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# DEAR HUSBAND COMING!

Srila Prabhupada will come to New Vrindaban, His Divine Grace, here in 2 weeks and will be staying a whole week! The following letter received from Satsvarupa Maharaj:

Camp: 4 Rue de Suisse  
Paris 16, France  
June 8, 1974  
Dear Kirtanananda Maharaj,

Please accept my humble regards. It was nice talking with you on the phone yesterday, and I went in directly and told Srila Prabhupada your messages. Regarding the 500 dollar check sent in April, Srila Prabhupada has direct memory of it, but more important as he said, since you have received the cancelled check with his signature on it that indicates it has been cashed by His Divine Grace. It has gone into the Mayapur Vrindaban fund. But I do not have a copy of the letter with the names for initiation. I do have one aerogram in which you write, "I left out one name in the list of names I sent in my last letter." And I recall thinking that although the aerogram was received I did not receive the prior letter you referred to. Please forgive me for not acting on the brahminical thread; I shall leave a thread on Srila Prabhupada's table tonight for his sanctification and will send it in this letter with gayatri. But although we received the check I have no list of names so please send them again.

Or better yet, perhaps they can wait until Srila Prabhupada comes to New Vrindaban! His Divine Grace said, after leaving San Francisco about the 9th, he will stay in L.A. a week and then he can fly to Pittsburgh for driving down to New Vrindaban. He can stay a week and then will start for India via London. Exact times of going to N.V. and sending tickets can be arranged when we arrive in the U.S., but as of now he made it a definite plan. He said, "He (you) has been waiting so long" (for him to re-visit New Vrindaban). I told him that I told you that His Divine Grace liked the milk in Geneva better than any in

the world, and that you had bought a little milk. He said, "Yes, I like it." I told him that I was moving up to New Vrindaban and he said, "I will be coming before that." Prabhupada asked if his house was completed and I said I didn't think it was.

Your servant,  
Satsvarupa das Goswami

P.S. Last night Srila Prabhupada was talking about starting a Hare Krishna restaurant and he said how people are attracted through eating. He said Kirtanananda was cooking in the beginning he was wearing a cap and half pants and he would take one chapatti only. But after awhile he was taking ten and then he was cooking himself.

N.B. Srila Prabhupada received the latest copy of the Brijabasi Spirit done by Paramhansa Swami, and although he likes the idea and the articles, HE REALLY OBJECTED TO THE SICKLE AND TELOK ON THE COVER. Bhagavan here reminded him that it came from discussion on a morning walk in which His Divine Grace said we were in favor of the sickle but not the hammer. But Srila Prabhupada said, "But why bring in the telok? I never said the telok." He was very strong about it, so please instruct Paramhansa Maharaj to get the sickle and telok OUT. (To me, it looks like some sub-branch of the Communist Movement, which is how the common man will take it I think.)

## NEW COVER

Always in keeping with the wishes of His Divine Grace, the Brijabasi Spirit has discontinued using the sickle and telok covers and will completely disassociate itself from the emblem. We submit our most humble apologies to His Divine Grace for our engaging in such speculation and simply pray unto His Lotus Feet that we may somehow or other please Him.



## DEAR SWAMI

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## VAISNAVA CALENDAR

For June 16 - June 22:

June 16 -- Ekadasi

June 20 -- Disappearance of Srila Gadad-  
 hara Goswami and Srila Bhakti-  
 vinode Thakura

## DEAR GODBROTHERS,

Please accept our humble and worth-  
 less obeisances at your lotus feet. All  
 glories to our beloved Spiritual Master,  
 Who is dispelling the ocean of nescience  
 with the torchlight of knowledge.

This issue of The Brijbasi Spirit in-  
 cludes an expanded article on New Vrinda-  
 ban cows, giving information not only  
 on Bahulaban's Goshalla but also those  
 of the other two farms. Also there is a  
 lot of information and thoughts coming  
 from the Sanjayas ashram this week. Plus  
 all kinds of other really heavy nectar.  
 We hope this issue meets with your appro-  
 val and somehow enlivens your devotional  
 service. If there are any suggestions on  
 how to make the Spirit even more trans-  
 cendental, please feel free to submit  
 them.

Your servants,  
 --the editors

Dear Swami,

What can I do to get rid of all kinds  
 of nonsense, such as memories of songs,  
 books, TV shows and commercials, etc.,  
 that keep on entering my mind? I find  
 they really lower my consciousness.

--Space Headed

Dear Space Headed,

The prescription for you is the same  
 old remedy. Sravanam kirtanam, to hear  
 and chant the glories of the Lord. The  
 mind thinks of so much nonsense because  
 it has no better engagement. As soon as  
 there is a better engagement, it will for-  
 get the lower engagement. Just try keep-  
 ing the senses engaged 2 1/2 hours a day in  
 Krishna's service and watch your spaciness  
 disappear.

--Sward

## WOOD

A request has been put in for a full-  
 time horse and driver and the Board is con-  
 sidering it. The team would work exclus-  
 ively on summer and winter wood, fenceposts  
 and lumber wood. The new chain saw is  
 working out beautifully and is doing the  
 work of 5 men, thus freeing our work force  
 for other service. Half of the Jannastami  
 wood has already been cut and stacked. It  
 hasn't been hauled up to the pavilion yet  
 because the transportation has been tied up.

## TOOLS

All tools must be put away and returned  
 to Parasara das. If they are not returned,  
 it is Parasara's duty to pick up lost tools  
 which means any tools found lying around  
 the grounds, irrespective of origin. It is  
 his service to take care of the tools so if  
 yours should be taken in this manner don't  
 become angry with him, but instead he should  
 become angry with you, for neglecting the  
 tools. If you continuously leave tools out  
 several times, then you may find it very  
 difficult to get tools again. Please coop-  
 erate to keep New Vrindaban's tools in good  
 shape for they are valuable to the community  
 and the service of many devotees.



# LIBRARY

Since the last article on the library appeared in the Spirit a number of new books have come in. Here's a comprehensive listing of those that might be of interest:

Fieldbook of Natural History (Palmer)--contains short descriptions of all kinds of plants and animals.  
Wildflowers and Weeds (Courteny)--very excellent, profusely illustrated with color photographs and short descriptions.  
The Dyanion World of Buckminster Fuller--a genius expresses his ideas.  
Stalking the Wild Asparagus (Gibbons)--all about wild foods, considered one of the best  
Outdoor Survival Skills (Olson)--how to seek shelter, start fires, obtain and purify water, etc.  
The Organic Gardener (Foster)--simple, straightforward guide to organic gardening.  
Using Plants for Healing (Coon)--Herb manual, arranged by species. Tells how to prepare the herbs.  
How to Grow and Use Annuals (Lane)--a nice book on growing annual flowers and plants.  
Basketry (Christopher)--a how to book on basket weaving.  
How to Grow Vegetables and Fruits (Rodale)--The book on organic gardening.  
How to Stay Alive in the woods (Angier)--Guidebook for hermits in the woods.

## A Word from Treasury and Procurement

We have to cut back spending. Limit requisitions to the bare minimum. We must increase male Samkirtan contributions. The brahmacharies raised \$5,000 by writing letters and calling, without ever leaving the farm. Also, please make all long distance telephone calls collect and in the evening. Devotees caught making unauthorized phone calls will lose their phone privileges.

## NEW ADDRESS

Just to show us again how there is no permanence in this material world, Krishna has arranged for our address to again be changed. Our new address is: New Vrindaban, R.D. #1, Box 620, McCreary's Rd., Moundsville, West Virginia 26041. Please make note of this change on all future correspondence. Hare Krishna.

# MILK PRODUCTS

Taru has been making chaw out of his busy schedule to the Spirit about the milk products business. First of all he explained how the hemispheric cooker worked.

The cooker is hooked up to a gas-operated steam boiler. The boiler heats water and generates steam. The cooker is double steel jacketed (like a giant walk) and the generated steam goes in between the jackets. The milk is heated all around instead of from one point and produces an even, constant and intense heat to cook down the milk. Steam pressure has been generated as high as 45 lb. per sq. inch.

In a full day 100 lbs. of chaw can be easily produced. Because of the even, constant heat the chaw is high quality, light in color (no burning), smooth in texture, heavenly in taste and consistent in quality. The first ecstatic batch was cooked by Kirtanananda Swami and Paramahansa Swami and came out top notch, the best peanut chaw ever produced! One man can run the process by himself and still do some other service. There is no fire to stoke, no wood to cut, no pot to stir, bliss! Only during one stage in the cooking down process is ladling required. The only real problem so far encountered is that it takes so long to clean it after cooking.

A project to produce aged cheese has also been started. You start with regular curd, hang it, press it, encase it in a coating of wax and let it sit for 2 to 6 weeks. Right now a few batches are hanging and the whole project is still in the experimental stage. The cheese already has been designated to be made for general sale. States Kirtanananda Swami, "With the sweets and the cheese we'll get everybody." He also mentioned how addicting both were and how we must spend time developing our marketing and packaging.

## CONTEST

There is an open contest going for "Best Cover" for The Brijbasi Spirit. The one who submits the nicest cover this week will get a Maharaj's Sunday feast plate! Deadline for submissions is this Friday evening.



LIBRARY  
SUGGESTION

Recently in the suggestion box we received at least 2 suggestions centered around the problem of sickness amongst the devotees. As long as there is the material body, sickness must be there. Unfortunately it may be a hindrance to our devotional service. Therefore if a devotee is very sick he must be encouraged and helped by his godbrothers to get back on his feet and serve in a blissful, happy mood. He should not be neglected or criticized. In some cases Srila Prabhupada himself has visited his disciples in hospitals to help and encourage them. Please follow His Divine Grace's example and be compassionate and helpful.

If a person is very sick and cannot carry out his duties, he should not be encouraged to sleep all day. Better to remain awake and read or chant or recite special prayers--or perhaps engage in some light service. This will help a great deal in preserving Spiritual consciousness. On the other hand, each one of us should be very careful and not use sickness as an excuse for being lazy or reluctant to do a particular service. This is cheating propensity, and because of this when someone is genuinely sick, people tend to cast doubt upon him.

Sometimes, especially in the early morning, you may feel very tired and not very well and think, "I am too sick to get up." But if you just get up anyway, you will find that you are actually not sick at all. Just early morning blues.

Just remember that 99.9% of all disease comes from uncleanness, eating too much, sleeping too much and being in anxiety. If you engage wholeheartedly in devotional service, there will be no room for sickness.

## TANNING

On Saturday, June 8, Dharma the ox died of a broken neck. At noon Devata came to Bahulaban and told Paramahansa Swami the Dharma died this morning. He had tied him to a tree overnight for punishment and when he went back this morning to get him he was dead. Kirtanabanda Swami told me

to go and kill Mr. Devata and I went back to Bahulaban. I saw some deer tracks in the woods. I followed them and found a deer. I shot it and took the hide. I carried it back to Bahulaban. I hung it up in a tree. I began to cut and rip for 3 hrs. It wasn't easy. Getting hid off an animal is very difficult. He was really attached. Afterwards I walked back to Bahulaban carrying the 30 lb. hide on my shoulders. He is now spread out on top of the womens bathhouse roof to let out the body heat. Today he will be salted down and made ready for tanning. This will take about one month.

Wednesday about 3 p.m. I was in the new barn working on Dharma's hide, cleaning it. When I was looking around chanting Hare Krishna there in the door way sat a possum. He had his mouth open and his big teeth were showing. He looked hungry as he took a few more steps towards my hide. I told him to go away but he didn't hear to well, blinded by the smell of blood. So I took out my knife and gave him a Daniel Boone toss and it stuck in his neck. He wasn't quite dead yet so I smashed his head with a rock. Now he stretched out and salted down next to Dharma.

Tanning is a very comcated job. Different kinds of animals have to be cured different ways. Basicly there are 6 ways of tanning hide. Four chemical and two organic ways. Dharma's hide will be taned by chemicals which takes about 3 weeks. I'm slowly gathering the raw materials too evenchly tan by the organic process. For example, it takes 40 lb. of dried and ground oak bark to tan a 20 lb. hide twice its weight. It's a BIG job.

—Romharsen des

## HARVESTORE

Well, the Harvestore silos were supposed to be up but due to weather and the fact that production and supply have fallen behind, they aren't. But the first silo is supposed to be up in 1 week. It is very important that we get these silos up as soon as possible so we can start filling them with silage. To help glorify Krishna's community the words NEW VINDHARAN will be written in huge letters near the top of the silos.



# FROM THE SWAMI ASHRAM

## The Gas Gasp

Over 300 gallons of gasoline were consumed in the last week, as compared to only 100 gal. per week in the previous last month. The gas tank was installed in order to pay gas in volume and cut down on the cost, but instead we are using so much we are wasting too much of Krishna's money. It is not possible for us to continue like that. So to curb this situation a new lock has been installed and Mother Vidya is now in charge of gas allotment. She will allot the gas in measured amounts not exceeding 5 gallons to vehicles owned by the farm only--no personal vehicles. No gasoline will be sold to other vehicles. Records will be kept as to what car got gas, who was driving, what the purpose and destination was, the amount given, etc. If you need more than 5 gallons you must get authorization from Parambrahma das, who is hard as nails but only half as hard as Kirtanananda Swami. We must be very careful how we use our resources or Krishna will not supply us so nicely.

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## MOTHER EARTH Readers Respond

New Vrindaban recently placed a small "free classified" in the MOTHER EARTH magazine inviting interested people to come and visit our community. Paramhansa Maharaj has started receiving many responses and is engaging in a correspondence program, giving them more information on New Vrindaban and personally inviting them to come and observe our lifestyle, take Krishna prasada and have the association of Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Candra.

## ANNOUNCEMENT -- All Keys

Anyone who uses vehicles must return the keys to Paramhansa Swami or leave them on the Swami's desk. No exceptions. If keys are not brought back, then that person will no longer be permitted to drive farm vehicles. Many times previously in emergency situations there were no keys locatable for a certain vehicle and much anxiety was caused. So please return vehicle keys.

## ANNOUNCEMENT -- KIRTANS

In the last few weeks our kirtan after prasadam program has sadly enough, vanished. For some reason or other the enthusiasm for having kirtan after prasadam has faded to almost zero. Even if a kirtan is started no one wants to come. Even after the Sunday feast, which is the festival of the week, when all the farms get together to glorify Krishna in the association of each other, there has been no kirtan--or if any kirtan, a very small one. Just not more than a month ago the after feast Sunday kirtan was very ecstatic. Now the after Sunday program is chat and romance. This type of atmosphere would not please Srila Prabhupada. Brijbasi style, following in the footsteps of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu, is to have maha kirtan for the pleasure of the Lord, especially after a big prasadam feast. Kirtanananda Swami has mentioned that time and time again there should definitely be nice kirtan after lunch prasadam every day, what to speak of Sunday. Many times he has asked, "Why is there no kirtan?" Can anyone answer him satisfactorily? Srila Prabhupada recently mentioned in Mayapur that he is anxious for the time when all the centers will have 24 hr. kirtan because in that atmosphere there will be no room for maya. We humbly beg that everybody take part in these after Sunday kirtans. Don't just sit down and think that if somebody starts a kirtan I'll join. If there is no kirtan then take the initiative yourself and get instruments and have a good leader to lead the kirtan. The guards have now adjusted their schedule and they are having their practice at 12:00 so they can be at the patio at 1:00 to join in the kirtan. So let us all make a unified effort to satisfy Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Candra, Srila Prabhupada and Kirtanananda Swami by having nectarine kirtans at 1:00 every day and after the feasts on Sundays. Kirtanananda Swami recently said, "All day working, working, working, with no after prasadam kirtan, the work becomes influenced by the mode of passion."



# TALES FROM THE GARDEN

Once again this week Krishna demonstrated how merciful He can be. We were steadily being overrun by weeds at Vrindaban farm and the situation was looking more hopeless every day that we would be able to handle the planting for winter storage that we had originally planned. It looked like that if we went ahead with the extra planting, we would have been overextended and not only would we have done poorly on the fall crops but everything would have suffered. So, somewhat despairingly, Wednesday morning we had decided to cut back on our planting schedule and concentrate on preserving what was already in. That very afternoon, Adi Pati introduced us to a new arrival. Bhakta Terry has been gardening organically in Michigan for 4 years and is enthusiastic about dovetailing his propensity for producing vegetables into service for Krishna. He has lots of experience and many ideas that are new to us and should prove very helpful. With the addition of his energy to the garden crew the larder already looks less lean.

Bhakta Terry brought several large clumps of comfrey root with him from his last garden. The very next day an order of comfrey roots from a seed company arrived in the mail. They had been ordered by a householder who has since left and were thought to have been lost as they hadn't arrived when expected. Could Krishna be telling us something? He says in Bhagavad-gita 9:16: "Aham ausadam," which Srila Prabhupada translates as "I am the healing herb." Comfrey is a first class herb; the flowers attract bees to the garden which is really good for all the open pollinating vegetables such as tomatoes, cucumbers, watermelons, squash, pumpkins, corn, melons, etc. The leaves can be eaten as salad, cooked in dahl, or brewed as tea. This tea is beneficial as an excellent preventative, for coating internal mucous membranes, it is helpful in diarrhea and stomach trouble, and for use alone or in combination with other herbs for just about any sickness that Maya devi uses to try and decrease our service. Externally used as a formentation or as a soak, it speeds the clearing of bruises. Used both internally and externally, it hastens the

wending of broken bones. The leaves are used as feed for animals and are reputed to keep them healthier and happy. Comfrey leaves are also used as an activator for compost heaps. The roots can be peeled and boiled like a vegetable or made into a jelly that breaks up mucous congestion if taken internally and rapidly heals burns and sores if applied externally. So these comfrey plants are welcome new members of Their Lordships' family of plants.

Offerings have been made to the Deities every day this week out of the temple gardens and we hope that this can be kept up every day from now on, on a year round basis. Peas and Swiss chard are coming everyday and the edible podded sugar peas are starting to come in also. Peas are picked when the pods are puffed out and sound solid when thumped by a finger. If they rattle, then they can be left another day. Edible podded peas are picked when the pod reaches its full length but before the peas start to fill. The whole pod is used. The bigger outside leaves of Swiss chard are picked off, leaving the plant to grow more. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!

--Bhakta Mark

## MADHUBAN IMPROVEMENT

Because Srila Prabhupada is coming shortly, Kirtanananda Swami told Daivata das to beautify Madhuban and transform it into Vaikuntha atmosphere. So a number of things have or will shortly be done. The showers have been moved out of the temple basement and separate shower stalls have been made for the men and women. Now the temple basement can dry up and the temple itself will not be contaminated by its presence. A small porch has been built out back for laundry and dishwashing. Also, gravel drainage has been put in around the well. Ferns from the forest are being planted all over and flower beds are being made all around the temple, with a rock patio and grape arbor in front. The temple will also be painted.

Madhuban is starting all-out warfare against flies. Breeding grounds are being dried up, screens are being installed and the flies in the temple are being killed directly. A diligent effort is being made to keep a regulated cleanliness program.



# SELF - SUFFICIENCY

## Saucam, In New Vrindaban Cleanliness

Saucam means cleanliness. Srila Prabhupada explains in Bhagavad-gita that cleanliness is a transcendental quality belonging to godly men with a divine nature. He further explains: "One should always be careful to keep his body clean by bathing, brushing teeth, changing clothes, etc. As far as internal cleanliness is concerned, one should always remember the Holy Names of God and chant Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare/Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare.

In New Vrindaban, as in any other ISKCON temple, we chant 16 rounds of the maha mantra daily for internal cleanliness. We also bathe, brush our teeth and change and wash our clothes like any other temple of devotees but the way we go about these functions in New Vrindaban is totally unique. Prabhupada has often said concerning New Vrindaban that we must become self-sufficient and dependent on nothing but nature. Herein are contained some ideas, short cuts, realisations, etc. about cleanliness in our community.

Clothes Washing can be best accomplished and most quickly executed using a flat stone from a creek bed. The stone should be rough but with no sharp edges on it and should be at least one square foot in size but bigger if you prefer. Personally I like a real big one (3' x 3") so you can just stack your clean clothes right on top of the rock when you have them clean.

The procedure for washing on a "washing stone" is as follows: first soak all of your laundry in water hot or cold, clear or muddy, whatever is available. Soak them as long as you like because it will loosen up the dirt and any stains. After soaking you can begin the washing process with or without soap. If you choose to use soap, add your powder sparingly to your soaking wash and if you use bar soap, soap one piece of clothing at a time and begin washing by placing the article of clothing on the stone and grasping the material in both hands and "beating" it with an up and down arumkin motion. Don't hit your knuckles on the stone but grab the cloth with a fist, keeping your thumbs up and flat with the fleshy part of your hand (on the

side as if you were going to pound on a table). Don't go too fast just steady and firmly and not so hard as to hurt your hands. Use enough water so that the dirt will keep rinsing out as you wash but don't pour on great amounts intermittently and just let it run off; use as little water as possible and then when the stains or spots are all gone rinse in clear water. Wringing the garment out yourself, two devotees wringing one piece of cloth or tying your cloth to a tree or post or nail cause minute tears to occur in the fabric, decreasing the life of the garment. Instead, shake out the garment which is called 'popping out' because of the loud 'pop' when you shake a garment with a long snapping motion going slowly up then snapping down fast! Hang the garments out to dry in the purifying wind and sun. This method is very efficient and after a little practice it is by far the fastest way to wash clothes.

Please use this column as a forum for household hints towards self-sufficiency. You can leave any articles at the offices or in the Suggestion box. Address them to Household Hints, Brijbasi Spirit.

## THE SHOT

At 9:30 p.m. last Sunday maya's agent came wheeling by in a late model '68 Ford Sedan and shot what sounded like a .22 cal. bullet at the Bahulaban temple. Kuladri came tearing up the driveway, flashed into the Sanyasi's quarters like lightning when Krishna book reading was going on with a startled expression on his face, and dove for a riot pump shot gun. He grabbed a handful of shells and quickly loaded it. Meanwhile Devaki grabbed the M-1 and Paramhansa Swami grabbed a 20 gauge shot gun. Devaki madly fumbled around looking for the 30 shot clip and since he couldn't find it, he grabbed a bunch of shot gun shells instead. Then Devaki and the Swami followed Kuladri out the door. Kuladri went flying down the road while the other two stayed on the balcony to cover him with empty guns. By the time Kuladri got down, the demon was long gone. Radha Kanta & Jarao and Udyareta jumped in a truck and followed the car. They couldn't catch up, but instead we called the sheriff and he sent a man to drive up and down the road.



## DOUBLE SHIFT AT GURUBAN

Guruban is now enjoying the nectarine appreciation of 2 work shifts as Srila Prabhupada's palace rushes on to completion. Kirtanananda Swami, Parasurama Swami, Bhagavatana and Parabraban started the night shift last Thursday night. The night shift works between 7:00 and 9:30 p.m. The day crew includes Bhagavatana, Soma, Gostavihar and Thakia Janki. On the basic construction only one wall is yet to be completed, concrete floors and ceiling will be poured. The scaffolding for the tower will soon be started on and poured with ferro cement.

The work crews have been encountering a few problems, the primary ones being lack of experience and no water supply. Also, Gostavihar commented, "Guruban is the warmest place of all the farms."

The palace will measure 42' x 48' in length and breadth and include Srila Prabhupada's quarters, Kirtanananda's quarters, servants' quarters, showering and commode facilities, kitchen, Deity room, study, and a large enclosed garden. Above the garden will be a plastic-glass telescoping dome, which can be opened on nice days. The room quarters will have 10 foot ceilings, and the tower which will be built over the Deity room will rise to a height of 50 feet. Every room of the palace will have completely marble floors, walls, and ceilings. Carvings, etc. will come later, the main emphasis is on getting the structure built.

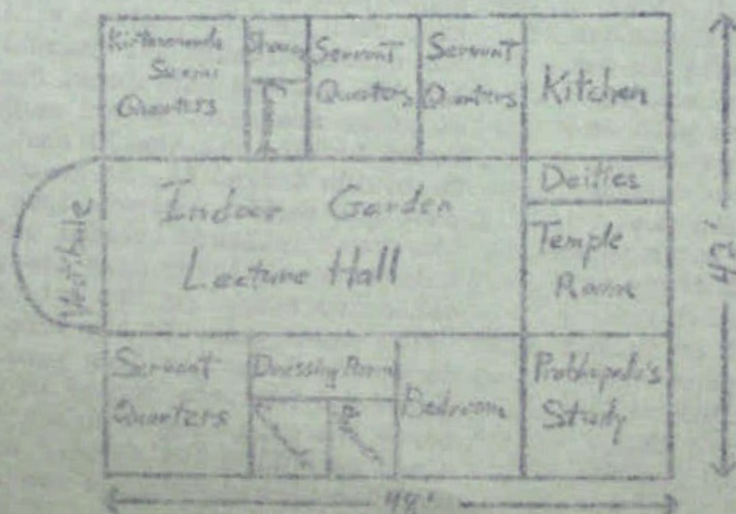
For water either a well will be dug or the water will be piped in from the Gurukula farm. In the middle of the indoor garden, which will be used for lectures, etc., a fountain will be built. Large shade trees are to be planted around the palace. One of the workers also made mention of all the blueberry and blackberry bushes they had found nearby.

The palace will be completed by next Spring and will be ready for habitation in May. Kirtanananda Swami has been visiting the construction site every day and says, "Srila Prabhupada's palace is the most important project in New Vrindaban right now."

## VRINDABAN DEITY ROOM

The New Vrindaban Deity Room is coming along slowly but surely. Jitavrata das, under the guidance of Bhagavatana das, is currently laying marble slabs and concrete. When he is finished, 36 1 square foot marble slabs will be laid around the altar area of the 12 foot by 6 foot 3 inch Deity Room. The slabs, white marble from Italy, will be sealed in with cement. There will be a brilliant red marble slab situated right in the middle of the floor.

The altar will also be all marble. The front of the first step will be filled with ornate carvings. On top of the altar steps will be a marble palanquin, inside being 3 thrones for Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Vrindavana Nath, Gour Nitai & Lord Jagannath.





# COWS

At 1:30 p.m. Thursday Satsyabhai, our milker, reported Mother, came fresh with a beautiful, magnificent looking heifer. I had named her Satsyavati. There were no complications with the birth, although she had the calf while standing up, which is somewhat unusual.

Three cows were dried off this week. They were Pritha, Goloka (the butterfat queen of Vrindaban) and Sukla. They were all transferred to Mandagran.

The decrease in milk production was due to some of the cows being dried off and the fact that the last week's grain shipment was of poor quality and beginning to get moldy. Fresh grain is to come Monday.

This week's milk statistics:

| date     | # of cows milked | total per day |
|----------|------------------|---------------|
| Sat. 8   | 18               | 750.7 lb.     |
| Sun. 9   | 18               | 789.0 lb.     |
| Mon. 10  | 18               | 752.6 lb.     |
| Tues. 11 | 18               | 741.4 lb.     |
| Wed. 12  | 18               | 762.0 lb.     |
| Thur. 13 | 19               | 668.0 lb.     |
| Fri. 14  | 17               | 743.2 lb.     |

total 5,206.9 lb.

The total production was down 567.7 lb. from last week. The average daily milk per cow was 42.3 lb. The top Mother this week was Parvati. Her high was 78 lb. and she consistently gave over 70 lb. a day over a 4 day period.

There were 3 kicked buckets. Friday morning Sarasvati kicked one with Sudanu and Cirantana milking, then again that evening she kicked another one, this time Dharma and Cirantana were milking her. Last Saturday Syama kicked a bucket with Devaki and Kuladri milking her. Total milk loss was 23.7 lb.

The barn would again like to remind you of the "no one in the barn during milking" policy. The situation is getting better, but everyone should be more cautious.

## MADHUBAN COWS

Madhuban has 2 cows, named Satya (a Jersey) and Bhumi (also a Jersey). Satya is dried off and will freshen around the 15th of July. Bhumi gives 20 lb. of rich milk daily. The milk is not separated and is used directly for the Deities. Maharaj stated that the best burfi of the 3 farms came from Madhuban's milk.

## VRINDABAN COWS

Bala was dried off on June 12 and she is expecting to freshen about July 30. She will have the calf here at Vrindaban farm. Kunti came in heat and an attempt was made to breed her to Prajapati, but that didn't work out. That was on a Monday, June 3rd. But she is expecting to come in heat again between the 21st and 24th of June, so we'll try again.

Here is the milk production for this last week:

| date  | Rasyna | Bala | Mallika | Kunti | total |
|-------|--------|------|---------|-------|-------|
| 8     | 16.8   | 9.0  | 36.8    | 32.0  | 94.6  |
| 9     | 18.1   | 9.1  | 38.6    | 33.3  | 99.1  |
| 10    | 16.5   | 4.3  | 37.8    | 33.1  | 91.7  |
| 11    | 15.8   | 3.5  | 37.5    | 33.8  | 90.6  |
| 12    | 16.2   | 2.9  | 39.8    | 34.8  | 93.7  |
| 13    | 16.0   | dry  | 40.0    | 32.9  | 88.9  |
| 14    | 15.8   | dry  | 40.0    | 35.0  | 90.8  |
| total | 115.2  | 28.8 | 270.5   | 234.9 | 649.4 |

\*measurements are given in pounds.

So the total milk production this week at Vrindaban was 649.4 pounds of rich, whole milk. The producer, as usual, was Mallika, giving a total of 270.5 pounds this week.



## BHAGAVATAM ESSAYS

**Question:** What is meant by Dharma and how does it relate to this week's study of Bhagavatam?

"Dharma" means, literally, constitution. Constitution, in this instance, means the unchangeable, outstanding features thereof, of the soul.

Krishna sustains the Jiva souls for the purpose of enjoying transcendental rasa. Being parts and parcels of the Supreme they are naturally subordinate. This places them in the position of servitude. All of their qualities are existing to facilitate this relationship.

In Canto 1, ch. 2, slokas 3 to 10 of Srimad Bhagavatam Sri Suta Goswami explains that this relationship is the highest Dharma because of the soul's connection with the All-Highest. All other occupations (Dharmas) are secondary and not the main purpose of life.

He furthermore warns against misusing one's occupational duty for the purpose of sense gratification rather than for the glorification of the Supreme. As stated in text 57 the goal is to acquire causeless knowledge and detachment from the material world. Misdirection of one's energies leads to boulderment and entanglement.

— Urdhareta das

On pages 16 and 17 of the Bhagavad-gita, Srila Prabhupada says, "Dharma refers to that which is constantly existing within a particular object..." He also says, "...the essential part of a living being, that part which is his constant companion...is rendering service..." Dharma is also referred to as occupation (S.B. 1.2.6) and religion.

This week we were talking about senatana-dharma, or that activity which is eternal, "...which cannot be changed (S.B. p. 16); and which, according to page 91 in the first canto of the Srimad Bhagavatam, "sustains one's existence."

So what is the real duty of the living entity? What is his natural, eternal, constitutional position? According to the Srimad Bhagavatam (1.2.6), "The Supreme occupation (dharma) for all humanity is

that by which men can attain to loving devotional service unto the Supreme Lord... "The highest principle is to surrender unto Him only, and nothing more (Bg. 4.2, p. 22)." A devotee may be engaged in many activities for his enjoyment, but his real duty is to render service to the Supreme Lord. One who is engaged in pursuance of the material goal, that of attaining past loving service to Krishna, is wasting his human form of life. "The highest perfection one can achieve... is to please the Lord Hari." (S.B. 1.2.14) This is one's real self-interest, and not that of trying to gratify one's own senses until the end of life. Only Govinda, the Supreme Lord, is able to satisfy the living beings. He is the reservoir of all pleasure, so service rendered to the self, separate from Him, will not bring satisfaction to the self, only frustration. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, and let us pray to render service unto him only, as that is our only means of attaining service to the Supreme Lord.

— Jayaradhe dasi

## HORSES

About 7 acres of corn was planted at Tallaban by Prince and John, who then went to Vrindaban for a couple days to disc, harrow and plant about 2 acres of corn there. The following days, about 5 acres of hay were mowed at Madhuban by the horse team of Tom and Molly, part of which was raked and, when the bailer broke down, the remainder was picked with the hayloader. About 700 pounds of fertilizer was spread at Bahulaban for planting Trudan.

— Kasyapa das



# DROPS OF NECTAR

Radyananda Swami: Just to clarify it, Srila Prabhupada, I want to ask you, I think it was said, if a student comes to our varnasrama college, although it may be some 12th grade or 13th grade, you have some exceptions, but in general they are coming to the college they have to follow the four regulative principles and also learn something about Bhagavad-gita, and side by side they learn some particular technical skill.

Srila Prabhupada: Yes. Four regulative principles, they are compulsory. But if some of the ksatriyas or the sudras want to eat meat, this is our prescription--go to the forest, kill some animal, and eat that. You can kill one bear, some disturbing animals you can kill. You can kill some tiger, like that. Learn to kill, no nonviolence, learn to kill. And also as soon as you find, the ksatriya, a thief or a rogue, an unwanted element in the society--that's all, kill him, must. There are others who will say, 'oh, the ruler, he is very strong.' But one killing will be a lesson for many hundreds and thousands. No mercy, kill him, that's all. That was the system in Kashmir about one hundred years ago. Somebody has stolen, cut his hands. He cannot steal anymore. One cutting hands means finished in that part of the world, stealing.

Jadavaya das: How will the ksatriyas kill the animals, with guns or bow and arrows?

Srila Prabhupada: However it is suitable. It is not that because the ksatriyas were killing with bows and arrows formally that you should continue that. This is another foolishness. If you can kill easily by gun, take that gun. Just like formally, Caitanya Mahaprabhu walked the street, there was no airplane, and he did not use it, you think that I should have to follow that? Take the jet, we need, if it is available.

Radyananda Swami: Jai.

Srila Prabhupada: Someone says that Caitanya Mahaprabhu walked on land, did not use jet planes, does that mean I have to accept that idea? They are rascals. When you have to work, you have to work with the greatest facility, that's all. Now I've got the facility of talking into the microphone, so why should I not take it? It will be recorded, it will be heard by so many others. I can be speaking before 5 men, but it can be heard by a big crowd. 400 men.

Visnujana Swami: So Srila Prabhupada, this means that we should perpetuate this technical skill?

Srila Prabhupada: If somebody is interested in doing it, then we will take it and make the best use of it. Just like we do not write money, but they are having money by so many different ways. So we take their money and construct a temple. We can sit down here and chant Hare Krishna, we don't require a temple. But these rascals, they are accumulating money for wine and women. Take their money somehow and build a temple and then invite them, come and see. Give them prasadam, this is our position. We are not constructing big, big temples for our convenience, but for their convenience. This is sanyasi.

Visnujana Swami: There should always be programs for their welfare, not that we just live there.

Srila Prabhupada: Yes. Not that we are thinking, we have got very nice house, let us sleep and eat.

Visnujana Swami: Then there would be wide criticism.

Srila Prabhupada: Yes, not good. We should remain always sanyasi within. Outwardly, for others' convenience, we may do something. Similarly, we are accepting this varnasrama. We are not varnasrama, we are above varnasrama. But to give others the facility to come to the stage of Krishna consciousness, this program must be done.







As was mentioned in last week's Brjbasti Spirit Lord Jagannath became very ill while He was being bathed. He left the Madhuban temple and went over to Yudisthir's house to recover. Since then Mother Bhadini has been taking care of Him very nicely with love and devotion. The first week He was eating only a little fruit and alot of tea and honey. Then He began eating some boiled vegetables and just today He started getting some milk preparations and vegetables with some mild, simple spicing. He is progressing so nicely that tomorrow we plan to give Him some sweetmeats and yogurt and hot milk instead of tea. In the mid of next week we hope to give Him some grains and by Thursday we hope we will be able to resume His normal diet. We are hoping He will be fully recovered sometime Thursday evening and Friday morning we hope to take them on their paths to Madhuban temple. During this week much surgery was performed on Lord Jagannath, especially Bahulaban's Lord Jagannath who was especially ill. Big Lord Jagannath from Madhuban had a lot of face surgery and has fully regained His color but Bahulaban's Lord Jagannath has lost all His color and was very pale until yesterday when He got His bright eyes and smile back. Kuladri Prabhu has been performing most of the surgical operations.

Special Notice: the pujaries mention only a few get well cards have been sent to Lord Jagannath and humbly beg everyone send one expressing their desire to see the Lord again. He fulfills our desires because He is the Lord of the Universe and if we don't show concern for His health He may not be well by Friday for His walk. He is svarat, (fully independent). Please ask Him to get better so we may for His pleasure take Him for a ride with His transcendental brother and sister through the streets of Vrndavan and remember the pastimes of the gopies taking Krsna back to Vrndavan in thier minds and hearts from the Kuruksetra pilgrimage.

The results from this weeks street sankirtanin Columbus are in. Total laksmi collected was double that of last week. Bhakti Emil, Udhareta prabhu, Mother Mahara, Mother Makumari, Mother Nancy, Mother Rosa and Dharmatma prabhu were the members of yesterday's transcendental party who, with the help of Krsna all together distributed: 211 BTG's; 10 hard back Krsna books, many New Vrndavan pamphlets and collected \$250.00. Mother Mahara liberated \$66.00 in two hours, freeing Sri Laksmi to be used in the service of Her master Sri Krsna.

If any of you would like to join us on these ventures into the muck and slime kali yuga cities to help remind the poor conditioned souls of their eternal relationship with the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and to tell them that God is existing in His abode just a few short miles from them at New Vrndavana Goshalla, where the effulgence from His moon-like face is lighting the hearts of all living entities that see His eternal beautiful form of Radha Vrndavancandra. Our only purpose is to spread His glories. We leave every Saturday morning right after arotike. If your duties can be covered and you have the sincere desire, please come and share in the transcendental "ananda" (bliss) that comes from associating with the Lord's holy "kirtan".

All glories to Sri Radha Vrndavancandra Sankirtana!



## NEW VRINDABAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 16, 1974

Attendees: Kirtanananda Swami, Paramhansa Swami, Bhagavatananda das,  
Paramananda das, Devaki das, Adi Pati das, Daivata das,  
Paramabrahma das

Tardy: Kuladri das

Treasurer's

Report: Held over

## DEPARTMENTS

Adi Pati

- Bhakta Terry, a new brahmachari, has joined the garden crew and is doing very nicely and has donated tools and seed to Their Lordships
- Murlidar the herford ox has been missing for about four days
- Kali the Holstein-Jersey ox has been sent to Gurukula to be joined, hopefully, by Murlidar
- A rough layout has been finished of the property to be sold to Mr. Richkin for Vahna's house. size: approx. 75' x 125'

Devakinandana das

- Mother Satyabama, Krishna's prize cow, had a heifer calf this week
- Digging of the foundation and pouring the foundation will begin tomorrow on the 1st of the new Harvestore silos.

Paramananda das

- All of the corn fields at Talaban and Vrindaban have been planted
- One field of hay was put in at Madhuban in bales with the new horse-powered bailer
- Hauled poles for Maducarar's house and posts for Gurukula
- Hauled manure, trash, wood and sand with the horses this wk.

Kuladri das

- supplies are needed from New York for Radha Vrindavana Candra's new outfit
- Lord Jagannath's new outfits are progressing nicely but Lord Jagannath has not received many get well cards or gifts or flowers--how will he ever recover?
- work on Srila Prabhupada's vyasasana is going ahead full time
- a varmit proof bhoga room is needed
- new milk and ghee quotas will be set for the farms
- the boiler and hemispheric cooker have been set up and are running fine; chaw production should be 100 lb. per day
- IMPORTANT! No stool passing except in authorized areas and in authorized manner. Authorized areas are the stool house on the east side of the temple, the stool house at the tops of the steps and in any wooded area over the hill (pavilion). No evacuation on this side of the hill anywhere. Stool must be buried. Anyone in violation faces possible suspension from New Vrindaban.



BOARD MINUTES (Cont.)--

--a garbage system has been set up. Ask temple authorities about authorized dumping places.

--The greenhouse is for washing plates and bowls

--Bhagavatananda das

--Guruban evening crew started this week, very successful, pouring very fine concrete. Soma das and Gostavihari das doing great guns laying block

--Jagat trata das and Bhakta Tony finished 2nd floor of barn, now finishing roof. Rooms to be laid out for 2nd floor

--Premarupa das finished septic tank for new kitchen. The pot room is almost ready to be moved. The new outhouse has been started.

--Sudanu das and Bhakta Tom pressing forward on the roof building of Prabhupada houses

--Jalakolahali das and Bhakta Blaine perfecting the art of plastering the walls of the Prabhupada houses

Parambrahma das

--Vrindaban Mangala arotrika attendance--no unexcused absences

--Jitavrata das began laying the marble floor of the new Deity room and is working on the dumb waiter. The wood for the new pujari room arrived and Jitavrata will soon start its construction

--Goracander das has taken over most of the pujari duties and is also cooking and translating Bhagavad-gita into Portuguese.

--Bela dried up and her calf is due in two months

--Prajapati and Meru continue to graze on the lush New Vrindaban pastures and are looking as big and shiny as ever

--100 carnations were planted this week by Vasudama das and crew. Many fruit trees and flowers and bushes were weeded and mulched this week and a lot of tall grass around the temple was cut to discourage snakes

--the garden crew worked 3 days at Vrindaban and planted 21 comfrey plants, pumpkins, hoed weeds out of the vegetable gardens, foraged, and harvested some peas & Swiss chard.

--1 acre of corn was planted by Kasyapa das this week

Paramhansa Swami

--Newsletters to the temples for Janmastami were mailed out

--Gatravan cleaned the dump and the stool houses

--the gas tank was refilled with 300 gallons



BOARD MINUTES (Cont.)--

--(.3000) RETURN IN GRACE

OLD BUSINESS

- No burning of candles in wooden houses
- All brahmanas are encouraged to do regulated Deity worship at their respective farms
- The kitchen is to be moved this week
- The Judicial schedule to begin this week

NEW BUSINESS

- Romaharsana has requested a hide tanning shed next to the horse barn. The Board OK'd the old art shed
- Romaharsana is to use oxen at least one day per week for hauling wood
- Adi Pati is to survey around the Kesighat and Madhuban area to avoid problems with unsympathetic neighbors.
- 3 gallons of dahl and 60 chapattis are to be sent to Madhuban from Bahulaban for the brahmachari construction crews. Brahmacharis should bring their own plates and bowls daily
- Sankirtan members must turn in all collections. If you are going on Sankirtan and have bills to pay, turn the bills in and we will pay them, but you cannot keep any collected funds.

JUDICIAL BOARD MEETING for 6/9/74

Case #1) Jayanta das. Charge: failure to comply with prescribed attone-  
ment given by the Judicial Board of New Vrindaban on June 2, 1974.  
Attonement: One month suspension. Kirtanananda Swami recommended that  
Jayanta das should go to Cleveland temple and perform the city street  
Sankirtan yajna for one month. Jayanta das can make appeal for rein-  
statement on July 9, 1974.