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**Only Yesterday It Happened 30 Years Ago**

Stiff winds, dry woods, posed a forest fire menace. In spite of soaking rains during March, there were many small blazes. Fire-tower guardian E. W. Whispell was on the alert on Chestnut Ridge.  
Flood relief fund in Dallas reached \$420, for use of the Red Cross dealing with Valley post-flood woes.  
Huntsville Dam withstood the torrential rains, was in good condition. Frequent rumors had it that all dams feeding the Susquehanna were in jeopardy.  
Miss Emily Calman, Wilkes-Barre, fled the flood to the home of her nephew, Delbert L. Moss. Two weeks later she died of pneumonia at 67.

Mrs. George Sawyer, Church Street, was readying her gladiolus bulbs for summer blooming. Her garden on Church Street was annually a riot of color.  
Grace E. McGuire, Kingston Township student, won the County-wide contest in oratory.  
Democratic party gained strength, with a pre-primary scramble for nominations.

Plans for Luzerne By-Pass were again bogged down, back road to Wyoming got precedence. Political football game.  
You could get three large cans of sardines for two bits, or six large cans of tomatoes for 58 cents. Butter was still holding its own at two pounds for 65 cents, and a 2 1/2 lb. sack of flour cost 79 cents.

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BLIZZARD IN NEBRASKA, floods in North Dakota along Red River, worst since 1897, aftermath of heavy snowfall.  
EARTHQUAKES in China, following first mighty earth tremblor.  
CHINESE BUSINESSMEN leave Indonesia in numbers.  
POPE AND ARCHBISHOP meet in Rome, ex change kiss of peace.

March 24: POLL TAX ruled unconstitutional in Virginia. Other states having poll taxes expected to follow suit.  
DEATH TOLL IN NEBRASKA following blizzard, 17; in Iowa, 4.

March 25: FIVE ALPINE CLIMBERS scale sheer north wall of Mt. Eiger, a first.  
NUCLEAR BOMB still not recovered. Line snaps in latest attempt.  
"UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS" merely swamp gas, say experts. Northern Michigan still wondering.

March 26: SHIP CHANNEL to Saigon guarded by Marines, to safeguard shipment of supplies. Marines work in swamp water, snake-infested.  
P.M. of INDIA visits United States, appears at U.N., consults with LBJ on India's needs. Two days of conference between heads of world's two largest democracies. Mrs. Gandhi breaks sanctity of all-male Press Club.  
MARINES OPERATION JACK STAY in full cry.

March 28: SAIGON STUDENTS demonstrate against Yanks, claim Ky is U.S. Puppet.  
MRS. GHANDI asks help for needy of her country, overpopulated, underfed, birth-rate rising.  
WEEK OF RAIN in Brazil results in widespread floods, 47 persons die.

March 29: LBJ HINTS tax increase, \$5 billion needed, "more or less." To be liberally translated, "more."  
CASSIUS CLAY remains champ, 23rd straight victory. In Toronto, over Chuvamp. Clay says one more fight before time to be drafted.  
NIAGARA FALLS stopped in its tracks 118 years ago. Ice jam upriver.

March 30: CONGRESS OF COMMUNISTS in Moscow continues. Red China conspicuous by its absence. United States censured for its continued war in Vietnam. Twenty-third Congress.  
TOP BRASS IN 'GOP attempt to iron out differences. Election year.  
LOOKS LIKE LABOR in forthcoming English election. Wilson confident.  
EXTENSION OF DATE for Medicare registration possible. Log jam.  
STOCK MARKET RECOVERING.

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**Furniture Refinishing Course Is Offered By State Extension At Y**

There are still four more sessions of the Furniture Refinishing class which Luzerne County Agricultural Extension is presenting at Back Mountain YMCA.  
It is still possible to register for the course, says instructor, Mrs. Janet Miller. Four lessons will go a long way toward refinishing a chair, coffee table, or what-have-you.  
Seven women have been working since the first day of the six-week course. Lessons start promptly at 9:30, Friday mornings, with the final cleaning up of materials fifteen minutes before the closing hour of twelve.  
Paint remover, old rags, turpentine, brushes, were on every card table last Friday.  
One customer was using a tiny pick, normally to be found in a dentist's office, to remove the last traces of old varnish from a chair spindle, probing into the interstices. Mrs. Miller was adamant about this. "You have to get every particle out," she explained, "before you start refinishing. One little smudge of ex-paint, and your finish will never be right."  
Mrs. Miller not only instructed, she demonstrated, and lent a hand wherever needed.  
One woman was finishing off the drawers of an ancient foot-pedal sewing machine. "What are you going to do with it?" was the obvious inquiry.  
"Take out the innards of the machine, and make a planter out of it. Those drawers will come in pretty handy."  
Another pupil was sanding down

a plank-bottom chair. Got it at the Library Auction for two dollars," she explained.  
"What color will it be when it's finished?"  
"Sort of an old pine. You do it with plug tobacco and ammonia."  
This was something which would never have occurred to an editor, but it was old stuff to the competent Mrs. Miller, at that moment engaged in scraping old varnish from her inside of a drawer. "Be sure to use regular household ammonia," she instructed, "not the soapy kind. The combination gives a lovely soft color."  
There was a round bottom chair, black walnut, which was getting a face lifting, and a straighter chair which had already been sanded down and was nearly ready for refinishing.  
A long narrow coffee table was having its piano finish removed, and the wood lightened a little.  
There were bits and pieces of chairs, ready to reassemble. A small side arm belonged to the round walnut chair, and some legs and spindles looked as if they were going places, components of a Windsor chair in an extreme state of dilapidation.  
Everybody was working like crazy, not wasting a moment on idle chit-chat, simply digging in and having a marvelous time.  
Furniture refinishing is one of those things that gets tangible results, and is a lot of fun in the doing.  
Working together Friday morning were Mrs. Eugene Brown, Mrs. Stephen Lord, Mrs. Robert Wallace,

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**Editorially Speaking**  
LAST DAY TO SIGN

Today, March 31, is the last day for those of sixty-five or older, to sign for Medicare.

As other citizens reach the age of sixty-five, there will be opportunity for them to register. But for those who are already of this age, today is the deadline, and there will be no further opportunity for over a year.

Many people viewed with alarm when Social Security was first projected. A good many of these people are now enjoying its benefits without a backward glance at their former concern.

Medicare is a form of insurance against the devastating cost of long illness.

People on Social Security have had their payments upped during the past year, a bulk payment made to them in September. The extra is to make it possible for beneficiaries to make the monthly payments. Each person who receives Social Security has had his monthly check increased.

Medicare is not Socialized Medicine, as it is known in England.

It is for the elderly only, a barrier against disaster. Medicare is not a cure-all, but it offers weighty assistance in case of long extended illness.

People who do not have Social Security in the 65-year bracket, should get aboard immediately for their own protection and for protection of the family which must otherwise stand the total expense.

Those already receiving Social Security have been given pertinent information, and the reason for the increased payments explained to them.

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