

# Lucille Ball Seeks Lilacs For Grandfather's Grave

## Mayor Urges Home Town to Greet Actress

Tom Rogers, Metro-Goldwyn Mayer representative here to arrange a series of personal appearances, receptions, and just plain good times for Lucille Ball, fiery-haired local girl who made good via the movies, and who is arriving at Jamestown tomorrow noon for a "vacation," was out most of yesterday scouting for lilacs.

When he arrived in town last week Mr. Rogers remembered a casual remark the actress made while talking over her plans for the trip.

"Oh, I'm afraid I'll be too late to get lilacs and peonies to put on Grandpa Hunt's grave," she said regretfully.

Mr. Rogers couldn't know that everybody who grew up in Jamestown will always associate lilacs and peonies with Memorial Day, but he did make up his mind to see that Lucille had the tribute of lilacs to place on the grave of Fred Charles Hunt, former resident, who had been her friend as well as her grandfather and one of her most encouraging sympathizers in her desire to become an actress. Mr. Rogers drove about town yesterday looking for lilac bushes, and finally found one still in full bloom in Ridgley Terrace. Nobody answered his ring at the door, but he's going back until he finds someone at home and he feels pretty sure the owner of the bush will grant his request to trim the lilac bush and give Lucille her wish.

### Mayor Joins Welcome

Mayor Samuel A. Stroth today prepared to extend the official welcome for the city tomorrow to Miss Ball and said that as she would be a guest here several days he hoped the people of Jamestown would make it a "Lucille Ball Week."

The mayor, who will be at the airport tomorrow noon to welcome the prominent actress, pointed to the publicity she has brought the city in recent years and to her fine contribution to Chautauqua County War Bond drives during the war, when she came here for that purpose.

"Miss Ball has mentioned, not once, but many times in recent weeks, on national radio hookup programs at which she has been a guest star, her happiness in being able to return home to Jamestown. I am sure that Jamestown residents will be enthusiastic in their welcome.



**WELCOME BEING PREPARED**—Mayor Samuel A. Stroth today joined in elaborate plans to welcome Lucille Ball, fiery-haired movie star, who returns home tomorrow for "vacation" and several personal appearances. Photo is one of her latest studio "glamour shots".