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CANING CHAIRS

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BROUGHT IN THE LOCALS

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Our photo from a clipping shows students in Miss Sarah Blott's opportunity class at Albion High School back in 1928. Grouped here are children from every grade who couldn't quite grasp what school is all about.

These were underachievers in the academic subjects. They were instructed in "mental work" during the morning hours but in the afternoon given an opportunity to work with their hands.

Here many children achieved great success and some were even placed back again into the normal scheduling.

Students back then worked on hooked rugs and built magazine racks. For this project they acquired orange crates from local stores for the use of the wood in making the racks.

Toys were also made by students in the class which evidently was a favorite



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project. A class project in 1928 was building a doll house, which the students exhibited with great pride.

A very worthwhile project in the class was learning how to put caning in old chairs. Students did so well at this

that many people brought in old chairs for new seats that the students put in.

At Christmas time each year, Miss Blott's class had a sale of items for people in the area that was eagerly looked forward to. Local residents

were always impressed with the quality of work produced by students from age 6 to 14.

Our photo shows children caning chairs while a boy in the background paints a bird house as Blott supervises her class.