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Loyal Tennesseans League records

Title: Loyal Tennesseans League records
Collection No: MSS.150
Extent: 0.25 cubic feet
Inclusive Dates: 1932

Abstract: The collection comprises correspondence, membership coupons and a publication of the Loyal Tennesseans League, a group formed to support Malcolm Patterson's campaign in the 1932 Tennessee Democratic Party primary.

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Scope and contents

The collection contains some correspondence and application coupons for the Loyal Tennesseans League, a group that supported former Tennessee governor Malcolm R. Patterson in the Democratic Party gubernatorial primary of 1932. Backed by Governor Henry Horton, Patterson was opposed by Lewis Pope and Hill McAlister, the nominee of Memphis political boss and U.S. Congressman Edward H. Crump. While Patterson was a tarnished political figure, Crump's efforts to extend his influence to Nashville, and his encouragement of African American participation in the primary to boost his candidate, upset many people, especially white rural voters. The League published a booklet titled "Edward H. Crump, Public Enemy No. 1" that included a membership coupon as well as taking out newspaper advertisements attacking Crump and McAlister. Later based in the Andrew Jackson Hotel in Nashville, the League claimed to stand for "A white democracy, the purity of the ballot, protection of white women, repeal of the state land tax, [and] a clean economical government." McAlister won the primary and, despite the League's claim that Pope was the legal Democratic nominee, then went on to win the election as the Democratic candidate.

Subject terms

Loyal Tennesseans League.

Inventory

Box 1

Folder

- 1 Letterhead.
- 2 Loyal Tennesseans League, "Edward H. Crump, Public Enemy No. 1", Memphis, 1932.
1st and 2nd printing.
- 3 Correspondence, 1932. Includes some application coupons.
Application coupons:
 - 4 Various counties.
 - 5 Dyer County.
 - 6 Giles County.
 - 7 Hamilton County.
 - 8 Hancock County.
 - 9 Jefferson County.
 - 10 Knox County.
 - 11 Lawrence County.
 - 12 Lewis County.

13	Monroe County.
14	Obion County.
15	Shelby County.
16	Sullivan County.
17	Williamson County.