

## Chela, Marilupe Anticipating Christmas American Style

Christmas is coming and you all know what *that* means! But what does it mean to RHS foreign exchange students and what do they think of Christmas, American style?

Chela Sona, Argentine exchange student, says the biggest difference for her is that in her country, "It is so hot!" Never having seen snow, she's really looking forward to a lot of it this winter.

She says Christmas is more important in America than in her country. In fact according to her, it's not even one of the biggest holidays in Argentina. Only the bigger cities use street decorations, and she has never been to a Christmas parade before this year.

In Argentina, as everywhere, Christmas is for kids, but with a few differences. Argentine children put out shoes, not stockings, for "Papa Noel" to fill, and instead of leaving him cookies and milk, they put out hay and water for Mary's donkey.

Roxboro High's Mexican exchange student, Marilupe Davila Davila, says that in her country, Christmas celebrations start December 16. Celebrations continue until January 7, when all Christmas decorations come down and things return to normal.

In Mexico, as in Argentina, every household has a nativity scene and most have Christmas trees. Mexican towns, however, do use street decorations and all the big stores have their own Santas.

Christmas, in Mexico, is essentially a religious holiday. Mexican children hang stockings just as we do but, according to Marilupe, they believe the Baby Jesus fills them.

In spite of these differences, or perhaps because of them, both Chela and Marilupe say they're looking forward to a real American Christmas and, in fact, are quite excited about the whole thing.

## Members of Carpentry Class Beginning Two-Year Project

The Carpentry Class of RHS, guided by Mr. J. Earl Brittain, is engaged in some serious business. The members are building a house!

Beginning with this year, the class is in a two year program. The students have begun on the house. They put such structures as the windows and doors in the first year. In the second year the boys will complete their project.

The Carpentry Class is not the sole builder of the house. The Bricklaying Class does the brickwork. Electricians and plumbers

do their particular jobs. The students work on the house for a two hour period each day. One hour is spent in the classroom, learning how to read blueprints and learning how to build a house. This year's house is being built on Montford Drive.

The slim profit from the sale of the house is put into a revolving fund, which is used from year to year.

At the end of the two year course the student can receive two-thirds of the pay of a regular carpenter.

## Students Write Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,  
I want a "younger girl" who loves life.

Love,  
Donnie Dunkley

Dear Santa,  
Please bring Jimmy Durante a large supply of tissues, because it's a long winter ahead.

Yours truly,  
Ronnie Shepherd

Dear Santa,  
Please bring Jimmy Moran another "blind date."

Love,  
Kyle Hamilton

Dear Santa,  
Please take Joanne back with you so she'll quit bugging me.

Love always,  
John Wade

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a "wind-up" Maxie doll.

Love,  
Billy Crabtree

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me "a girl with a ring."

Love,  
Johni Blanks

Dear Santa,  
Please bring everyone back to school safe and sound after the holidays.

Forever hopeful,  
Mr. Johnson (T.E.)

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