

'A Face for Me'

Debbie Presents Book to Mayor

*This has been done for me,
And I have been set free.*

—Lines from a poem by Debbie Fox

Debbie Fox, a young Soddy-Daisy woman born 23 years ago without a face, Tuesday proudly presented a copy of her just-published book, "A Face For Me," to Mayor Pat Rose.

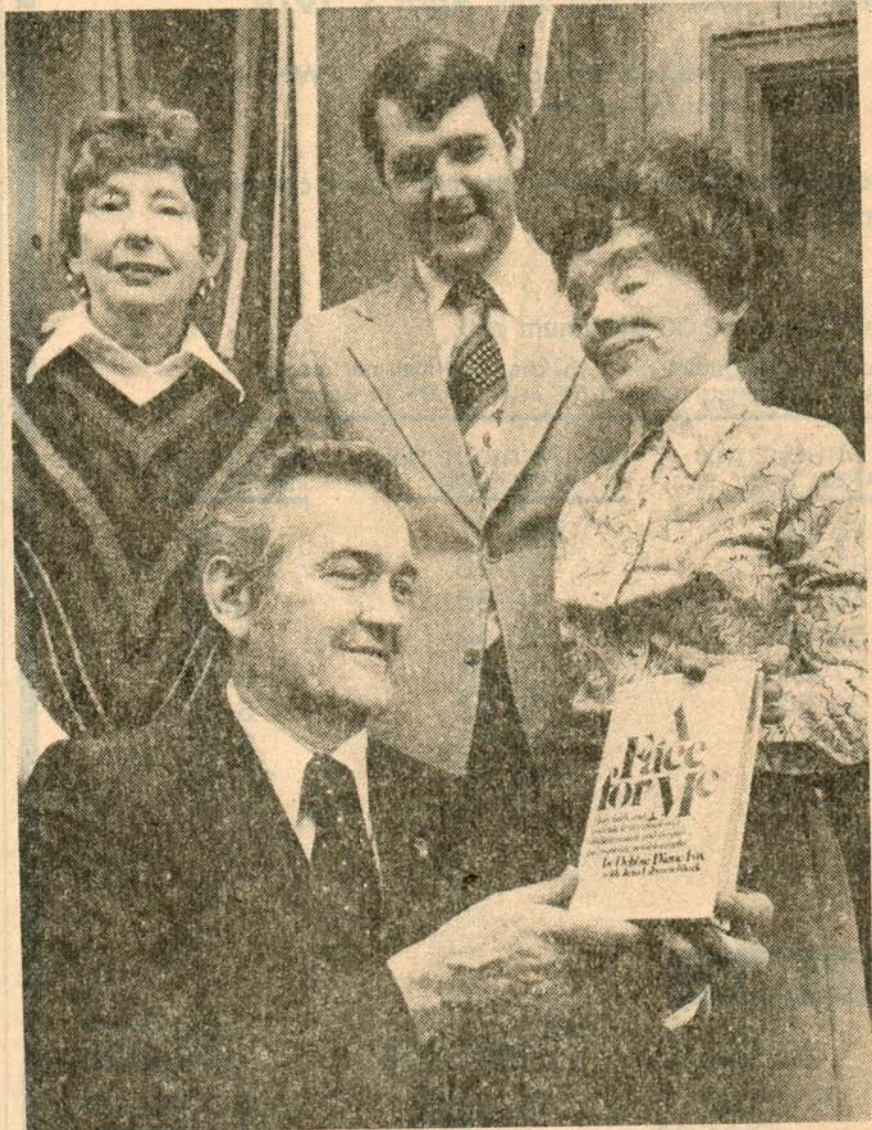
Debbie has spent a great part of her life undergoing surgery and treatment for the many handicaps with which she was born. With no face and about 58 other physical abnormalities, Debbie has undergone 60 separate operations, some of which had never before been attempted.

In spite of the time required for her continued treatment Debbie has earned a high school diploma, now drives a car, does volunteer work and writes poetry. And now at 23, she has written her autobiography.

Her courage and the miraculous accomplishments it reveals in her life are inspiration to others facing handicaps which seem insurmountable.

Her life also has inspired the formation of the Debbie Fox Foundation, which aids many children with facial abnormalities in obtaining treatment which only a few years ago was not available.

The foundation, which will launch its annual fund drive in April, while still small in endowment so far, already is known throughout the United States and in many foreign countries for its work. The campaign will be opened with a banquet honoring Debbie Fox.



—George Baker/The Times

Mrs. Madge Apple, Rose, R. Wayne Peters, Debbie Fox