

## DOUBLE BURIAL RITES HELD FOR TWO IN FAMILY

Girl, 9, and Grandfather, 74,  
Laid to Last Rites at  
Crown Hill.

Double funeral services for William Niermann, 74, R. R. 5, Box 589, and his granddaughter, Alma Elizabeth Niermann, 9, of 437 Summer avenue, were to be held at 1:30 today in the girl's home, and at 2 in the Friedens Evangelical church. Burials will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mr. Niermann, a native of Germany, died Wednesday in his home, after an illness of three weeks. The granddaughter died Monday in her home, after an illness of five months.

Mr. Niermann had been a resident of Indianapolis more than fifty years. He was a member of the Friedens church, German Gardner Verein, and Peuzens Untersuchungs Verein.

Survivors are three sons, William Niermann, Harry L. Niermann and Edward W. Niermann; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Schroeder and Mrs. Henrietta Pieper, both of Germany, and four brothers, Henry F. Niermann, Manitou, Colo.; Chris Niermann, Fred Niermann and Herman Niermann of Germany.

Alma Niermann was born in Indianapolis. Survivors are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Niermann, and three brothers, Walter Niermann, William H. Niermann Jr. and Herman Niermann.

### Racers' Rites Are Set

Last rites for Mark Billman, driver, one of three killed in the 500-mile race Tuesday, will be held at 8:30 Friday in the home, 2225 Villa avenue, and at 9 in St. Catherine's Catholic church. Burial will be in Holy Cross cemetery. Services for Lester Spangler, Los Angeles, driver, killed in another Speedway collision, were to be held at Brook, Ind., this afternoon. Burial probably will be at Brook, home of his mother.

Services for G. L. Jordan, 27, Lester's riding mechanic, will be held at 2:30 Thursday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Jordan, in Lafayette.

### Last Rites to Be Held

Last rites for Peter M. Micks, 48, repairman for the Citizens Gas Company, who fell dead at the Prospect street plant of the company Wednesday, will be held at 2 Saturday in his home, 1617 North Rural street. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery. The widow, Mrs. Anna Parkinson Micks, and a brother, Adam G. Micks, Indianapolis, survived.

### Mrs. F. W. Foreman Taken

Funeral services for Mrs. Fairie W. Foreman, 56, resident of Indianapolis forty-five years, were to be held at 2:30 today in the home, 1455 North New Jersey street. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Foreman died Wednesday in her home. Survivors are the husband, O. P. Foreman; two sons by a former marriage, Lawrence Wright and John R. Wright; two sisters, Mrs. Dick Miller and Mrs. Florence Lytle, and two granddaughters.

### City Fireman Is Dead

Following an illness of eleven months, William Goodwin, 50, Negro, a member of the Indianapolis fire department, eleven years, died Wednesday at his home, 501 West Twenty-ninth street. He was stationed at engine house No. 1. The widow, Mrs. Dora Goodwin, survived.

### Crash Victims to Be Buried

Four members of the Murello family, killed in an automobile collision near Scottdale on Tuesday night, will be buried Friday.

The dead are Charles Murello, his wife, Mrs. Mary Murello, and son, Rosario, 3, of 541 East Merrill street, and Frank Murello, brother of Charles, 664 South East street.

Funeral services will be held for all at 8:30 Friday morning at the South East street address, and at 9 at the Holy Rosary Catholic church. Burial will be in St. Joseph cemetery.

**ASSAIS WETS' CLAIM**

Economic Value of Prohibition Stressed at Dr. Meeting

The economic value of prohibition was stressed by Fred W. Stutz, Indianapolis school teacher, in an open air meeting at Barth and Raymond streets Wednesday night.

"Liquor interests make wild and extravagant statements regarding the improvement of returns to the farmer. During the time prohibition was in effect figures show that the increased sale of milk alone in the United States brought \$720,000,000 to the dairy interests, as compared to \$40,000,000 which liquor interests claim will be paid the farmers," Stutz said.

### ORDER RADIO ARRESTS

Police Instructed to Seize Motorists Violating New Law

Police were instructed Wednesday to make arrests under a new law which became effective recently forbidding motorists from equipping automobiles with radios which can receive police broadcasts.

Penalty for violation is a maximum fine of \$100 and a maximum jail term of thirty days.

### Two Bitten by Dogs

George Meyers, 2738 Adams street, and Charles Foreman, 11, of 503½ North Noble street, were treated at City hospital Wednesday night for wounds incurred when they were bitten by dogs.

## Normal Home Life Denied Pecora, but He Enjoys Rare Intervals With Family

Firebrand Attorney Never Worries Wife With His Investigations.

BY HELEN WELSHIMER  
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NEW YORK, June 1.—Ferdinand Pecora, the immigrant lad from Sicily who grew up to disturb the even tenor of Wall Street's ways, never prepares his financial bombs at home, according to his wife, Florence Louise Pecora.

But by the same count, the swarthy curly-headed lawyer who sits in the national spotlight as conductor of the senate inquiry into the affairs of J. P. Morgan & Co., doesn't spend much time with his family. His job doesn't permit normal home life.

"Mr. Pecora is very boyish and human when he isn't engaged on a case," his wife says. "He has a keen sense of humor and he loves to have people around. We're fond of parties, quiet home parties, in those rare intervals when he isn't at work."

### A Fight Is His Hobby

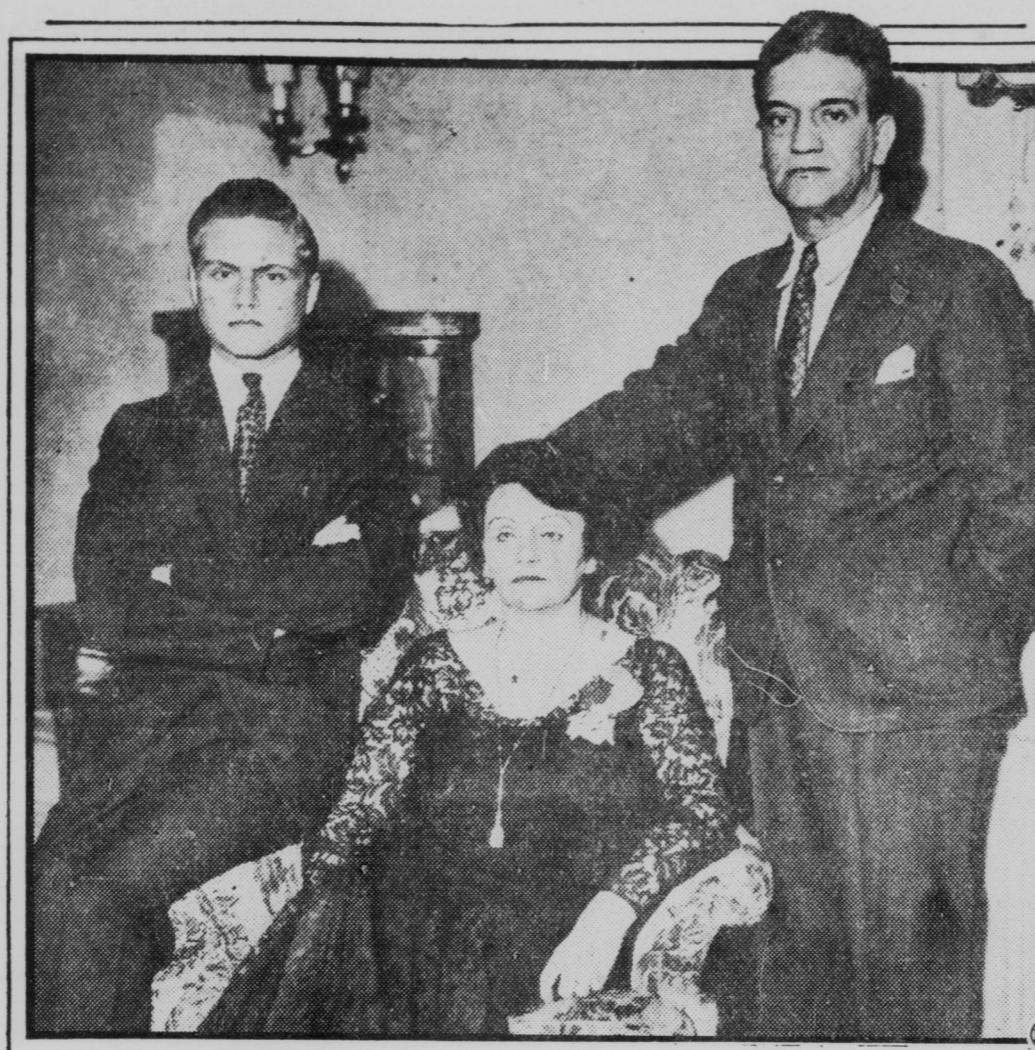
"When Mr. Pecora has five hours' sleep we begin to think that he has overslept. He doesn't think much about food. He hasn't time.

"For breakfast he has fruit, an egg, a roll and coffee. Spaghetti, prepared as his mother, who lives up in the Bronx, fixes it, is his favorite dish. In fact, he likes anything she cooks better than anybody else's cooking.

"He avoids pastries and sweets, though. Meals of course never are regular.

"He has always loved a good fight better than anything else in the world, but he makes sure that he is fighting for a cause he believes to be right.

"As for clothes, his tastes are conservative, but he likes to have plenty of ties and socks and everything else. He golfs and swims. He loves the opera, for he is very musical. He likes the theater, too, but lately I have had to go without a



Here is Ferdinand Pecora in the role of family man, with Mrs. Pecora and their son, Louis, 18.

years ago when he was a struggling young lawyer. They have an 18-year-old son, Louis, a student at New York University.

Pecora, born in the hill town of Nicosia, in Sicily, came to America with his father when he was 5 years old. He learned to speak English at a New York public school, and decided that he wanted to be a clergyman.

He enrolled in St. Stephen's Theological seminary, where he studied for four years. But money was scarce in his father's family and there were six younger brothers and sisters to be educated.

The lad gave up his clerical ambition. He got a job as errand boy in a law office, and decided that he, too, would be a lawyer—not one who sat at a desk and looked up records in musty books, but one who went into court and fought battles.

Somehow he saved money every week, and after a while entered New York law school. When he was 27, back in 1909, he was admitted to the New York state bar.

He had obtained convictions in 80 per cent of his cases while in the district attorney's office. Mills grafters, bucket shops, police graft, ballot frauds—all fell at his feet.

Thomas C. Cain became district attorney in 1930 and Pecora was given a deputy assistant's job in the district attorney's office.

A dozen years passed. He stayed at that desk. Then, in 1922, he was given the position of chief assistant district attorney. Eight more years passed. When 1930 came he resigned to take up a private practice.

But the former Tammany assistant district attorney couldn't escape the limelight. He had been mentioned for several high offices, which somehow he hadn't received. Lawyers respected him.

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