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Mae Blanshe, the three kids and the dog haven’t expressed themselves about it in public, so far, but we sure would like to know what the McCloskeys family really thinks about its welcome in Washington.

In mid-February they set out—all six of them—in the old Ford, dragging about two tons of impediments in a trailer, visiting relatives between Culver City, Calif., and Washington, D.C. Though their course veered North at one point, they missed heavy snows that immobilized a large portion of the East—only to get caught in a real whining-ding that paralyzed Washington before they had a chance to get fully unloaded and unpacked and settled into their suburban Virginia home. And there’s been snow or rain most of the time since.

Now it’s turning Spring-like, and maybe things will look differently.

Our new Associate Editor was, until he joined us, PIO for Call’s 40th Armored Div., and Managing Editor of the Cleber City Sun-News. A pre-WW II Aert Magr of a Wichita, Kan., movie house, he becomes an MV during the war, gave up motorcycle riding partly because Gen George Patton insisted on having half-stuff on call, then front bumper corrected a hair’s breadth from Mac’s tall tail. Took up full-time journalism after the war, and tied-in with the 40th, serving with it in Japan and Korea.

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