

## SRD Equipment For Building Highway Extension Arrives

Believe Work Will Begin  
Next Month At Lower  
End Of Big Pine-Key  
West Stretch

With the arrival of a large amount of State Road Department equipment on the lower Keys, the report that the department plans to begin construction of roadways next month over the F.E.C. viaducts from Big Pine Key to Key West seems a certainty.

The equipment is being placed at the lower Keys where work will probably be started, so that the largest number of wooden bridges at one time may be eliminated. The wooden bridges run parallel to the railroad viaducts but are much more numerous.

Ros Sawyer wired the State Road Department this morning for amplification of information but received no announcement concerning it. It is reported that the county, State Road Department and R. C. Perky, principal landowner, who has tendered his land title to the right of way in question to the county, have arrived at a compromise satisfactory to all parties.

## CONTRIBUTIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

Acknowledgement of Key West's contribution to the United Jewish Appeal, Inc., in the appeal for funds for Refugees and Overseas Needs, was contained in a letter received by the local chairman, Joe Pearlman, yesterday.

The sum of \$188.50 was acknowledged as dispatched by the local committee on March 7th. Mr. Pearlman takes this means in thanking all who contributed to this fund.

## TEMPERATURES

Station - last night last 24 hours	Lowest	Highest
Arlene	42	70
Atlanta	40	56
Boston	22	38
Buffalo	12	20
Charleston	46	62
Chicago	12	22
Denver	26	38
Detroit	12	22
Galveston	54	64
Havana	72	—
Huron	8	24
Jacksonville	44	62
Kansas City	28	34
KEY WEST	71	80
Little Rock	36	56
Los Angeles	50	64
Louisville	26	38
Miami	72	76
Mpls.-St. P.	0	14
New Orleans	54	62
New York	26	42
Pensacola	50	64
Pittsburgh	16	30
St. Louis	26	34
Salt Lake City	34	58
San Francisco	50	70
Seattle	40	56
Tampa	52	72
Washington	28	46
Williston	0	16

**10th Anniversary Dance**  
TONIGHT AT  
**CLUB RAUL**  
With Gala Floor Show  
10 P. M. TILL ??  
John Pritchard's Orchestra  
with MARY ANN SWINTON  
No Admission  
No Cover or Minimum

## WPA School Project Is Given Approval

### 225 SPONGING BUNCHES IN WEEK

William Spencer, who came into Key West yesterday for cigarette supplies for his crew, reports that he has 225 bunches of sponge in two weeks' fishing, an unusual catch.

Last week, Capt. Walter Lowe, who has been out some time, reported a catch of over 400 bunches. There were no sales yesterday at the Municipal Sponge dock, and it is expected that the larger sales will begin the latter part of next week when the majority of the sponge fishing fleet will arrive in the city.

A good month's fishing is usually 100 bunches.

## SCHOONERMEN WORK ON SPARS

SHAPING UP 80-FOOT SPAR  
TODAY; EXPECT LAUNCH-  
ING APRIL 5

Workmen on the cable schooner are today shaping up the mainmast spar, which will be about 80 feet when installed. Cut for stepping the mast has already been made.

The cabins are nearly complete, with 11 bunks forward installed, and four, including the captain's room, aft. There is a hatch 45 feet by 21, with cable space, expected to occupy 30 feet, prepared. All hatchways have been constructed with the trim in white and varnish.

The sides have been painted white with deck trim in gray. Bottom has been caulked and puttied and will be painted with copper paint a few days before launching. Launching is expected April 5.

## WELFARE ROLLS GET NEW CASES

STILL GREAT NEED FOR DE-  
PENDENT CHILDREN  
ITEM

For the March rolls of the State Welfare Board in Monroe County, 16 old-age cases, two new aid to the blind cases and one aid to dependent children case have been added, supervisor Mrs. Gladys Roberts told The Citizen.

In Key West at present there are 487 old-age, 117 aid to the blind, and six dependent children cases being supported by the Board.

Greatest need is for dependent children with a survey some time ago indicating that there were 500 cases in Key West which needed funds badly. The last state legislature appropriated \$400,000 for the entire state for this item. Effort is being made to increase the budget allowance in this particular.

Figuring on 500 cases the county's needs would be for a budget of \$12,500 for dependent children.

## Calls For Expenditure Of Over Six Thousand Dollars At Division Street School

Announcement of continuation of renovation work at Division Street School was made by Melvin E. Russell, local superintendent of public instruction, coincident with a wire dispatch to The Citizen from Senator Claude Pepper. Work is scheduled to start in two weeks.

The wire is as follows:  
"It is indeed a pleasure to advise that WPA Project No. 30930 has been approved by the President for the amount of \$6,622. This project is to improve the Division Street School building and grounds".

Sponsorship funds of the County School Board, raised at the time of the original projects for both Harris School and Division Street School, hold over on the above WPA project as well as the renovation project at Harris School, work on which will start Monday next, according to Mr. Russell.

## HUNGRY SHARKS, OCTOPUS, LIVE POLYPS,

Unusual Catches Occasion Interest In Open-Air Tanks

## LAZY GROUPE, GOLD HIND IN AQUARIUM

Some very peculiar happenings around the Key West Tropical Open-Air Aquarium have been noted by Superintendent J. J. Romero.

For instance, there is the shark which was being changed from one pool to another and bit a boy's arm recently. At present he has been placed in a pool with many grunts and snappers. He doesn't bother them much, but when he gets hungry, watch out! Because he's going to grab up a fish or two.

One of the most perfect specimens of golden hind has been placed in one of the tanks recently. When taken out of water it is like a freshly washed piece of gold. Unusual in color, too, are the royal purple parrot fish, not often caught. Queen triggerfish with their cannibalistic war paint colors are amusing and really beautiful. Most mutt-fish have gray tails but in the aquarium this week is one with a red tail.

People passing the grouper tank often think that they are all dead from their lifelike positions. Today one was lying completely flat on its side, having a camel-like changed color, and apparently dead. Another was upside down floating near the glass. Others were sprawled all over the tank. An interesting exhibit is that of live coral polyps. Of a brownish color and with the same tracings as the type of coral they leave behind them it is wonderful to imagine that these creatures build large coral islands.

**DANCE TONIGHT**  
—AT—  
**Pena's Garden Of Roses**  
**GOULD CURRY'S Seven-Piece**  
Orchestra  
No Admission or Cover Charge

## MONROE COUNTY PROFITS WELL IN ASSISTANCE

SHOWN IN REPORT ISSUED  
BY WELFARE BOARD; EN-  
TIRE STATE GIVEN SUB-  
STANTIAL AMOUNT

(Special to The Citizen)  
JACKSONVILLE, March 18.—Florida recipients of public assistance received cash payments aggregating \$8,075,885.74 from July 1, 1937, when the State Welfare Board assumed office, through February, 1939, according to announcement here from the state offices of the board.

State funds comprised \$4,051,181.37 of the total and federal funds \$4,024,704.37. The federal government matches state funds dollar for dollar in the payment of old age assistance and aid to the blind and one dollar for two in the payment of aid to dependent children.

Total payments in the three categories were announced as: old age assistance, \$7,653,992.74; aid to dependent children, \$79,431; aid to the blind, \$302,462. The aid to dependent children program was retarded by a legislative provision that it must be financed from the General Fund, which was depleted.

In Monroe County a grand total of \$135,258.50 was paid out by the State Welfare Board for public assistance during the 20 months covered by the report. This was sub-divided as follows: Old age assistance, \$121,038.50; aid to dependent children, \$409; aid to the blind, \$13,815.

Public assistance grants in Florida have gradually increased and for January of this year had attained a total of \$535,236, or at the rate of more than \$6,000,000 per annum.

## 15 WITNESSES FOR STATE VS F. STIRRUP

50 JURY NAMES DRAWN FOR  
EXAMINATION; ADD FENCE  
PICKET CHARGE TO DOCK-  
ET

There are approximately 15 witnesses who will be called to testify by the state against Fernando Stirrup, who will stand trial Tuesday morning in Criminal Court for manslaughter charges in connection with the death of Alice Eiklor in an auto and motorbike accident.

Approximately the same number is to be called by the defense.

The case of Kermit Forbes against Alpheus Dean and Victor Dean has been added to the docket, which will be sounded Tuesday. Forbes charges the Deans with using a deadly weapon, to wit: a fence picket, on him, which cut him up quite a bit.

A list of 50 juror names were drawn from the jury box this morning with the group instructed to report Monday morning for examination by the court.

Following are the juror names drawn:

Dan L. Navarro, Walton Park, Edwin W. Albury, Manuel Del Pino, Gerald Lloyd, J. M. Varela, Sr., Juan M. Fernandez, Leonte A. Valladares, Sumner Sweeting, P. D. Huddleston, Ignacio J. Avala, Orlando Caraballo, James Brady, Charles Fernandez, J. Roland Adams, E. C. Gomez, Maximo Diaz, John Walker, Leon Haskins, Frank Balbontoni, J. R. Castillo, George Curry, Paul O. Roberts, Antonio Cabrera, Whitney R. Papy, Clifford Watkins, Arturo A. Henriquez, Hugh Williams, G. W. Park, Ralph B. Garcia, Jr., Elijah Sands, Thomas M. Felton, Juan Carbonell, Jr., Alexander Wilson, Stanley Key, Jose Machin, Sr., George W. Spencer, Paul L. Archer, Arnold Hinson, Myrtland Cates, J. M. Bethel, Frank Lones, Frank Guerro, Donald J. Curry, Linn Dobbs, Charles M. Hilton, Victor Lowe, Leonard T. Curry, Edney B. Parker and Will P. Roberts.

## MARTIN KEY WAS HIT BY LIGHTNING

Elwood Key reports that his father, Martin Key, was struck by a lightning bolt and knocked down Monday.

Mr. Key fell down some time back and broke his hip. He was recovering well from that accident, when the bolt fell Monday and stunned him. He reports that it has brought back the pain in his hip.

## LIONS TO ATTEND DELRAY MEETING

Members of Key West Lions Club plan to compliment the newly-formed Delray Lions Club by personal appearance in Delray next Monday evening, according to plans formulated at the regular meeting of the local club last Thursday evening at Stone Church Annex. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 o'clock by Lion president H. E. Day.

The occasion marks the Charter Night Banquet of the new club.

A plan of inter-club meetings between the Redlands, Coral Gables and Key West Lions clubs was brought up for discussion and deferred for later action.

Don Price, of Trumbo Hotel, was voted into membership. Stanley Cooper was a guest.

## Senator Andrews' Action On Submarine Base To Be Guided By Report Of Hepburn Board

## Automobile Capsizes On Highway Yesterday; One Of Occupants Injured

With their rear axle breaking in half a car driven by a tourist group from Miami travelling to Key West turned completely over on Grassy Key yesterday with Mrs. Sally B. Poffenberger receiving bruises.

The Florida Motor Lines bus which was travelling to Key West stopped and brought all the party into Key West. Mrs. Poffenberger, suffering from shock and bruised chest and back, was placed in a local hospital for observation. She is from Boonesboro, Md. With her in the car were her brother, H. L. Adams, John G. DeBruin of Orange City, Iowa, and Mrs. Mona Barnett of New York City.

The car was travelling at a moderate rate of speed the party told The Citizen but the axle breaking caused it to turn completely over in the middle of the Overseas Highway. The accident occurred approximately 67 miles north of Key West.

## JAYCEES ASKING LICENSES FOR STATE DRIVERS

INVESTIGATE BEACHES' DE-  
VELOPMENT; STATE JAY-  
CEE PRESIDENTIAL CANDI-  
DATE DUE WEDNESDAY

In connection with a state Jaycee drive for state requirements for drivers' licenses in all Florida cities, the Key West Junior Chamber of Commerce will co-operate and will investigate the possibilities of establishing drivers' licenses in Key West.

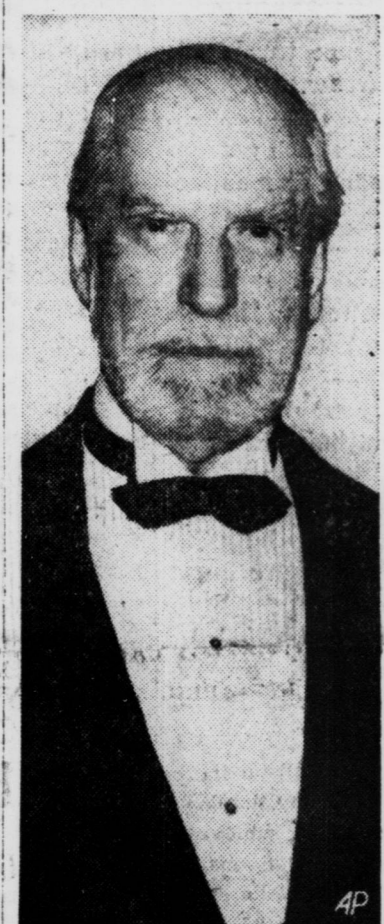
It was pointed out that the present city charter has ample power to enforce drivers' licenses requirements. It was also pointed out that many in the city have little knowledge of drivers' rules and an examination would bring these regulations before them.

President Weintraub announced that Campbell Thornhill, candidate for state Jaycee president, and Hayes Wood, Miami attorney, would be met in Key West by a Jaycee delegation at the Alibi Restaurant probably Wednesday afternoon.

The beach committee was revived with conferences to be called soon for the purpose of cleaning up South Beach and for the development of other beach sites on the nearby Keys, which will not require beach sand building.

**We Need Money  
SALE!**  
PRICES GREATLY REDUCED  
Your Present CAR Taken  
In Trade  
EVERY CAR MUST BE SOLD  
Open Sunday Morning  
**NAVARRO'S**  
USED CAR MARKET  
Simonton and Fleming Sts.

## HONORED AT BROWN



COURT WAS PAID Chief Justice C. E. Hughes (above), 76, when this distinguished jurist was honor guest at a capital meeting of Brown University Alumni.

## HASKINS GOING TO NEW JERSEY

WILL INSPECT LIGHTHOUSE  
VESSEL RECENTLY  
CONSTRUCTED

Henry B. Haskins, assistant superintendent of lighthouses, Seventh District, expects to leave Monday for a trip which will eventually bring him to Camden, N. J., to inspect the new lighthouse vessel, "Zinnia", which will shortly be brought to Key West.

Trial run of the Zinnia will be March 24. It is expected that the crew of the vessel, picked from Key West personnel, will leave next week to bring the vessel down.

Poppy arrived last night with pile-driving barge No. 1 from Miami. The Zinnia will take on the present duties of driving stakes and similar work, which the Poppy is doing. The Poppy will then tend lights along the Reef.

Tender Ivy has arrived in Miami.

## MORE SUBWAYS

MOSCOW—Plans for the third section of the Moscow subway, to consist of two new lines aggregating about nine miles in length, have been approved. The new lines are scheduled to be ready for operation within two years.

**NEW 1939 CHEVROLETS**  
Cars Delivered From  
\$749.00  
Truck Delivered From  
\$695.00  
Mulberg Chevrolet Co.

## Statement Was Made In Reply To Peter Knight, Who Is Working In Be- half Of Key West

(By Washington Correspondent  
of The Key West Citizen)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—Senator Andrews declared today that "he would be guided by recommendations of the Navy Department and the Admiral Hepburn Commission in any decision concerning the location of a submarine base at Key West".

The Senator issued his statement in connection with a reply to Peter O. Knight of Tampa who wrote him recently, urging support for increased activity on behalf of Key West.

Although Senator Pepper received an identical letter from Knight, his secretary said that he would not answer it because it was a duplicate of one sent to the Senior Senator and thus required no reply. Pepper's attitude is also one of waiting for the decision of the Hepburn commission before making recommendations.

Knight claimed that Key West had in effect been discriminated against because other communities with more population could exert more political pressure on the Administration in Washington.

## FRANK DELANEY RECEIVES AWARD

Frank Delaney has received a golden-circle award from Alpha Tau Omega fraternity for service in the organization more than 50 years.

Mr. Delaney attended Bingham school in North Carolina and there was one of the charter members of the fraternity.

## VANDERBILT YACHT ARRIVES IN PORT

W. K. Vanderbilt's yacht "Alva" arrived in Key West harbor yesterday from Cuba and is preparing to go to Tortugas for a fishing excursion.

On the return from Tortugas the Alva will leave for Miami.

## CAR STOPS HORSE

RICHMOND, Ind.—When a milk-wagon horse ran away here in a flash-back to the Gay Nineties, an automobile was used to stop it. David Porterfield drove his car in to the horse's path.

**TONIGHT**  
10:00 O'CLOCK  
**GRAND ANNUAL  
MASQUERADE BALL**  
Big All New Latin-American  
Revue—featuring...  
**JUANITA and TONY**  
in Rhumba as it is done in  
the interior of Cuba.  
**AMERICAN and RHUMBA  
ORCHESTRAS**  
Confetti—Serpentines  
Masks—Free  
Five Beautiful Costume Prizes  
... Cuban Maracas presented  
at entrance to all who come  
in costume.  
**SOCIETY RHUMBA  
and CONGA EXHIBITIONS**  
Admission—\$1.00 Per Person