

XMAS COMES IN MARCH

Whatever's Father Christmas doing in Yuba City, when it's practically springtime? Going ga-ga in his old age? No, just keeping a promise he made the children on Dec. 25th when flood overwhelmed the town.... That disaster put nearly all thought of Christmas out of everybody's mind. The Feather River had suddenly burst its banks. It was all the 12,000-population could do to cope with the water, let alone Xmas.

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celebrating
So they were/~~marking~~ the big day now; the latest date the Xmas spirit ever had its fling. Presents poured ⁱⁿ ~~from all over the State~~ ~~from all over the State~~ ~~from all over the State~~ ~~from all over the State~~ It was great for the children; ^{so hot} ~~less~~ for fathers, awamped ^{by} ~~more~~ more bills, and only just paid the first lot.

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FLOOD-DELAYED CHRISTMAS...OVERDUE SANTA BRINGS CHEER TO YUBA CITY

Santa Claus (yes Santa Claus!) and truckloads of toys roll into Yuba City, California, two months late, but just as welcome. 50 miles north of Sacramento, the real Christmas was flooded out.

This was Yuba when Christmas eve brought watery devastation. The Feather River burst through a levee, inundating the town of about 12-thousand population. The children saw little of Santa's cheer....

And so, today, they have their own holiday. From across the nation have come gifts. The plan was originated by the Lions Club. Santa is joined by California's Governor Knight with Mrs. Knight. The Governor brings assurance of a new dam to control the river.

Homes of those who couldn't come downtown are visited personally.

In the tough little town which wouldn't say die resides the Williams family. Their home had been under six feet of water. Mother rescued her youngsters while dad remained behind to help fight the battle of the town. The delayed presents are particularly welcome -- and Yuba City knows it's had a Christmas after all.....