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Additional Hurricane-Proof Shelters Ordered Built on Florida Keys.

With the approach of the season when tropical storms may be expected along the southern and Gulf coasts, Deputy WPA Administrator Aubrey Williams today issued orders speeding the construction of additional hurricane-proof shelters on the Florida Keys. He made $30,000 available to Lieutenant-Commander William Green, U. S. Naval Reserves, in charge of the FERA work camp south of Miami, for the immediate construction of concrete public buildings. These will be built at Matecumbe and Tavernier where many lives were lost in the hurricane of last September.

Mr. Williams pointed out that WPA workers are now engaged in constructing a 14-room school house at Fort Lauderdale, and a 12-room school building at Belle Glade on the rim of Lake Okeechobee. Each is of storm-proof design.

These structures, with the two proposed concrete buildings on the Keys, will be adequate, Mr. Williams is advised, to serve as community shelters in an emergency.