OUR MOST IMPORTANT MINERAL

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It is not Gold or any of the precious metals. It is not Diamond or any of the Gem Minerals. It is not any of the essential mineral components of the body with the exception of water. It is water, in my opinion. Water answers all of the requirements of mineral composition. Pure water is H2O, a definite chemical composition. It can be in gaseous form which is steam and is so used in many industrial and heating installations. It crystallizes as ice at a definite temperature and to carry the matter a little further, it forms really beautiful crystals with a longevity of short duration in changing temperatures.

The reason I consider it our most important mineral is because life on this planet cannot exist without it for the shortest period. Oh yes!, there are other essential minerals of body composition but we can stand their loss longer than that of water.

If we agree that water is our number one essential mineral, just perhaps we will elevate it to a position where we will regard waste of water a very serious mistake, and pollution of a water supply as a very serious crime.

Probably the reason we have not given this matter the attention it deserves is because until recently it was considered that the supply was unlimited. We now know that the supply is not unlimited and that such circumstances as the Midwest dust bowl are not freaks of nature but can be brought on by over use and waste.

We have known that there are such things as aquifers which are underground reservoirs of accumulated water. Many aquifers are porous rock formations with underground waterways, varying from rivers and streams to tiny brooks. When these aquifers are fully charged, they overflow leading to such discharges as Deland Springs in Florida.

It has been stated that there is a large aquifer under the Pine Barrens in New Jersey. It is also stated that there is a large aquifer under the Florida Turnpike. The study of aquifers is more important than oil pools because of our greater dependence on water.

When aquifers are near coastal waters, it is essential that overuse be not permitted as salt water will invade to satisfy this deficiency. This, then, becomes both a political as well as a scientific matter. It is easy to make a statement that population densities should be studied from the standpoint of water supplies but, this seems the way to go in spite of the various obstacles that must be hurdled.

Fortunately, water supplies can be augmented other than by water that is mined. Possibly, the simplest is from our roofs when it really does rain. Cisterns were a way of life for many years and produce a supply of soft water in hard water country. Limestone water supplies usually produce hard water and cistern water is so close to distilled water that it can be used for many purposes where distilled water is specified. I have used water from roof supply during a rain by first permitting a sufficient interval to wash the roof before collecting the water which after filtering can be used for photographic processes and storage batteries. Certainly, cistern water is satisfactory for plant and garden use, since it is devoid of anti-bacteriological chemicals sometimes required in drinking water.

Distillation produces pure water from questionable sources. The only trouble is the cooling element to return the distilled steam to a liquid condition. If a consumer water supply is used, there is usually no conservation advantage. A cute trick used by desert travellers is to scoop a depression in the sand. Place a rock in the middle of a plastic sheet with a receptacle underneath and place rocks all around the plastic sheet to position it. Usually there is enough condensation overnight to produce some water to sustain life but, not to take a bath. This condensation is explained by the ability of the atmosphere to collect moisture vapor under heated conditions and squeeze it out when the sun sets and the atmosphere cools down. Whether there is anything here to learn on a larger scale is worth consideration. Where cisterns are provided, water so obtained could be channelled into them. It has been known for a long time that cistern water must be relied upon in certain areas for all purposes even to the extent that goldfish are added to keep mosquito larvae in check. However, I would not relish this supply for potable purposes without anti-bacteriological treatment. One of the most intriguing of such procedures is ultra-violet treatment. This should not add any taste and after suitable filtration to take care of sediment, could produce a satisfactory source.

A comparatively recent approach for desalination of backwash waters is by selective dialysis. In such processes desalinated water is separated from the saline matrix and retained. This is a study in itself, as there are a number of parameters that must be considered, such as how much salinity is permissible in the desired effluent.

Where unlimited cooling water is available at coastal sites, with sea water, distillation as previously mentioned should be a consideration. Then economics enters in such as the cost of the power involved.

The reason for this discussion is to get engineers oriented to the necessity of giving adequate water supply consideration as a priority matter and some possible alternatives to water from water mains of public supply systems. It is quite possible that in sun belt areas, distillation of sea water could be carried on in large quantities by concentrating heat from the sun and cooling water from the sea at economically acceptable costs.

It is also possible to make studies of using air cooling to condense steam in inland areas where cooling water is not available. Such studies by government
authorized agencies would seem to have more justification than some which might qualify for the golden fleece or already have.

THE ART OF RELAXING

There is no question that this is a worrisome world with problems varying from subversion of our country’s interests to those of the mechanics of our profession.

The important thing is to approach all matters from the standpoint of improving any situation on which we can have a decisive effect, make the decision and pass on to the next without scourging ourselves with negative thoughts of whether we made correct decisions. In most cases, the decisions made will require a certain amount of time to determine their effectiveness. In the meantime, this is the opportunity for relaxation. The thinking should be that everything was done to give consideration to all factors when the decisions were made and enough time should elapse to determine whether they met the requirements.

Two physiological factors should be given consideration so that relaxation is possible. In my opinion, planning, is a positive action whereas worry is negative. Planning is constructive, worry is destructive. It should be remembered that character formation is the purpose of living. Everything we do or say and experiences we have, become part of our character, in my opinion, is the only thing we take with us when we leave this world. It is the record of how we met the problems and experiences that confronted us. This is the reason the old time farmer behind the plow could develop a good or better character than the most educated and erudite scientist in the University. It may be recalled the admonition “Get wisdom but with all the getting, get understanding.” This, of course, is subject to interpretation, but mine is that wisdom is knowledge and understanding is how we apply our knowledge hopefully for the benefit of mankind.

We have all known people who have great knowledge but cannot get along with motivated people. This to my mind is a good example of lack of understanding. There, are of course, people who are menaces to all right thinking individuals. It is part of understanding to know what should be done with them and minimize the opportunity for them to do damage to the rest.

But it is not part of good judgement to accept more problems than can be reasonably performed without collapse. Almost anything can be stressed beyond the breaking point. It is not good judgement to even come close to this situation and can be precluded by relaxation. The first step toward relaxation is laughter. Learn to acquire good jokes and how to tell them. They should be fit for mixed company and minimize the disparagement of any present. A good all around laugh dispels tension. Relief from tension puts all on the way to relaxation without in any way detracting from the main objective.

The next step toward a relaxed condition is to seriously appraise ourselves as possibly not being the possessors of the complete or best answers to all problems. This makes room for the opinions of others and immediately receives appreciation that modesty and consideration attract. This is not to say that weakness should be tolerated or positive direction should be renounced, but before the decision is made an opportunity to listen to opinions of others who are competent should be provided.

Where the prerogative of leading others is involved it should be remembered that there are many levels of intelligent functioning. Motivation should be the sought for characteristic. It has always been my opinion that where motivation is in the desired direction the individual can be trained and upgraded.

Rest must be part of relaxation and exercise when possible should be part of a periodic and sustained program, but the remark of a famous humorist should not go unheeded that he took his exercise by being a pallbearer for friends who like exercise.

Temperance in all things is the admonition to be followed, cultivated and a well balanced personality can result that will be acceptable and welcomed wherever one goes.

CHECKING OUT OIL BURNING SYSTEMS

As most people know, our Class 60 series Reduction Drive Pumps are the best choice for both light and heavy oil. The reason is that they can be run at a speed consistent with the requirement; as a general rule pumps for light oil can be run at a speed that will supply oil at the required pressure to meet burner needs; pumps for heavy oil usually are run at speeds to provide an over supply to permit sufficient recirculation to keep heavy oil from stratification.

All this can be accomplished by using pulleys on the reduction drive to produce the required pump speed. One of the dividends of pumps driven by reduction drive is that they usually are run at slower speeds than those driven direct connected to motor. This pays off by greater longevity of the pump. If and when it does wear out, it is usually only necessary to replace the pump head, as the ball bearing transmission support, if properly lubricated, can be operational for many years of service.

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Something must be done with it and one of the best methods of disposal is to burn it. Many of the reduction drive pumps were sold for heavy oil application.

If you converted these pumps to light oil service and have saved your former pulleys, it is not much of a chore to convert back should you wish to do this. In any event it is suggested that you check out your customers' requirements now and not wait for the rush as we near the heating season.

**STRAINERS—FILTERS—BARRIER SEPARATORS**

As most of our customers know we like the term barrier separators for our Class 72 series. This is due to the fact that in the majority of cases the changing of the basket or insert can convert a strainer to a filter or a filter to a strainer.

We probably have as large or larger line of this design than anyone in the field as can be judged by our demand and we hope that we can keep on growing so that you will look to us to supply your needs.

Now is the time to evaluate fuel oil burning systems and it is generally agreed that there is enough extraneous matter in fuel oil to require both suction and discharge strainers.

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