

Botts career spans Nicholas School history

By Job Shopp
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CARLSLE — The modern parental fairy tale on life's hardships often begins this way: "You think you have it hard. Why, we had to walk through a foot of snow, in bare feet, two miles back and forth every day to school."

Perhaps for parents, it was not true. But, if it comes from your grandparents, there might be some truth to that statement.

Earl Botts did not grow up far from her home on Lower Jacktown Road. But time does make a difference in some respects, and transportation is one of them.

Around the early 1900s, she was a school age girl living near the banks of Hinkston Creek. She would later move to East Union and finish her education in Nicholas County, but it was while she came out of its bottom then around the creek that she remembers the trials of simply getting to class.

From heavy spring rain to snow chaked winters, Hinkston Creek, it seemed, took

the horse's belly. It was very nearly in the buggy but also kept it straight. We didn't fall in, although that was not a great worry. We could all swim. We brought the wagon to the other side and I made it. I was a little wet, but I was there," she said.

It was perhaps this devotion to learning that prompted her to pursue a teaching career. It was also one of the few jobs available to women at that time. But it was a profession she grew to love and it opened the door to many opportunities.

She began teaching almost from the moment she graduated high school, one year at the Morning Glory school, one at Bald Hill, and five years at the Judy school.

Schoolhouses were everywhere then, taking anywhere

from 15 to 70 students of every age and all grades between the first through eighth grades. High school, then, was big step, as big perhaps as college, Botts said.

Getting to school was somewhat easier, but from Carlsle, a pony was good transportation to and from her school.

"I was happy to just be working and teaching anywhere the system needed me. Sometimes it wasn't easy, teaching all grades at the same time. I was part teacher and part parent to practically every child I taught."

"I have fond memories of each of those schoolhouses. When you taught at the small schoolhouses, you notice the differences in them. You literally watch them learn. The job, I guess, comes at the moment when their eyes shine, when you knew a child understood what you were trying to get them to learn. That was, for me, the satisfaction of teaching," Botts said.

Botts first term in the Nicholas County system ended, temporarily, after her fifth year at Judy. With the money she had saved from eight years of teaching, she went to the University of Kentucky and completed the education program.

Following the program, she left Kentucky altogether to teach high school in Florida.

"Teaching one grade was easier on me. It may not have given me the chance to watch children grow up as I once did. But from a working standpoint, it was much nicer. I liked teaching high school," she said.

She finally did retire, but only because it was mandatory. And not before she had seen literally hundreds of children pass through her classroom, always looking for the spark, that flash of understanding in each child's eyes.

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Statement of Resources	Thousands of dollars
ASSETS	
Cash and balances due from depository institutions	1,198
Interest-bearing balances	18,222
Securities	19,122
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	1,000
Loans and leases, net of unearned income - 16,142	
LESS: Allowance for loan losses - 253	
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	none
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	15,909
Assets held in trust accounts	54
Other real estate owned	36,484
Investments in securities, liquid subsidiaries and associated companies	none
Customers' liability on acceptance outstanding	none
Intangible assets	651
Other assets	36,550
Total assets	112,500
Liabilities deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (2)	none
Liabilities	36,550
LIABILITIES	
Deposits	29,830
Interest-bearing	3,346
Non-interest-bearing	26,484
Overdrafts, office, Edge and Agreement Subletters, and EBF	none
Noninterest-bearing	none
Interest-bearing	none
Federal funds purchased	none
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	3,050
Due from and to other banks	none
Other borrowed money	none
Mortgage participations and obligations under	none
Bank's liability on acceptance executed and outstanding	none
Notes and debentures subordinated to deposit	370
Other liabilities	330
Total liabilities	33,550
EQUITY CAPITAL	
Preferred stock	1,000
Common stock - authorized	1,000
Common stock - outstanding	4,600
Surplus	1,000
Undivided profits and capital reserves	1,000
LESS: Net unearned loss on marketable equity securities	none
Total equity capital	8,600
Liabilities deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (2)	none
Liabilities	36,550
U.S.C. 1823	3,409
Total liabilities pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (2)	40,000
MEMORANDA: Amounts outstanding as of Report of Condition date, which are not included in the above-mentioned items	none
Amount of standby letters of credit in memo	none

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in accordance with the instructions and in true and correct.

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Karen's duties include computer trouble-shooting, payroll/accounts payable, computer operation, ordering merchandise and customer service.

She is married to Michael Bussell. They have three children, Shawn, age 14, a freshman at Thomas More College, Crestview, KY, Krista, age 11, a senior at Nicholas Co. High School, and Julie, age 10, a 5th grade student at Nicholas County Elementary.

She enjoys church activities, reading & gardening.

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