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June probably, some legislators will find themselves zipping when they should have zugged.

OR BUNC—We are indebted to Columnist Charles Craven, as good as they come in these parts, for looking at the State College-name-change business in the proper light.

By using the name of the city in which the University branch is situated, one comes up with a charming play on words. The State College branch at Raleigh would be "Raleigh, University of North Carolina", the one at Chapel Hill would be "Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina", and the unit in Greensboro would be "Greensboro, University of North Carolina".

But initials, due to our verbal laziness these days, are preferred. Thus the Raleigh unit would be RUNC; the Chapel Hill unit, CHUNC; and the one in Greensboro, GUNC. Then for one yell for the entire University system it would be: "Runc, Chunc, Gunc, Runc, Chunc, Gunc". And so forth. Get it? A yell like that could mean a lot to our teams—unless they are playing each other. Or, unless we happened to establish a strong branch at Shelby.

Also, it would prevent forever the establishment of a unit at Burlington. Well—maybe we ought to forget the whole thing.

—**WHY NOT VOTE?**—There is a group in this State determined—and the propaganda pressure is now pushing—to have State College renamed to "The University of North Carolina at Raleigh". Some of the important components of this group are graduates of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Without going into the long background of making State College a unit of Greater University of North Carolina—with the bitterness that followed and still follows—why can't a vote be held among the State College alumni and members of the student body to determine the name they want? The question would be simple. They would be asked to check as their name selection one of the following: N. C. State College, University of North Carolina at Raleigh, or N. C. State University.

Then the Legislature could look at the vote and go accordingly. The students at State and the alumni of State should be in the driver's seat on this one. We doubt the vote will ever be officially held. Why? Because those wanting the name to be "The University of North Carolina at Raleigh" knows this name would be at the bottom of the list in the voting, that's why. To which we say: "Bunk!" Let's have the vote.

—**THE CONTRAST**—A fellow in Fayetteville City Court the other day—was Tom Barnett of 1324 Lacy Street, Fayetteville—got 90 days on the roads for stealing a 15-cent bottle of ketchup.

—**Don't try for endurance records on the highway.** Stop the car every so often and let the whole family get out and stretch their legs. It's good for the circulation. The North Carolina Heart Association says.

—**Despite their admission of guilt,** Kirchofer and Thompson walked out of court as free men, their punishment nothing more than a few years on probation.

In his hard-hitting editorial, Adams says further: "Just a little pencil calculation will show you that if all three had been served out of the same spoon—at the rate of 90 days for every ten cents stolen—both Kirchofer and Thompson would have received ten million years imprisonment each. That is based on the minimum of \$4 million they got away with.

The irony is that nobody suffered from the theft of the soft drink. Hundreds suffered—and some of them were left destitute—by the crimes of Kirchofer and Thompson."

JUST WONDERFUL: And it is just wonderful—now, isn't it?—how we voted Court Reform. Those Inferior Courts, don't you know? How terrible they are: where one driver is charged \$13 for an offense in one county and only \$11.40 for the same offense in another county. How disgraceful. Or, in other words, Barnett, Bryant, Kirchofer and Thompson. Runc, Chunc, and Bunc!

NOTES: The biggest worry of farm leaders, organizations, and State leaders is Tobacco—If a tax had been placed on it by the 1961 Legislature, Sanford would be catching it now!—The welkin will ring at the Coliseum on the State College name-change business Friday night, Dec. 7, when State College alumni of Wake County hold a meeting.

—**The matter of Who-has-authority-on-What?** In State Educational Leadership at the Top may be looked into by the 1963 Legislature—Naked—A man who has visited 83 of the 100 counties since July says "Lake is the man-most-mentioned."

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Old Customs Are Still Observed At Christmas In Many Lands

Although universal in its spirit and purpose, Christmas is observed in many different ways throughout the world. Individual countries have acquired literally thousands of customs through the ages. Some have been discarded along the way, while others are still observed.



Mexicans Break "Pinata"
 In Mexico, for example, breaking the "pinata," an earthenware jug filled with fruits, nuts and candies is still an important Christmas custom. Blindfolded children armed with sticks try to break it open. When they succeed, all join in the scramble for the "goodies" that pour out.

In the Northland of Canada, the Eskimos have a unique Christmas custom. Entire Eskimo communities set off to visit neighboring towns. The following year the visit is repayed and the visiting town becomes host.

In Finland, all members of Finnish families must take a steam bath before the festivities of Christmas Eve can begin.



Sparks Bring Blessings
 In Yugoslavia, the Christmas celebration is centered around the Yule Log. A young tree is felled and brought into the house before sunrise on Christmas morning. While burning, it is struck with an iron rod causing sparks to fly up the chimney. Tradition says that blessings as numerous as the sparks will fall on the family during the coming year.

In Greece, special loaves of bread are baked for the Christmas celebration. Each loaf is marked with a cross on top; a silver coin concealed in each. According to custom, the person finding the coin is destined for a prosperous year.

In India, one week before the holiday, all villages that observe Christmas, fast by not eating animal food. On the last day they eat no food at all until they take communion on Christmas Eve.

Greeting Cards Universal
 Probably the most universal custom associated with Christmas is sending Christmas cards.

For a custom that is so well established all over the world, it is relatively new, however—just over a century old.

It was in 1843 that the first Christmas card was published in England by Sir Henry Cole, who commissioned an artist named John Horsley to design a Christmas "greeting" for him because he was too busy to write to his friends at Christmas.

Some Send N. Y. Cards
 Since then, the sending of Christmas cards has become almost universal, although in some countries greetings are sent for the New Year, instead of Christmas.

This year, more than three billion Christmas cards will be mailed in the United States, alone. This is an average of approximately 15 cards per person.

Even Santa Claus takes on different forms and comes at different times in certain countries!

Santa Comes Jan. 6
 In Spain, he bears his traditional gifts on January 6, the feast of the Epiphany which celebrates the arrival of the Three Wise Men. Spanish children fill their shoes with straw for the camels of the Wise Men, and place them on the window sills. Similarly, in Holland, children place their wooden shoes filled with hay in a corner or a ledge, but it's for Santa's white horse.

BRIDE ELECT IS HONORED WITH SUNDAY TEA
 Miss Mildred Jane Ralston of Killian Road, Asheville, bride-elect of Fred James Newton, Jr., of Swannanoa, was honored with a lovely tea, Sunday afternoon, at four o'clock at the Monte Vista Hotel by Mrs. Otty Lee-man and Mrs. Richard Oulahan. Approximately 40 persons attended. Miss Blanche Conner, Miss Susie Walsh and Miss Betty Powell, all of Asheville, assisted at the tea table. The honoree was presented gifts of silver from

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the hostesses. The wedding is set for Saturday, Dec. 29, at 2 o'clock at St. Margaret's, Mary Catholic Church, Greensboro. Miss Ralston is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ralston, Asheville.

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