

and Monroe County commissions has led to a number of policy agreements on projects affecting both governments.

The gathering was hailed by the five county and four city commissioners who attended as a first step toward resolving years' long differences between the bodies.

No formal votes were taken at the noon luncheon at the Hukilau Restaurant. No recordings or minutes were taken of the proceedings.

No members of the public attended the luncheon and only one representative of the press was on hand.

In a spot check with other news media throughout the Keys, The Keynoter could find no organization that had been notified of the meeting in time to announce it to the public or attend.

Claims that the city was not receiving its money's worth from county tax dollars levied in Key West were interspersed with dis-

ter on Stock Island, which is run by the county on \$74,000 a year, needs extensive renovation.

The county has earmarked \$30,000 for constructing a new shelter, has received a donation from the Humane Society and wants the city to chip in \$30,000 but the funds are not nearly enough to complete the project.

Monroe County Commissioner John Stormont produced an unsigned, 25-year agreement which stated the county would operate the shelter with the city contributing a truck and an employee.

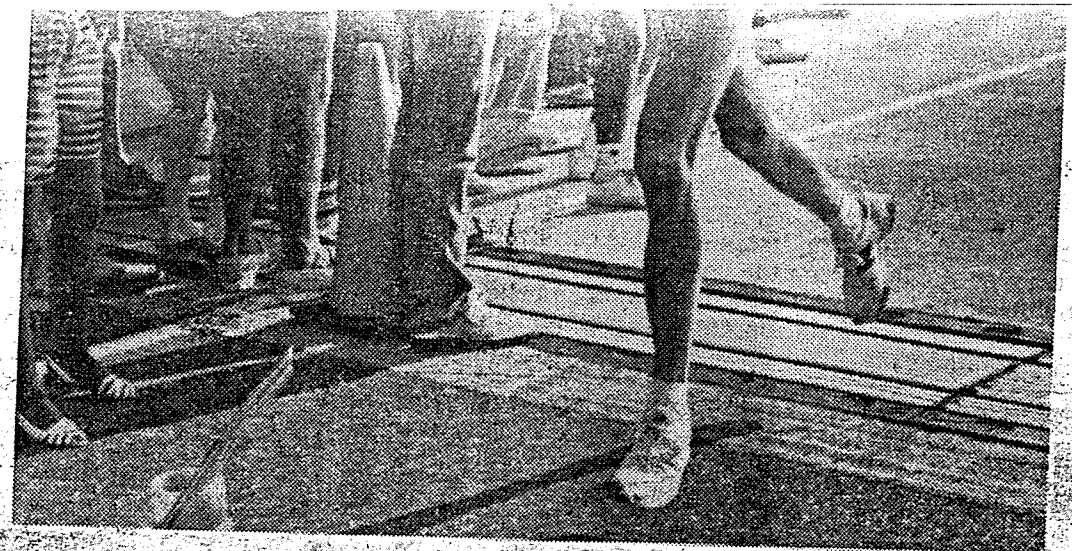
City Manager Joel Koford said it was the city's belief that the county took responsibility for the shelter without any contributions from the city and he was not familiar with the agreement

and funds for the animal shelter in return for an agreement to purchase property near the county courthouse.

County Commission Chairman Wilhelmina Harvey didn't like that idea. She said the county had been operating the shelter for years and asked why the city was, at one time, willing to contribute a truck and employee to the operation but now appeared unwilling to aid in its renovation.

"This is a different commission and that makes a difference," said Key West Commissioner Emma Cates. "There is a little bit of hard feelings in the city where the people feel the county taxes the city for receiving very little services. This is

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**BREAKING THE** tape as the first finisher in the 1985 Seven Mile Bridge Run is Harry Vaughn of Orlando, who also was the champion of the 1984 bridge run. Sharon Beal of Fort Lauderdale defended her women's title. For additional bridge run photos, see inside.

# Vaughn, Beal ace seven mile run

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**MARATHON** — Far behind the winners came the bulk of the 1,500 runners who legged their way over the water in the Seven Mile Bridge Run here April 27.

As the horde swarmed down the west side of the dreaded "hump" in the span and pounded its way down the home stretch, the concrete bridge reverberated with the thundering of thousands of running shoes.

"You feel this thing shake?" asked one race official near the Little Duck Key finish line. "There's nothing but people doing that. Unbelievable."

The four-year-old bridge, built to endure much worse, emerged unscathed from the fourth annual staging of the Seven Mile Bridge Run.

The thin ribbon of road-

way across the blue water was featured nationwide, courtesy of news photographers and television crews covering the event.

The storyline of the 1985 bridge run was largely similar to that of 12 months ago: A well-staged event was won by defending champ Harry Vaughn, 27, of Orlando, with a time of 34:12.76.

Sharon Beal of Fort Lauderdale claimed the women's side again, this time with a 42:07 clocking. The 38-year-old runner has been the first female across the line in every Seven Mile Bridge Run.

"Thank God the bridge wasn't any longer than seven miles," said Mr. Vaughn, moments after breaking the tape. "I was hurting out there."

Not that anyone could tell. Mr. Vaughn, who won easi-

ly last year, this time found himself in a footrace with Guy Lanciault, 27, of Broward County.

At about the five-mile mark, the former Univerity of Florida trackster began pulling away and finished 24 seconds ahead of Mr. Lanciault.

"It was hot today," said Mr. Vaughn. "We had a pretty good tailwind, which helps your speed, but it doesn't do anything to cool you off. Last year we had a swirling-type wind that cooled you off as you ran." Finishing third overall was 26-year-old James Hill, at 35:08.

Less than three seconds separated the top two women runners. Nancy Sierra, 26, came in second at 44:07, just behind Miss Beal. Wendy Lehrbass, 25, was third among the women at 45:05.

But since it was born as a tribute to the new span before its 1982 opening, the Marathon Runners Club-hosted Seven Mile Bridge Run has been as much celebrated for the feat of crossing as for logging swift times.

Said one woman runner, one of hundreds who traveled to the Keys just for the run, "I'm grateful that I never drove over the bridge before I ran it. The drive back seemed a lot longer than seven miles."

Drawing everyone's notice was a 37-member unit of the Marine's 2nd Recon Battalion, which ran the race under one number pinned to the company flag. Down training at Key West from their home base from Fort LeJeune, the unit ran the entire bridge in cadence. Immediately after cross-

ing the finish line, the Marines kept formation while they hit the U.S. One pavement for 20 pushups.

"We do things like this every morning," grinned Capt. Bill Kellner. "It's no big deal."

The unit made its appearance at the invitation of Race Director Kathy Sympson.

"I saw this group running together at a Key West race, so I wrote and invited them," she said. "I thought it was pretty neat."

According to all accounts, the fourth Seven Mile Bridge Run went off as problem-free as its three predecessors.

"There were no complaints that I'm aware of," said Mrs. Sympson. "There

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