MERIDIONAL MARKS 86TH ANNIVERSARY

The Abbeville Meridional is the sixth oldest weekly newspaper in Louisiana, according to a survey completed by the Louisiana Press Association.

Thirty-eight newspapers in Louisiana, 6 dailies and 32 weeklies, were enrolled as members of the American Press Half-Century Club by virtue of the fact that they have been in continuous publication for more than fifty years. The Meridional is one of the members.

The Louisiana dailies which have been in existence over fifty years and the date publication started according to the American Press, are as follows:

Alexandria Town Talk, 1883; Baton Rouge State-Times, 1880; New Orleans States, 1837; Shreveport Times, 1872; American Press, Lake Charles, 1881.

The Louisiana weeklies which have been in existence for more than fifty years and the date publication was first started, are as follows:

Abbeville Meridional, 1856; Bossier Banner, 1859; Clinton Watchman, 1878; Colfax Chronical, 1876; Caldwell Watchman, Columbia, 1885; Interim, Convent, 1880; Coushatta Citizen, 1872; St. Tammany Farmer, Covington, 1874; Acadian-Signal, Crowley, 1886; Donaldsonville Chief, 1871; Farmerville Gazette, 1878; St. Helena Echo, Greensburg, 1856; Jefferson Democrat, Greta, 1887; St. Charles Herald, Hahnville, 1873; Catahoula News, Harrisonburg, 1852; Guardian Journal, Homer, 1876; Houma Courier, 1878; Le Mechescebe, Lucy, 1852; Marksville News, 1844; Minden Signal-Tribune, 1864; Morgan City Review, 1870; Assumption Pioneer, Napoleonville, 1850; New Iberia Enterprise, 1855; New Iberian, 1883; Pointe Coupee Banner, New Roads, 1880; Iberville South, Plaquemine, 1859; Port Allen Observer, 1857; Richland Beacon-News, Rayville, 1869; Tensas Gazette, St. Joseph, 1852; St. Martinville Messenger, 1886.