

**WORLD WAR II SALVAGE COMMISSION,  
TENNESSEE STATE SALVAGE COMMITTEE  
SCRAPBOOKS, 1942-1943**

**RECORD GROUP 286**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Record Group 286, World War II Salvage Commission, Tennessee State Salvage Committee Scrapbooks, 1942-1943 consists of one booklet on salvage plans and four volumes of newspaper clippings measuring one and a half cubic feet. These materials relate to the recycling of metal, paper, rubber, and grease in order to support the war effort. It is unknown how or when the materials came into the possession of the Tennessee State Library and Archives. It is speculated that the scrapbooks were compiled by the Tennessee State Salvage Committee. The scrapbooks were found in good condition, requiring only light cleaning of accumulated soot. The scrapbooks are chronological and there are no restrictions on the use of the materials. This collection has been microfilmed.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The records of the Salvage Commission of World War II, Record Group 286, consists of one booklet laying out the plan of the Tennessee State Salvage Committee and four large scrapbooks arranged in chronological order, of newspaper clippings from across the state of Tennessee showing promotional efforts and results of scrap drives to help the war effort. The Tennessee State Salvage Committee is not mentioned specifically in the Tennessee Blue Books of 1942-1943 or 1945-1946. However, it is likely that this committee came under the authority of the Tennessee Community Services Council mentioned on page 90 of the Tennessee Blue Book of 1945-1946. This council was created in February of 1942 and coordinated "war programs" and "other programs of statewide interest". Roots of this council extend to the State Advisory Committee on Preparedness that was created by Governor Prentice Cooper on May 22, 1940, later named the State Defense Council, according to the Tennessee Blue Book of 1942-1943.

The booklet, "Plan for Salvage Operations and War on Waste" as prepared by the Tennessee State Salvage Committee gives a detailed outline of how local communities could set up effective committees to guide the collection of metal, rags, rubber, and paper to be used to supply troops in the war effort. Evidence in the clippings show the salvage efforts eventually were extended to saving cooking grease for use in the manufacturing of explosives. The four volumes of scrapbooks containing the newspaper clippings illustrate the results of the scrap drive efforts. Conclusions can be drawn from some of the advertising clippings as to the attitudes against the countries fighting against the United States and the allied powers. Some of the clippings in this collection illustrate how propaganda was used to motivate the public.

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**BOX 1**

Booklet #1. Plan for Salvage Operations and War on Waste. March 1, 1942.

Volume #1. Tennessee State Salvage Committee Scrapbook, Feb. 1942-Aug. 21, 1942.

**BOX 2**

Volume #2. Tennessee State Salvage Committee Scrapbook, Aug. 21, 1942-Oct. 8, 1942.

**BOX 3**

Volume #3. Tennessee State Salvage Committee Scrapbook, Oct.8, 1942-April 30, 1943.

**BOX 4**

Volume #4. Tennessee State Salvage Committee Scrapbook, May 1,1943-July 9, 1943.