged
07-28-1938	Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Parker
08-04-1938	Murder on Eddy Street
08-11-1938	I Asked For It
08-18-1938	The Case of the Unbroken Spirit
08-25-1938	The Case of the Thirteenth Grave
09-01-1938	The Case of the Artful Dodger
09-08-1938	Murder on the Left
09-15-1938	The Case of the Embroidered Slip
09-22-1938	The Case of the Black Cat
09-29-1938	[The Case of the Barking Dog]
10-07-1938 (matrix date)	The Case of the Tearless Magdalene
10-14-1938 (matrix date)	The Case of the Blond Paper Hanger
10-21-1938 (matrix date)	The Case of the Abandoned Bricks
10-28-1938 (matrix date)	The Case of the Swollen Face

11-04-1938 (matrix date)	The Case of the Portuguese Crooner
11-11-1938 (matrix date)	The Case of the Glass Gun
11-25-1938 (matrix date)	The Case of the Rasping Voice
12-02-1938	The Case of the Blind Man's Bluff
12-09-1938	The Case of the Poisoning Jezebel
12-16-1938	December Rhapsody
12-23-1938	Murder at Sunset
12-30-1938	Three Faces West
08-10-1939	The Case of the Missing Guns
02-03-1939	The Case of the Careless Caretaker (The Case of the Carefull Caretaker - on squib)
02-10-1939	The Case of the Green Sedan
02-17-1939	The Case of the Bloodstained Wrench
03-03-1939	The Unconquerable Mrs. Shuttle
03-10-1939	The Case of a Lesson in Loot
03-17-1939	The Case of the Twenty Dollar Bill
03-24-1939	Flight in the Desert
04-09-1939	The Case of the Rope-Bound Trunk
04-16-1939	The Man who Walked Like an Ape
04-23-1939	Death in the Canyon
05-01-1939	The Case of the Bitter Wine
06-15-1939	The Man with the Injured Knee
06-22-1939	In the Still of the Night
07-06-1939	Jimmy the Flea
07-10-1939	The Case of the Wired Wrists
07-13-1939	The Case of the Squealing Rat
07-20-1939	The Case of the Twenty-Sixth Wife
07-27-1939	The Case of the Tear Drop Charm
08-03-1939	The Body on the Promenade Deck
08-17-1939	The Man with the Iron Pipes
08-25-1939	The Case of the Tenth Commandment
09-01-1939	Six of a Kind
09-18-1939	Murder in the Morning

(ARA also has, in various collections, over 170 scripts of *Calling all Cars*, from 1936-1941)