



THE LOST COLONY PREPARES FOR OPENING — 120 actors, dancers, singers and technicians were hard at work rehearsing, unpacking, building, sewing, moving, scenery and focusing lights in preparation for opening night, June 15. There will be a new look for **THE LOST COLONY** this year, under the direction of the new artistic direc-

tor, Porter Van Zandt, New York Director-Producer.

The drama will play nightly, except Sunday, through August 31 in the Waterside Theatre, Fort Raleigh, Manteo, N.C. For ticket information, call the Box Office (473-3414) or the Business Office (473-2127).

Small businesses contribute to employment growth in U.S.

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In 1984, small business once again led the nation in job creation.

Statistics included in the Pres-

ident's Annual Report on the State of Small Business—a report sent to Congress this month by President Reagan—showed that from October 1982 through October 1984 employment in industries dominated by small firms (including construction, transportation, trade, finance, and services) rose 11.4 percent; employment only 5.3 percent during the same period.

Thus, a key to the nation's overall economic growth in 1984 was the growth of small business.

Small business' contribution to job growth was first illustrated in last year's Presidential Report. That report showed that between 1980 and 1982 small businesses generated all of the 986,000 net new jobs in the country. Small firms produced 2,650,000 new jobs during

those years, more than offsetting the 1,664,000 jobs lost by large firms.

This year's President's Report confirmed that the American economy in 1984 was marked by a significant expansion, which continued strong growth begun in 1983. Small business clearly shared in the growth of the 1984 economy, leading the way in retail trade and residential construction. The service industries, another sector with a major small business presence, also continued to grow significantly. The number of new businesses increased in 1984. New business starts rose about 5 percent as compared with 1983. New business incorporations rose about 6 percent, to a record 640,000. The previous new business incorporation figure, 600,000, was set in 1983.

Lifework celebrated at hospital

Albemarle Hospital could think of no better way to celebrate its 72 years of health delivery to the Albemarle area than to recognize its volunteers, workers, and community. The recognitions were a part of Lifework celebration at the hospital recently.

Workers at the hospital who had been in service at the facility for more than ten years were recognized. Those workers numbered more than 100. Another nine hospital employees were identified as having excelled in job performance, and were recognized for outstanding job performance.

The awards were made by hospital administrator, Bob Jeffries, at a reception at the facility. "Each and every member of our staff is a valued employee," said Jeffries. "Whether or not you have direct patient contact, you are an important part of our patients' stay. We appreciate you," he added.

Members of the facilities' dietary department were recognized for having the longest service of any hospital employees. Mary Alexander, a dietary supervisor, was recognized for 35 years of service to the hospital.

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