

LIKE WATER TO THE THIRSTY

One of the benefits of writing this weekly article is receiving copies of the newspapers in which it appears. Although I admit that papers pile up on my desk for days (well, sometimes weeks), there comes that time when I put everything else aside and read through each issue prior to cutting out and filing my contributions.

I find myself inspired by other writers on the religion pages, alternately annoyed or just plain snoopy as I pore over the police reports. I'm genuinely interested in stories detailing decisions made in various town councils and there's always the saga of provincial goings-on. Sometimes I read about folk I've met during the years I lived in Saskatchewan, other times I feel as if I'd really like to connect with a featured individual or company. Not only is there lots going on, there are a lot of mighty good writers working with SWNA. (P.S. That's the Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers Association, if you're not from that great province).

There are things that hit closer to home, as well. For example I noticed that there are a number of folk this week who, like me, are celebrating a birthday on Saturday. Have a great one! I also take note of Toastmasters activities now that I'm a member and, of course, I look carefully to read the Stoughton and area news...I spent some mighty good years there. There's nothing quite as meaningful as hearing about the folks who mean a lot. That wisest of all men, Solomon, wrote this: "Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far [home] country." (Proverbs 25:25)

To me, one of heaven's great attractions – after seeing Jesus first of all – is the thought of spending an uninterrupted eternity with family and friends. Wherever you're from, I'm longing to see you there!