

# Brunswick Between Bookends

By Eugene Fallon



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Robert Small, a grandson of the diarist, claimed that he



By: JIM POWELL

PEOPLE ARE DIFFERENT

We all need more of the rare quality to develop understanding, sympathetic understanding. We would do well to make a constant effort to see things from the viewpoint of others. To honor and respect people who have their own personal opinions in our way of conceding to them their rights. This is sympathetic understanding, and it shows the bigness which enables us to let other people be happy in their own way—instead of our way. By so doing we broaden our viewpoints.

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## Common Market

# Impact On Leaf Exports

So far, so good.

This is how agricultural economists at North Carolina State College describe an international development that could have a big impact on North Carolina's economy.

They are referring to developments in the European Common Market, especially as they relate to U. S. farm exports.

The economists, Dr. C. E. Bishop, head of the college's Department of Agricultural Economics; and C. R. Pugh, extension agricultural policy specialist, have been keeping an eye on Common Market developments for some time.

"Tobacco is the major product we're concerned about at present," says Pugh. "And so far, we haven't done badly."

Common Market countries say their tariff on tobacco will be 28 per cent of its value, with a minimum tariff of 13.2 cents and a maximum tariff of 17.2 cents per pound.

"In many cases," Pugh said, "the new, common tariff will be less than the tariff that individual Common Market countries have put on U. S. tobacco in the past."

But Pugh says that the big trial for American tobacco is yet to come. "We will have to see if our competitors get the preferential treatment that some people say they will," Pugh said.

The European Common Market—its official name is European Economic Community—consists of six countries: France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

In essence, these countries are taking down the trade walls that have separated them for centuries. But, eventually, the Common Market as a unit will have a single policy on imports from "outside" countries.

In 1960, U. S. farm products exported to the Common Market had a value of \$1.1 billion. Over the past five years, the U. S. has averaged selling these countries 120 million pounds of tobacco annually.

And while the Common Market is a going concern, Pugh says, "It unquestionably will expand."

Britain, Ireland and Denmark already have said they intend to seek membership. Eventually, the Common Market could include countries that buy over \$2 billion worth of U. S. farm products annually.

"It's Britain that we are really concerned about," Pugh says. "Not only is she the biggest importer of our tobacco, but she is expected to seek preferential treatment in the market for her Commonwealth countries."

This would mean a favored position for such things as Rhodesian and Canadian tobacco, the major competition faced by Tar Heel tobacco farmers.

Here is how the new tariff rates (13.2 cents minimum and 17.2 cents per pound maximum)

compare with past rates:

In 1960, unstemmed tobacco had a 4 cents per pound duty in Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg. All three countries are large importers of U. S. leaf.

In France, with its tobacco monopoly, there is no duty on unmanufactured tobacco. Imports of U. S. leaf have been small, however, because of preferential treatment given French overseas territories. Similarly, Italian tobacco imports, while duty free, have been controlled by the state. Tariffs in West Germany—the U. S.'s No. 2 tobacco customer—have been 19 cents per pound on unstripped tobacco.

In Britain, the tariff on U. S. tobacco was recently raised from \$9.03 to \$9.93 per pound. This is primarily a revenue-raising device which could easily be converted to an excise tax on tobacco

products if Britain joins the Common Market.

Pugh says the important thing to notice about Britain is that Rhodesian tobacco has been given a 24 cent per pound preference over U. S. tobacco. If Britain joins the Common Market, her tariff on U. S. tobacco would drop to the Common Market level (17.2 cents per pound maximum). But if she succeeds in getting preferential treatment for her Commonwealth countries, Rhodesian tobacco could move into all Common Market countries duty-free.

Such action would improve the competitive position of U. S. tobacco in Britain while hurting it in other Common Market countries.

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## Survivor Wills Eyes To Eyebank

Members of the Lions club and of the medical profession were heartened today by the quick thinking of a kinsman who willed the eyes of two relatives killed in a traffic accident to the eyebank for Restoring Sight, Inc. at Winston Salem.

A father and son were killed in a two-car wreck near Lumberton Sunday morning while they were on their way to church. Imme-

diately, an uncle and brother of the victims donated the eyes of the two to the eyebank.

The eyes were rushed to Winston Salem where they are scheduled to be transplanted to two patients today.

Dr. W. C. Burns of Whiteville commented that the timely thinking by the surviving kinsman was a "fine deed" in that what he did will make it possible to bring sight to those who would otherwise not see.

In future similar instances, he suggested that relatives remember the eyebank and the Lions whose main project is sight.

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