The Sarras were well known in the neighborhood as a very close-knit family. Mrs. Theresa Sarra specialized in Italian foods, and she used to grow her own vegetables. When she got up each morning, she would say, “I have to feed the pig before I go to bed!”

Mrs. Sarra was known for her home remedies, and she was always ready to share them with her neighbors. She also used to make her own ice cream, which was a favorite among the children. The Sarras grew their own vegetables in their garden, which was located in the backyard.

For 40 years, the Sarra store was in business. From the living room of their home, Mrs. Sarra ran the store. She made sure that there was always a full house there, and there was always something to eat.

The store began in 1924 and occupied the first house on South Fourth Street, built on R.D. 1. The store was also a meeting place for many of the neighborhood, and it became established and even-though it became a grocery store, there were no exact store hours. Sarra family and as many as fifteen boarders were paid fifteen dollars a week by Mrs. Sarra.

The Sarras grew up in Italy and migrated to the United States when they were young. They met and married here in America. Mrs. Sarra was born in Italy and migrated to the United States. She was a true friend to all her neighbors. She did the paving of the highway was completed. This was the way she paid for the paving of her part of the highway. Many of these boarders were immigrants from the "old country" and had no family here. If any deaths occurred in the family where they lived, the boarder and mourned him as though he were part of the family.

Grandson Frank Rice of Ashland, Ohio recalls, "Even though they had a full house there was always room for one more at the table. Thinking back, grandson's kitchen with its old coal stove and big pots and pans looked at times like an army mess hall. In the winter the stove was used for the hearth and when the miners and workers came in from the snow, they would get something to eat and change clothes. On holidays the house would ring with the joy of many voices and the smell of pies, cakes and bread. During the war when the families displayed stars in their windows for each son in uniform the Sarras displayed three. I still can remember the day when the tags were taken down. It was the same until the dial system came, Grandpa and Grandma were in business for forty years. Their lives were hard but there was always lots of laughter and happy occasions. We used to watch the fireworks in front of the store on July 4th. The Fourth Street neighborhood was a very close-knit neighborhood. On summer evenings they often had "Tom Sawyer" gatherings on the East End Field. Each family contributed something for this gathering and it was a real treat."

Mr. and Mrs. Sarra were born in Italy and migrated to the United States. They did not know much about the "old country" but met and married here in America. They were one of the first Italian families to move to Frackville in 1924 and occupied the first home built on South Fourth Street. They paid $300 for this thirteen room house at 102 South Fourth Street and in succeeding years owned the houses at 106, 108 and 116.

There was no highway here at this time and the Sarra's grew their vegetables in their garden. Mrs. Sarra wanted to have a store in this neighbor-hood and saved two hundred dollars in pennies to get started in this business. She always saved her change in a large jar but in later years had a large "pig" for her savings. In fact, it is remembered before she retired for the evening she was known to have said, "I have to feed the pig before I go to bed!"

The store was only open during the summer evenings and one of the reasons it was successful was because it was a "bum soup" gatherings on the West Oak street. Everyone was welcome to come and look back will help all of us remember them as things were."