The Clark Gables down on the farm.

**Private Lives of Hollywood**

World's No. 1 Honeymooners: The Clark Gables!

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In this week's edition of the Chicago Sunday Tribune, the Los Angeles natives refer to it more familiarly as Ventura boulevard, the ribbon of concrete which meanders north to San Francisco thru the hot and fertile valleys and foothills of California.

I have identified Ventura boulevard at some length because you followed it for ten miles out of Hollywood to the town of Encino and turned left on an informal country lane which goes under the formal name of Petaluma avenue, and then turned right and passed thru a gateway, you'd find under the trees the house where "Pa" and "Ma" live.

No ordinary farmers are these two, because Pa is Carole Lombard's name for Clark Gable, and Gable calls his glamorous girl Ma.

On this 150th day of October in the year of our Lord 1939, Pa and Ma are celebrating the 200th day of their marriage. Today they have been married exactly seventeen days and six full months, because it was on March 29 that they eloped to Kingman, Ariz., for the most discussed marriage of the year.

The Gables live in a home that is a copy of a Connecticut farmhouse on twenty acres of lush and hilly land. Gable bought it from Director Raoul Walsh for a reported price of $40,000 cash, and if he got it for that comparatively small sum of dough Gable won one of the A1 bargains of all time. Other movie stars who live in the San Fernando valley, and who paid as high as $130,000 for their properties, will tell you that the Gables must have paid Walsh much more than $40,000, a sum of money that is understandable. If your wife buys a dress for $75 and then sees a copy of it on another girl who paid $130 you don't blame your wife for shifting her disbelieve in the other girl's story. The mechanism is purely defensive.

Living on the grounds with Pa and Ma is a heterogeneous collection including chickens, turkeys, ducks, two cows, four horses, three cats, three dogs (a pointer, a dachshund, and a boxer), and a mule which (Continued on page 9.)