Buds

AND

Blossoms

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"Behold, I bring you good tid-ings of great joy, which shall be to than just decorations. all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Sav- It is the love of a Heavenly Father ior, which is Christ the Lord. And that has no ending—it is everlast this shall be a sign unto you. Ye ing. Any green wreath represents shall find the babe wrapped in His love. The red represents the swaddling clothes, lying in a man-blood of His passion for us that

. Enjoy the season—the season of the birthday of the Christ Child. Study the decorations in the doors and windows. There are many sym-

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A wreath represents eternal life. gives us the right to live after l death.

Candles are beautiful from the windows and outside of the house. They are likened to His spirit—the Light of the world. The flame is His Divine Personality. It lights the path of man. In many sections people use candle lighting ceremonies, and they last for days.

The trees in the forest are noticed at this season, each one is picking a tree. Most all homes will have a tree of some sort. When you put an evergreen tree in your home, it is the "Tree of Life" or the tree of immortality. This represents the ple shine more brightly than others. Above its sad and lowly plains Savior of the world.

The tree itself is the world. The candles on the tree represent all the people of the world. Some peo-



TRIMMER—Fay Pittman beams as brightly as the decorations she is placing on her tree. The New Bern youngster's smile clearly indicates how she feels about Christmas.—Photo by Billy Benners.

Some have greater ideals.

A star played a big part in the guiding of the Three Wise Men to the Christ Child. Lights in shape of stars and designs are appropriate for the season. We are still being guided by that star. It represents His Sovereignty or ability to guide people right. It is a bear con for people to live rightly.

The angels were present on the Holy Night, so we love to hear the songs the angels sang. An angelic face with a glorious song adds brightness to the season. It is the Birth in song through the ages.

Enjoy all the Season with gladness. May each of you have a Christmas that is filled with love, joy and

We close with a favorite carol:

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth

To touch their harps of gold. Peace on the earth, good will to

From heaven's all gracious King, The world in silent stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they

With peaceful wings unfurled, And still their heavenly music floats

O'er all the weary world.

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They bend on hov'ring wing, And ever o'er the Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.

For lo! the days are hast'ning on, By prophets seen of old, When with the ever circling years,

Shall come the time foretold. When the new heaven and earth shall own

The Prince of Peace their King, And the whole world send back the song Which now the angels sing.

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