

## **An Old Book**

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Barbara Ann has an old book that was printed in 1914 entitled "*Geography of Texas*" written by Fredrick William Simonds. It is an interesting book because it portrays Texas at the turn of the century and as a matter of interest refers to Amarillo (population 9,957) as the "metropolis" of the Panhandle.

The facts presented in this book are not as interesting to me as what is penciled in on the cover page. This is what it says:

*No 1*

*Herman Mon. & tues.*

*Raymond- Tuesday ni. & wed. & wed night*

*Lane- Thur. & Friday*

*Rhea- Friday to Monday*

I think you can see that this particular class didn't have enough books for each student so each book (this was number one) had to be shared by a number of students if they were to do their assignments.

We, as a people in this country, having entered into a time of prosperity, are so blessed in the area of the accessibility of nearly everything. If our children were to lack a book for a reading assignment in school then we would go out and buy it for them or at least find it in a lending library.

We don't even have to share the Bible because each of us has one. It has not always been this way and in some countries it is not that way.

We have no excuse for being illiterate. We each have access to an old book-- the Bible. We don't even have to share it with others. Perhaps, the problem is that we don't share it with others!

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