

Throwback to the 1940s

Inventions:

- Peter Goldmark invented the modern color TV system
- Carl Pabst invented the Jeep
- Synthetic rubber tires exhibited
- Duct Tape, Tupperware, Velcro, Microwaves, York Peppermint Patties, M&Ms, Morton's Salt, Silly Putty, Scrabble, Legos, Magic 8 Ball, Slinky and SPAM introduced
- The first Dairy Queen opened in Joliet, Illinois.
- McDonald's opened its first restaurant in California.
- Nylon stockings went on sale for the first time in the U.S.

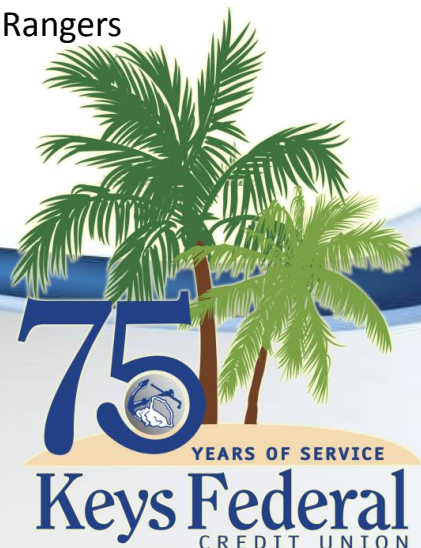
Entertainment:

- Frank Sinatra made his singing debut
- Billboard published 1st singles record chart
 - #1 is "I'll Never Smile Again" by Tommy Dorsey
- "Gone with the Wind" won 8 Oscars
- Bugs Bunny, Woody Woodpecker, Jiminy Cricket, Daisy Duck, Horton the Elephant, Elmer Fudd and Tom & Jerry debut
- Walt Disney's "Fantasia" and "Pinocchio" released
- It's a bird, it's a plane, it's Superman! The radio show, debuts
- WNBT the first regularly operating TV station debuts in New York
- Frances Burke, Miss Philadelphia, PA won the Miss America pageant

Sports:

- 1940 NFL Championship Winner (now called the Super Bowl) was the Chicago Bears. They beat the Washington Redskins 73-0
- The 1940 Stanley Cup Finals were won by the New York Rangers
- Wimbledon was not held due to WWII
- The 1940 Olympics were cancelled due to WWII

Like today, potential members had to purchase at least 1 share in Keys FCU to join. The price of a share has remained \$5 since we opened in 1940.



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Statistics and Economics:

- Average cost of a new house \$3,920.00
- A lot on United Street costs \$1,100
- A new roof was advertised to cost \$100
- Average yearly wage was \$1,725.00
- Minimum wage was 25 cents an hour
- Cost of a gallon of gas was 11 cents
- Price for a new car was \$850.00
- First class stamp 3 cents
- Gallon of milk was 34 cents
- Dress shoes were \$3.29
- Polo shirts were .98 cents

Local Politics and Government:

- Willard Albury was the Mayor of Key West
- Population of Key West (excl. military) was 12,927
- Fleet Sonar School opened on NAS Key West

National Politics and Government:

- The US had 48 states instead of 50
- Franklin D. Roosevelt Elected to a 3rd Term as President
- US Government establishes a national blood collection program
- The first social security benefit checks were paid
- The Pennsylvania turnpike opens, it is the first multi-lane US Super Highway
- US Car production halted due to WW II
- 2.3 million babies were born in the US
- #1 Baby girl name was Mary
- #1 Baby boy name was James

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since 1940!**

