

S0322 Johnson, Eddie (1912-1995)
Scrapbook, 1930-1970
1 Microfilm Roll

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Scrapbook of a Jazz musician and pianist. Eddie Johnson, a piano player on the riverboat Idlewyld, took over a jazz orchestra from Oliver Cobb when Cobb died in 1931. The new band, the Crackerjacks, played St. Louis and toured nationally until it disbanded in 1931. The Crackerjacks recorded its most popular song, "Ya Yas," for the Victor label. The band included saxaphonists Tab Smith and Ernest Franklin, and trumpeter Harold Baker. The scrapbooks contain playbills and newsclippings.

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