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THE TWINNS

by Mildred Weston Gable



"Ima and Ura Foster"

In Greer County, most people fondly called them "The Twins." Their names were Ima and Ura Foster, and they were Greer County teachers for a combined total of 89 years. Ima taught First Grade, and Ura taught Sixth Grade.

Their energies weren't given solely to the classroom, however. They were active in Mangum's Church of Christ, and they helped organize the Girl Scouts program in Southwest Oklahoma. They also were instrumental in establishing Camp Kate Portwood, a beautiful Girl Scouts camp located at the foot of the Granite Mountains northwest of Granite, Oklahoma.

Both twins were also charter members of the Mangum Business and Professional Women's Club, and each served a term as president. Ura died in 1976, but Ima at age 75 is the only living charter member.

Always recreation enthusiasts, they were for a time advisors for Greer County 4-H club members who were preparing an entry for the State Share-the-Fun-Festival. Dr. Leroy Thomas, leader of the 1952 Share-the-Fun team coached by the Foster sisters, said, "Anyone who never saw the Twins lead the 'Hokey Pokey' missed a great deal!"

There may be some who try, but no one will ever be able to take the place of the Twins in the hearts and thoughts of Greer County youth who came under their influence.

Editor's note: Miss Ima Foster died on March 20, 1984 — after this issue had already gone to press.