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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Xmas - the festival of the family. Once again emerges the spirit which through the ages has made men glad. Burning brightly in a world dark with conflict, that spirit still sheds its message of hope for all mankind. Shadowed in the rejoicing Christmas brings is the constant symbol of human unity reposing in Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity. For at this spot a creed which changed the course of human history was born.

Daily, during the Xmas season, pilgrims from many nations light candles in Bethlehem's Church. As they make their homage, the deeper meaning of the festival comes as a reproach and a challenge to a troubled world.

All over the world, a service of dedication heralds the season which Christians greet with joy.

Xmas to Driffield's Old Age Pensioners brought the Wilfred Pickles broadcast of "Have A Go" to the Town Hall.

Britain's No. 1 Quiz Master says that it is from folks like these that he learned his humour and gained his personality.

It is in his homely handling of the old folk that Wilfred Pickles is supreme.

42 years old, Yorkshire born Wilfred Pickles today claims a 20 million audience.

And so, in homes throughout the land, Xmas brings happiness. For whenever men talk of Xmas, they will find its spirit strongest where human relationships are closest.