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In Mike’s garage
Nestled amongst the tools of a cobbler
Were four painted chairs
With aged finish checked like fish-scales

Exhumed from beneath a tarpaulin
Was a drop-leaf table
Laid to rest by Eddie’s mother
Before the Great War had ended

Former neighbors straddled the chairs
That encircled the table
While mulling the grit
Of luke-warm friendships and memories

Stacks of sulfur-yellow newspapers
Atop cases of canning jars
Competed with long-expired calendars
Reinforced the reminder of harder times