

## Factory Opens In Hertford

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Monday during the opening of Hertford's newest industry, the Kay Dee Lee factory. The factory, which will produce women's dresses, is located at the site of the old Don Juan shirt factory building on Grubb Street.

President of the operation is Hugh Young. He had the honor of cutting the ribbon. Various town and county dignitaries were on hand to

witness the opening ceremony. Rev. John London of First Baptist Church presented the invocation.

Hertford Mayor Bill Cox, along with other town officials, welcomed the new industry and wished it much success in the future, stating that the factory would be an asset to the community.

By December, it is

estimated that the factory will employ some 150 workers.

Eddie Powell will serve as the plant's manager, while there will be three floor supervisors, and office workers.

Employees were also present at the ribbon-cutting ceremony ready to begin work in the new factory.



"ADD-ON" A BATHROOM — Mr. Gilbert Johnson, housing coordinator for the Economic Improvement Council, is shown here with the council's new project, an "add-on" bathroom. (Marren Photo)

## Labor Day Cautions

LABOR DAY—Since before the turn of the century the official day for the American worker to relax—is the last day to relax his safety precautions, warns the Insurance Information Institute.

As the working man takes off for the beach, ballpark or backyard barbecue, overcrowded roads increase the chance of an auto accident and unattended homes increase opportunities for burglars.

Last Labor Day weekend, 602 persons died as a result of auto accidents — 21 in North Carolina, according to the National Safety Council. So far this year, more than 873 persons have died in North Carolina traffic accidents.

One and a half million residences were burglarized last year, the Institute reports, many on the Labor Day weekend when workers and their families were "out of town". Ironically, the occupants assisted the burglar in about 20 per cent of the cases — simply by leaving a door unlocked.

The Institute advises that you can reduce the chances of becoming a traffic statistic or a burglary victim by following a few common sense rules:

—Lock unattended cars and store personal property out of sight. More than 800,000 motor vehicles were stolen in 1972, a majority were unlocked.

—Don't attempt to drive too far in three days, and remember — death rates are highest at night. For night trips, take someone along to help drive and keep you awake.

—Speed and alcohol are the most frequent causes of highway death and injury. Don't drink before driving and observe speed limits.

—A dark house or apartment attracts burglars. Leave a light or two aglow when you are gone at night or on vacation.

—Uncollected newspapers and mail also tip off burglars. Before leaving, ask a neighbor or apartment manager to watch the premises and remove newspapers and mail.

Traffic accident statistics for the first five months of 1973 indicate that there will be more auto deaths and injuries this year than ever before.

"Traffic records show the causes of accidents, and the time and conditions under which they occur — but only people can prevent accidents," said the Institute.

The warning signs are clear. "Don't let Summer's last holiday be your last holiday — ever."

## EIC Sponsors Add-On Project

The Economic Improvement Council, Inc. is sponsoring an "add-on" bathroom project to benefit Region "R" low-income families. Current statistics reveal that 13,448 families in region "R" have inadequate and/or incomplete bathroom facilities. The overall objective of the project is to help in improving the housing and living standards of these families.

The intent of this project is to encourage families in our 10 county area who do not have proper bathroom facilities and adequate sewage disposal to install this completely fiber glass bathroom unit which meets all health and sanitation standards.

The "add-on" bathroom is an economical, self contained bathroom unit which can be transported from the manufacturer and attached to a house which is in pretty good condition and which does not have a bathroom.

The "add-on" bathroom has a

bathtub, toilet, washbasin, hot water heater (optional) and a small electric heater to keep the bathroom warm when it is being used. It is completely furnished inside and outside insulated, and ready to connect up with water, sewer, and electricity.

A door-sized opening is cut into the house, the "add-on" is rolled up against the house, placed on a foundation, and then nailed and sealed to the side of the house. Water, sewer, and electrical connections are made and the bathroom is ready to use.

Mr. Gilbert Johnson, housing coordinator for EIC is traveling throughout the region to show and encourage the installation of this or other similar units. For more information, please contact the local county economic resource center, or the Economic Improvement Council, Inc. Office 335-5493 Elizabeth City, or 482-4459 Edenton, N.C.

## Board Sets Lunch Policy

Perquimans County Board of Education today announced a free and reduced price meal policy for school children unable to pay the full price of meals served in schools under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

Local school officials have adopted the following family size-income criteria for use in determining eligibility.

### FAMILY SIZE-INCOME SCALE FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

This is the income scale used by Perquimans County Board of Education School food authority to determine eligibility for free and reduced price meals in the 1973-74 school year.

The following categories are: Family, Free, Income Reduced Price.

1. 0-2,740; 2,741-3,280.
2. 0-3,600; 3,601 - 4,320.
3. 0-4,460; 4,461 - 5,360.
4. 0 - 5,310; 5,311 - 6,380.
5. 0-6,100; 6,101 - 7,320.
6. 0 - 6,890; 6,891 - 8,260.
7. 0 - 7,600; 7,601 - 9,120.
8. 0 - 8,310; 8,311 - 9,980.
9. 0 - 8,960; 8,961 - 10,750.
10. 0-9,600; 9,601-11,520.
11. 0 - 10,240; 10,241 - 12, 290.
12. 0 - 10,880; 10,881 - 13,060.

Each additional family member — 640, 770.

Children from families whose income is at or below those shown are eligible for meals free or at reduced prices. In addition, families not meeting this criteria but with other unusual expenses due to unusually high medical expenses, shelter costs in excess of 30 percent of income, special education expenses due to the mental or physical condition of a child, and disaster or casualty losses are urged to apply.

They may do so by filling in the application forms sent home in a letter to parents. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application will be confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year.

## Committee Plans For Expansion

By KATHY MARREN  
Staff Writer

A special committee to review a proposed expansion of Albemarle Hospital met recently at the REA building. The proposal could affect Perquimans County in that it is one of the five counties served by the hospital.

In essence, the proposed plan calls for an addition of 53 acute-care beds, which would cost approximately \$2,800,000. Financing would possibly come from local and borrowed funds. But according to Chairman Thomas M. Surratt, the purpose of the meeting was to decide if there was a need for these additional beds and not to decide how to finance them.

Mrs. Jean Lassiter was chairman of the committee to make the recommendations and report the group's findings. After much research, the group found a definite need for these additional beds due to several factors. The average stay at Albemarle Hospital is eight days, a bit higher than the state average. Three new surgeons to the hospital staff will result in an added 15 patients per day to the hospital. In Currituck and Dare counties, a projected population increase by 1982



Mrs. Jean Lassiter, chairman of the committee to review proposed expansion of Albemarle Hospital looks over her report as Thomas M. Surratt, Chairman of the Albemarle Comprehensive Health Planning Council listens to a question. (Marren Photo)

would result in 41 more patients each day from these counties if they choose to use Albemarle Hospital facilities. This is unknown since many county residents travel to the Tidewater area for employment, they might also choose that area for medical needs. Based on present population growth, by 1980 and additional 67 babies per year will be born to women residing in the five counties served by Albemarle Hospital.

The group comprised tis

53-bed addition from the facts given above, by 1982, Albemarle Hospital will have 186 patients daily. Since no hospital can be more than 90 per cent occupied, this would bring the total beds needed to 205, which is 53 more beds than the hospital presently has.

If the plans go through and funds can be obtained, the completed construction would occur in December of 1976, and it would be ready for occupancy January of 1977.



HUGH YOUNG, president of the factory, cut the ribbon for the opening of Kay Dee Lee.



A HERTFORD WELCOME — Many of the town and county officials were present to welcome the new factory. Some of those attending the ribbon-cutting were: Eddie Powell, the plant manager, Marion Swindell, Hugh Young, factory president, Hertford Mayor Bill Cox, Lester Simpson, Joe Nowell, R.L. Stevenson, and Tom Brown. The Rev. John London from the First Baptist Church was also present to give the invocation.



FACTORY OFFICIALS—Shown here are the supervisors and the manager for Kay Dee Lee. They are (l. to r.) Grace Winslow, floor supervisor; Kitty Brown, office worker; Eddie Powell, Manager; Alberta Chappell, floor supervisor; and Kay Powell, also a floor supervisor.



Employees anxiously await to begin work in the new factory.

## Bloodmobile Visit Gets 39 Pints

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile from Tidewater, Va. visited Hertford August 23, 1973. Hertford's First United Methodist Church was the site for donors to go and give blood. Blood was taken from 2 till 6 p.m.

County turnout was fairly good, but we need to continue to increase the amount of pints donated. This visit received 39 pints of blood, with 5 deferrals.

This 39 pints is an increase over the last visit by 10 pints. If we could add 10 more pints every visit, the county would no longer be in



Residents Turn out to Donate Blood

## Register Early

For those who wish to register early at College of The Albemarle for the Fall Quarter, pre-registration is now in progress at the main campus in Elizabeth City on Riverside Avenue. Pre-registration will continue until September 5 which will be Registration Day. Beginning COA freshmen, however, are required to attend Orientation Day on September 4, and may register then.



Francis Nixon is Chief of the Hertford Fire Department.

## Perquimans Personality

Francis Nixon

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One of the county's most outstanding and valuable citizens is Francis Nixon. He is known to the neighborhood kids as "Uncle Panky". The nickname "Panky" was tagged on him by his younger sister when he was four years old, and it has followed him up to now.

Nixon was born and raised in Perquimans County. While in high school, he played four years on the basketball team, was president of the Monogram Club, and was water-boy and 2nd string quarterback in football.

During World War II, he served in the Army for 3½ years. At that time, he met his wife, Madeleine, in Boston who according to him is now definitely "a converted Yankee". The couple has one daughter, Susan Nixon Van Name, 27 who lives in Virginia.

Nixon has been employed at Jackson Wholesale Co. Inc. for the past seven years, and prior to that, he

worked at Towe Motor Co. for 22 years.

Being involved in the Hertford Fire Department is one of the things he loves best. He has been a member of the Department for 29 years. Nixon said, "That's a lot of hopping out of bed at night." For the past three years, Nixon has had the position of chief of the Department. To become chief, one is recommended by the Fire Department and is then appointed by the Town Board. "For 18 years," Nixon added, "I was pump operator and driver. I chalked up 12,000 fire miles. That's a lot of hazardous driving." Nixon set a record by driving those 12,000 fire miles. No other one person in the department has ever done it.

Nixon recalled three of the worst fires in his career. The 1971, the Carolina Building fire in Elizabeth City involved nine hours of continuous pumping. The January 9, 1956 Hertford Grammar School fire was definitely a milestone.

Another hazardous fire he confronted was in February of 1957 when the jet plane crashed in the ballpark of Perquimans County High School. He has a scrap book of clippings of these and many other fires that involved the Hertford Fire Department. Although the pay isn't very good since all of the work is volunteer, Nixon finds his part in the Hertford Fire Department very rewarding. One of Chief Nixon's pet peeves is "people who turn in false alarms not realizing that they are moving 25 men and \$50,000 worth of equipment which endangers lives and costs the taxpayers money."

Nixon is also involved in other aspects of the community. He is a charter member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Being named Outstanding Man of the Year in 1952, he received the Distinguished Service Award. He was once the announcer for all of the Old Albemarle League baseball and football games at the high school.