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Merry Christmas \&
A Very Happy New Year
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The R. W. Foster LIONS CLUB
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An hour pased riee hte shomomker him "Uncle Cobbler. It was Christmas Eve, and he sat alone in his little shop, slowly reading from
The Book about the visit of the wise men to the Babe in the manger at Bethlehem, and of the gifts they brought. He murmured to himself, "If tomorrow were the first Christmas and if that Babe were to be born in our city this
night. I know what I would give Him!" night. 1 know what 1 would give Him!
He rose and took from a she.f two tiny shoes of softest, snow-white leather with bright silver buckles. "I would give Him these, my finest work. How pleased His mother would be! But I'm a foolish old man, of my poor gifts." Replacing the shocs, he blew out the had he closed his eyes, it seemed, when he heard a voice call his name. Instinctively, he felt "Uncle Cobbler, you have longed to window. If you see me and bid me enter, I shall. be your guest and sit at your
table.
The old shoemaker did not sleep that
night for joy. Before it was yer dewn rose and swept and tidied up his little shop. He rearranged what little furnishings he had, and spread green boughs of fir along the rafters. On the spotless,
linen-covered table he placed a loaf of linen-covered table he placed a loaf of
bread, a jar of honey, a pitcher of milk, bread, a jar of honey, a pitcher of milk,
and over the fire he hung a pot of coffee.
When all was in readiness he took up his vigil at the window. He was certain he would know the Visitor. From child-
hood had he not gazed in love and reverence at His image above the great altar in the cathedral? Then as he watched the driving sleet falling upon that deserted street, he thought of the joy that would with his Guest.
Soon, he saw an old street-sweeper pass by, blowing upon his thin, gnarlied
hands to warm them. "Poor fellow, he must be half frozen," thought the shoemaker. Opening the door, he called out and drink a cup of hot coffee." No fur-
ther urging was needed, and the man ther urging was needed, and the man
gratefully accepted the invitation. H20-5 carrying a baby. She paused wearily to
rest in the shelter of his doorway. The heart of the old cobbler was touched. Quickly he flung open the door. "Come her. "You do not iook well," he re"I am going to the hospital. I hope they will take me in, and my baby boy,
she explained. "My husband is at sea, she explamed. Ahy
and I am ill. without money."
"Poor chiid!" cried the od man. "You must eat something white you are get.
ting warm. No? Then let me give a cup ting warm. No? Then let me give a cup
of milk to the little one. Ah! what of milk to the little one. Ah! what a
bright, pretty little fellow he is! Why, you have put no shos on him!" "I
"I have no shoes for him," sighed the "Then he shall have this lovely pair I finished yesterday." And the oid shoc-
ma'ker took down from the she'f the soft little snow-white shos she had looksd at
the evening before, and slipred them on the chiid's fect.
Shortly after, the
went on her way, tearar young mother and the old co
the wincow.
Hour after hour slipped by, and while many people passed and many needy
souls shared the hosnitality of the old couls shared the hositality of the old pear.
Finally, when night had fallen, he rewas only a dream," he sighed. "I did hope and believe, but He has not come." Suddenly, so it seemed to his weary
eyes, the room was flooded with a glori eyes, the room was flooded with a glori-
ous light, and to the cobbler's astonished vision there appeared before him, one by one, the poor street-sweeper, the sick mother and her baby, and all the folk whom he had aided during the day. Each
smiled at him, then said the Voice again: Have you not seen me? Did I not sit at your tabie?" And all was still.
Out of the silence came the echo of Uut of the silence came the echo of
familiar words: "Whosoever shall receive one such littie child in my name, receiveth me.
"I was hungered and ye gave me meat;
thirsty and ye ave me thirsty and ye gave me drink; a stranger
and ye took me in. "Inasmuch as ve hat bone it unt one of the least of these $m$ yrethren, ye have done it unto me." "
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## GOOD THONES <br> 

## GOOD TIDINGS.

"She brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, h, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they whe the angel
And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David,
a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men." Luke 2:7-14

## Merry Christmas

We wish for all of you a Happy Christmas and a . Very Happy New Year THE JIM CANTRELLS
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When our elders talk about an "old-time" Christmas among the things they are remembering is the pleasure and anticipation asso-
ciated with the preparations for the holiday. There were no "commercial" Christmas trees in the "old days"everyone went ouf ro the nele ornaments, electric tree lights, these their liking-for free.
too, weren't to be had. Decorations for the tree were all homemade -and usually the entire family lent a hand in the preparations. Today we would be foolish, of shapes with a sharp knife and course, not to take aavantage of then let each member of the fome tal decorations available for can glue sequins to the cutouts decorating home and Christmas to form features. Others can tint tree. Yet, we can still recapture the foam with food coloring, or
some of the "spirit" of the "old- glue felt to the ornamer.t to add time Christmas") by making some extra details, such as hats or of the Christmas tree ornaments buttons.
and decorations as a family proj- A pipe cleaner, inserted and ect. Friety of ornaments are pos. glued to the top of the ornament A variety of ornamente from such materials as provides a hook.
plastic foam. A cookie cutter, for Decorating the tree is usually a nstance, can be used to outline family project, enjoyed by both such shapes as snowmen, Santa young and old. Preparing the declauses, gingerbread men, dolls, orations for the tree can be
clowns, and stars on a sheet of 1. equally enjoyable and memoreinch plastic foam. Cut out the ble.


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