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DEAR GODBROTHERS,

Please accept our most humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada! All Glories to the transcendental service of the Brijbasis, who hold Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Candra always in their hearts.

Our modest paper this issue has the regular articles of how New Vrindaban is progressing. Also there is a lot of nectar about Srila Prabhupada. The community as a whole is bustling in transcendental anxiety in preparation for His Divine Grace's arrival, and the Spirit is trying to reflect that mood.

We humbly pray for the spiritual strength to continue our service.

-- the editors

FIELDS + HORSES

Bhakta Emil left the horse department for travelling Samkirtan this week and then, to make things even worse, an accident at Nanda Gram rendered the cultivator useless until extensive repairs are completed. So, this week's field work consisted mainly of cultivating the corn at Nanda Gram with a one horse cultivator and mowing 2 acres of oats at Madhuban. Wet weather again this week kept the horses out of the fields a couple days allowing for supply runs between Vrindaban and Bahulaban and back to Adi's as well as plenty of logging on both farms.

-- Kasyapa das

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IN THE WOODS

WOOD CHIPS

Well, this week in the woods I went to Vrindaban for a day. In one day Bavishat and I cut two months worth of wood. For three days prior to that tho, he spent the entire three day pulling in just three days worth of wood. Most of the time was chasing, pulling, beating and just becomming frustreated with the oxen. Working oxen, in Vrindaban is yet to come. I plan on goining to Guruban this week to start the clearing of 15 acres next to Prabhupad's house. This will supply Madavan with about 1½ yrs. of wood plus about 200 fence posts. The kitchen used 21 barrils of wood this wk. and we pulled in one log this week.

Your servent in the woods. Romharsan das

IN THE WOODS (Continued)--WHOOOOO BOYS

--Whoo Tom and John I cried as I was beining drug behind the cultaviter--

I was sitting on the patio wall last Thursday drinking some hot milk when Kyshapa walked up kind of shaggy looking. Kyshapa ysually looks pretty good after working in the fields all day but this time he had a funny look in his fase and appeared a little shaggy around the eyess. I said, hay Kyshapa what's a matter, something happen to you. He was kind of quiet for a minit then said,...ya. kind of quiet like. He begun to tell me how he was over at Ananda-gram working on the cultavater when all of a sudden it broke loose from the tung and slid up behind Tom and John. Well, good old Tom and John got pretty scared and begun to run over the pastures as fast as they could. Now Tom and John are awful big horsess with real long legs. You can just imeagen how fast they could run. Kyshapa said that he began to get real scared about this time sitting on top of a flimsey cultavater watching the ground go by so fast and thinking that at any moment he might be tored down inside. I saw myself beining rolled over a 100 times a minit with all those blades beining jabled in me. So he jumped off but some how his foot got caught in the back. He got drug for a little ways. Just as he broke loose the cultavater smashed into a big wagon. That did it. The horsess stoped, the cultavater was smashed to peacess, and Kyshapa was on the ground. Well, today is Saturday and he's back at it getting out the old 1 horse cultavater and goining back over to Ananda-gram to finish the job. Hari Boll. All glories to Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Candra who are always protecting the servents.

-- Your servant,
Romharsan das

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TALES FROM THE GARDEN

Most of this upcoming winter's supply of dahl greens went in this week as the garden crew transplanted out over another 500 cabbage plants and a couple hundred brussel sprouts at the Vrindaban and Madhuban gardens. About 90 cayenne peppers were set out at Madhuban and 60 eggplants found their home at Bahulaban. We planted 1 lb. of chickpeas, though we don't really think they will make it. Most of the energy went into weed control this week, with hand weeding and cultivating being the main thrust. Also the muck from behind the horse barn was scooped up and spread out on the small garden next to it.

With the hot season coming on us, we will be starting a more intensive mulching program. Mulching is when you cover the ground to conserve moisture and eliminate weeds. Observing nature, it is obvious that Mother Bhumi never leaves her soil bare. It is either naturally mulched, such as by leaves in the forest, or sprouting weed growth. In our weed control program, we don't clean out all the mustard, lambsquarter (known locally as pigweed), purslane or sheepsorrel; leaving them go to seed. These are very easy weeds to control and we prefer them to spread their seeds and thus crowd out more undesirable weeds. That and then mulching. Mulching prevents the sun from baking the clay soils (or any soil) and allowing the moisture from the subsoil to rise to the surface through capillary action. Extremely important when mulching is to make it thick enough. Then the weed seeds and roots exhaust their reserves of stored food in a futile attempt to reach the life-giving source of material energy, the sun. The most common mistake we have observed is pulling down a mulch that wasn't thick enough. This eliminates all the easy to control weeds but all the tough ones, like grasses, come thru. Then, not only do you have a worse weed problem, but it can't be hoed because of the mulch. How thick is thick enough? For hay and straw, 6-8", whole leaves 4-6" is plenty, though deeper never hurts. Mulching

TALES FROM THE GARDEN (Continued)--

with cardboard and newspaper is effective $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick, but should be covered with some natural mulch mainly for aesthetic reasons. Plastic, rocks, and boards are effective but, unlike the others, do not biodegrade and improve the soil.

We started harvesting head lettuce this week. Beets are also starting to reach edible size, and the first few wax beans and green beans were brought in. And, believe it or not, even one ripe tomato was harvested, coming in way ahead of the pack. It's not many more weeks until lots more of them should be coming in.

All glories to Sri Krishna Samkirtan!

-- Bhakta Mark

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Since the arrival of the hemispheric cooker the output of the New Vrindaban milk works has been rather inconsistent. This new cooker is still in the experimental stages, so it may be some time before there is a steady flow of Sweet Surabhi (chaw), as there was in previous ages.

Garga Rsi das did manage to complete 3 batches this week. One of them was acclaimed by Sudanu das and Taru das to be the finest product ever. Unfortunately for the Brijbasis, Kirtanananda Maharaj took the entire batch with him to Chicago. Had it not been for the scrappings gleaned by the Rsi, no one would have realized the full potency of cooking in small amounts. Formerly, batches of up to 50 gallons were attempted. This week Garga has been working about 10 gallons at a time. This could be a major breakthrough.

10 gallons of milk is set aside daily for yogurt. This has been going on for months, believe it or not. This week, it actually came off 3 times that yogurt was served. This is more yield than in all the previous weeks combined. Success is due to the

new team of Sruta Kirti and Mother Tarani who have just arrived and taken over the yogurt department. The possibility of daily yogurt at breakfast is becoming tangible!

Ghee is being produced regularly every 2 or 3 days. The impurities are appearing frequently in the cereal, on chapattis and sometimes on the popcorn. What we need now is earthen pots to store it in. (Kirtanananda Swami loves the sound of it being poured.)

-- Taru das

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SELF-SUFFICIENCY

TOOLS

"Endeavor means energy which is employed. For anything one does there must be some activity; that is the endeavor. The place must be favorable, the activities must be authorized, the doer (the man who is acting) must be expert, the instruments must be fit, and the help from the Supersoul must be adequate. These are the five causes for success, and the opposite are the five factors for failure." (Bhagavad-gita, p. 860, ch. 18, plate 41, 18.14)

It is interesting to note that in the above quote Srila Prabhupada mentions the instruments and that they must be 'fit'. These instruments are the senses and to be fit means to be alert, ready to engage in Krishna's service.

The more one engages in a particular service with constant practice and determination the more expert he becomes and the senses also become purified--more alert and capable for service. The instruments for our service here in New Vrindaban are also the specific tools and machines which are devices to increase work: with more efficient use of energy. With a proper tool, one man can do the work of two or three men and often in less time than it would take two or three men. So because of the nature of devotional service, an increase in service means an increase in spiritual

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OCEAN OF NECTAR

The following is a letter received (an excerpt) concerning Srila Prabhupada's European tour.

ALL GLORIES TO SRI GURU & GOURANGA!

Dear Prabhus,

Please accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada! Yogesvara Prabhu has sent another ecstatic letter describing Srila Prabhupada's triumphant tour of Europe, and here are some excerpts: "In Geneva He spoke before the World Health Organization giving the Vedic plan for erasing the myth of overpopulation. There was an official reception at the city hall by the mayor of Geneva, and a festival for two days (the Rome festival was only one day but over 800 people attended). Some big Sanskritists came to be defeated, including Jean Herbert, well-known French author who laughed and told Prabhupada 'it took me 18 years to write that book' (Krsna and the Yoga of Love) to which Srila Prabhupada replied, 'Yes, and I may tell you it still has mistakes!' Color television coverage of His arrival too. Paris was a big surprise as 2000 people attended Prabhupada's lecture at the Salle Pleyel, Paris' poshest hall. Communists heckled for the first 1/2 hour but were laughed out when Srila Prabhupada remarked 'animals can't understand spiritual life.' 300 people joined us on stage at the end to chant and dance. Over 1,000 remained to take prasad and talk with devotees until after midnight..."

It has been a long time for the Brij-basis since they have been blessed with Srila Prabhupada's personal association (almost 2 years). Now, he has said that he will be coming about mid-July. Friday the 5th he arrived in Chicago at 6:30 in the morning and celebrated Ratha-Yatra. He left Saturday evening for San Francisco in order to celebrate the large Ratha-Yatra festival that they will be having there. Then on the 9th he is planning to go to Los Angeles for a week and then to Pittsburgh airport where we will meet him and bring him back to New Vrindaban.

We all pray that he will be pleased with efforts of the devotees here. There is nothing we would like more than to see him supremely satisfied after a thorough inspection of our 3 farms here. We must be very careful to try and increase our sincerity and seriousness of purpose here so that when he comes, we will be able to relish his pure association and take full advantage of it. The most painful and pitiful thing is to be in Maya in the personal presence of His Divine Grace. Let us spend this last week before he comes preparing everything first class externally as well as internally. The managers will guide you in preparing everything for Srila Prabhupada's arrival and we want to make the goal full Krishna conscious cooperation. Just meditate on Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda and the six goswamis always merged in the ever-increasing intense feelings of separation for the Lord. Srila Prabhupada is also one of their eternal associates and he is coming to visit us. He is not only a great personality, but he is our kind saviour. He is relieving us from the iron shackles of hell, even though we are reluctant. If it hadn't been for him, we would all be rotting in the foulest hell for many lifetimes to come. If we could

OCEAN OF NECTAR (Continued)--

only give him a proper reception our lives would become perfect.

SIX PRINCIPLES OF SURRENDER IN DEVOTIONAL SERVICE

1. To accept things favorable for discharging devotional service.
2. To reject things unfavorable for discharging devotional service.
3. To believe firmly that the Lord will protect His devotee always.
4. To feel exclusively dependent on the Mercy of the Lord.
5. To have no separate interest besides the interest of the Lord.
6. To always feel oneself meek and humble.

QUALIFICATIONS OF A DEVOTEE

Kind to every one
Does not quarrel with anyone
Fixed in the Absolute Truth
Equal to everyone
Faultless
Charitable
Mild
Clean
Simple
Benevolent
Peaceful
Completely attached to Krishna
Has no material hankering
Meek
Steady
Self-controlled
Does not eat more than required
Sane
Respectful
Humble
Grave
Compassionate
Friendly
Poetic
Expert
Silent

Personally, I have no hope of having any direct service for the coming scores of births of the sojourn of my life, but I am confident that some day or other I shall be delivered

from the mire of delusion in which I am at present so deeply sunk. Therefore let me with all my earnestness pray at the Lotus Feet of my Divine Master to let me suffer the lot for which I am destined to do for all my past misdoings, but to let me have this power of recollection, that I am nothing but a tiny servant of the Almighty Absolute Godhead, realized through the unflinching mercy of my Divine Master. Let me, therefore, bow down at His Lotus Feet with all the humility at my command.

Abhay Charan de

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HIS HOLINESS DEAVES SATURDAY MORNING
FOR CHICAGO RATHA YATRA!!! AND GOES
TO SAN FRANCISCO WITH SRI GURU-DEVA!

Saturday morning at 6:00 His Holiness left for Chicago to be with Srila Prabhupada and attend the first large scale Chicago Ratha Yatra in history. Madhuban's, Vrindaban's and Bahulaban's best cooks all made the finest quality nectarine burfies, chutneys, savories, sweet rice, saffron cheese cake, srikhand, sandesh, etc. for Kirtanananda Swami to offer His Divine Grace from New Vrindaban. According to a phone call from Kirtanananda Swami at 9:00 a.m. New Vrindaban time Sunday, Kirtanananda Maharaj arrived in Chicago at 9:13 and was greeted by many blissful devotees. He went to the temple to see Srila Prabhupada. The first thing that Srila Prabhupada said to Kirtanananda Swami was, "Is my palace finished?" (He wants this palace to be done very much). After this he tasted the New Vrindaban prasadam and when he bit into Radhanath's sandesh, he said, "The boy who has made this sandesh is expert!" He was very happy to hear about all of the milk production here and said to make as much ghee as possible.

Kirtanananda Swami and Srila Prabhupada flew last night to San Francisco where Srila Prabhupada was received very nicely. They had a foot washing ceremony for Srila Prabhupada including water, milk, yogurt, honey, rose water, sandal paste, kunkum, etc. (previous to the arrival of Srila Prabhupada all of the

OCEAN OF NECTAR (Continued)--

temple presidents had an auction to see who would wash Srila Prabhupada's Lotus Feet with which item. In this way they collected and were able to present His Divine Grace with over \$4,000!)

Kirtanananda Swami and Srila Prabhupada will be going to Los Angeles on the 10th and definitely Srila Prabhupada will come here, probably on the 16th. Kirtanananda Swami wants to come back here before that though to help us get everything together for Srila Prabhupada's arrival. Kirtanananda Swami's last words were, "Is everybody working hard?"

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HIS HOLINESS KIRTANANANDA SWAMI JOURNEYS TO MICHIGAN

This week, on Monday night about 9:00 Kirtanananda Swami went to Detroit, Michigan to see about purchasing a huge cast iron coal burning boiler to be used for centralizing the heating system this winter. Also, he took along with him Urdhareyta das and his wife Mother Jai Radhe, mainly because Urdhareyta had a court trial on the 2nd. Of course, the Detroit devotees got the benefit of Kirtanananda Swami's pure association which all devotees hanker after so much. Bhakta Terry also went along to help drive and to introduce Kirtanananda Swami to the man who owned the boiler. Bhakta Terry owns an old 1946 Dodge flat bed 8-ton truck that he left in Ann Arbor and the Swami took a look at it and said that when the time comes that we need it, we can send some men up to spend a couple of days working on it and then bring it back to New Vrindaban.

His Holiness came back Wednesday morning about 9:00 and immediately inquired as to what had been done while he was gone. He is always absorbed in thoughts of New Vrindaban and the pleasure of Srila Prabhupada and Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Candra!

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JEWELRY

SILVER PLATING PROCESS

Recently on their New York trip Kirtanananda Maharaja, Samba and Mother Isani visited a silver plating factory in Providence, Rhode Island to purchase some equipment. This process will put a silver plating on any article from Srila Prabhupada's shoes to Krishna's cane. When this is perfected we will go on to gold plating.

To acquaint you with how this is done Mother Isani gives us the steps.

- 1) First the article is dipped in a solution of hydrochloric acid, H_2SO_4 H_2NO_3 and table salt for 15 seconds. The solution is mechanically agitated.
- 2) Next it is rinsed off and placed in a cleaning solution, then an electric current is passed through it from a rectifier which converts alternating current to direct current.
- 3) It is then placed in a weak silver cyanide solution called silver strike. This puts a thin layer of silver on the article.
- 4) The article is then rinsed again and placed in actual silver plating solution, suspended between two silver anodes of .99999% pure silver. Anodes--article suspended in solution containing small silver particles. This silver solution should maintain its composition, therefore the % of silver in the solution is maintained by taking silver from the anodes.
- 5) The final stage is a drying process where the article is dried in ground up corn cobs which absorb all the moisture.

The most important factor is cleanliness. The article must be free from all impurities, even finger prints or marks, or it will not plate. These acids are very dangerous and highly poisonous and will burn anything they come in contact with.

A new dome is to be silver plated and to be ready by Janmastami. The equipment for the silver plating will be set up in the new barn as soon as running water is put in.

-- Kunjari dasi

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PREVIEW!

NECTAR - OF - THE - MONTH

July 1, 1974

SRI CAITANYA CARITAMRITA, MADHYA LILA,
Ch. 14 TEXTS: 117-136

"Lord Jagannath enjoys His pastime at Dvarkadhama and naturally manifests sublime liberal-mindedness there. Still, once a year, the Lord becomes unlimitedly eager to see Vrndavana. Pointing out the neighboring gardens, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu said, 'all these gardens exactly resemble Vrndavana. Therefore Lord Jagannath becomes very eager to see them again. Externally He makes the excuse that He wants to perform the Ratha-Yatra festival. Actually He desires to leave Nilacala, Jagannath Puri, to go to Sundaracala, Gundica Temple, the replica of Vrndavana. In various flower gardens there the Lord enjoyed His pastimes day and night. Why did He not take with Him Laksmidevi, the Goddess of Fortune?'"

"Svarupa-damodara replied, "My dear Lord, please hear the reason for this. There is no admission for Laksmidevi, the Goddess of Fortune, in the pastimes of Vrndavana. In the pastimes of Vrndavana the assistants are all the gopis. Except for the gopis no one can attract the mind of Krishna."

"Lord Caitanya said, 'Using the car festival as an excuse, Krishna goes there and takes two persons along with Him, Subhadra and Baladeva. All the pastimes with the gopis that take place in those gardens are very confidential ecstasies of Lord Krishna. No one knows them. Since there is no fault at all in Krishna's pastimes then why does the Goddess of Fortune become angry?'"

"Svarupa-damodara replied, 'the nature of a girl who is afflicted by loving affairs is that she becomes immediately angry if she finds any negligence on the part of her lover.'"

"At that time a gold palanquin arrived carried by four men and bedecked with varieties of jewels. The Palanquin was surrounded by carriers of umbrellas, wisks and flags, and was

proceeded by various band parties, and dancing girls. The maidservants were carrying a big box for betel nuts, a water pitcher and wisks. There were hundreds of maidservants all attractively dressed with valuable necklaces. The Goddess of Fortune, being angry, arrived before the main gate of the temple accompanied by many members of Her family, all of whom exhibited uncommon opulence. When the procession arrived, the maidservants of the Goddess of Fortune began to arrest all the principle servants of Jagannath, brought them handcuffed and made them fall down at the lotus ft. of the Goddess of Fortune, just as when thieves are arrested and all their riches taken away."

Purport (Text 133) "The story of Lord Jagannath's servants being arrested by the maidservants of the Goddess of Fortune is as follows. When Lord Jagannath starts His car festival He gives assurance to the Goddess of Fortune that He will be back tomorrow. But when He does not come back, the Goddess of Fortune, after waiting two or three days, feels that Her husband has neglected Her. Naturally She becomes angry. She decorates Herself gorgeously as well as Her associates, comes out of the temple and stands before the main gate of the temple. All the principle servants of Lord Jagannath are then arrested by the maidservants of the Goddess of Fortune, brought before Laksmidevi and made to fall down at Her lotus feet." (end of purport)

"When the servants fall down at the lotus feet of the Goddess of Fortune they become almost unconscious and are chastised by various kinds of amusement and loose language. When Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's associates saw the impudency of the maidservants of the Goddess of Fortune they covered their faces with their hands and began to smile. Svarupa damadora said, 'There is no egoistic pride like this within the three worlds- I have neither seen or heard of it.'"

Further explanation is given in the purport to Text 107:

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"This Hera-pancami festival takes place after five days of the Ratha-Yatra festival. The idea is that Lord Jagannath has left His wife, the Goddess of Fortune, and gone to Vrndavana, which is the Gundica Temple. Because of separation from the Lord, the Goddess of Fortune comes to see the Lord at Gundica. The coming of the Goddess of Fortune to Gundica is called Hera-pancami."

PREVIEW!

CAITANYA CARITAMRITA, MADHYA LILA,
Ch. 14 TEXTS: 25-36

"The prasadam sent by the king (Note: King Prataparudra brought the prasadam, first offered to Lord Jagannath, to Lord Caitanya) was foodstuffs offered at the Balagandi festival, such as uncooked milk products and fruits; it was all of the finest quality and there was no end to the variety. There was curd, fruit juice, coconut, mango, dried coconut, jackfruit, various kinds of bananas and palm fruit seeds. There were also oranges, grapefruit, another type of orange, tangerines, another variety of tangerine, almonds, dried fruit, raisins and dates. There were hundreds of varieties of sweetmeats like manohara-lada and others, sweets like amrita-gutika, etc. and various types of condensed milk. There were also papayas and saravati, a type of orange and also crushed squash. There was also cream, fried cream and a type of puri made with cream. Also there were sweets like hari-vallabha and other sweets made of the senoti flower, karpura flower and malati flower. Also sweet made with black pepper, sweet made with fried sugar and amrtajilipi. There were also lotus-flower sugar, a kind of bread made from urad dal, crispy sweetmeats, sugar candy, fried rice sweets, sesame seed sweets and cookies made from sesame seeds. There were sweetmeats made from sugar candy in the form of oranges, lemons and mangos along with fruits, flowers and leaves. There were also yogurt, milk, butter, buttermilk, fruit juice,

fried yogurt and sugar candy preparation and salty mung dahl sprouts with ginger cut into pieces. There were also various types of pickles like lemon pickle, berry pickly, etc. How many various different varieties of foodstuffs were offered to Lord Jagannath, I am not able to write. When Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu saw half the garden filled up with varieties of prasadam He became very satisfied within His mind." Purport: (Text 36) "Following the footsteps of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu a Vaisnava is satisfied simply to see a variety of foodstuff being offered to the Deity Jagannath or Radha-Krishna. A Vaisnava does not hunger for varieties of foodstuff for himself; his satisfaction is to see that numberless varieties are being offered to the Deity."

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NEWSWEEK STORY

Newsweek Magazine had a very nice article about ISKCON's Gurukula. The title for the story was "Lord Krishna's Children" and, for a change, it was relatively complimentary. The story started by describing a typical Mangala arotrika at the Gurukula, went on to mention our spiritual master Srila Prabhupada and the expansion of ISKCON and then went on into more detail about the school. The two main points emphasized in the article were the austerities and the young age of the children. Under the sub-title 'Lust' it was mentioned, "And everyone--even the youngest kindergartner--is required to take at least two cold showers each day to ward off sexual desire. 'Lust,' explains Dayananda, the 28-yr. old headmaster of the Gurukula, 'wastes one's spiritual energies.'" The news story also mentioned how most of the members of our society were celibate and the householders were allowed sexual relations only once a month strictly for the purpose of procreation.

They did make a thing about the fact that, because of the young age of the students--most of them being under 7--they were too young to resist the 'religious barrage', but they neglected to mention how the American children in general are being indoctrinated in a

NEWSWEEK ON GURUKULA (Continued)--

life of meat eating, drugs, sense gratification and godlessness, with hardly any restrictions being put on sexual stimuli. But the article did include a statement by a 7-year old Gurukula girl that sums up the Krishna conscious attitude toward the general 'slaughterhouse' of modern education. "Other schools are terrible. They don't serve God and they just waste their whole lives doing nonsense." All glories to Sri Guru!

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DEAR SWAMI

Question: What is the difference between fault finding and discussing a problem? How do you figure out if something is wrong without getting into blasphemy? Quite often there seems to be a problem, but if it is discussed it sounds like fault finding or enviousness. How do you keep away from this and still work out the difficulty?

Answer: You have asked a very intelligent question. On one hand, we should not look for fault in our God-brothers, but on the other hand, if there is some definite problem that has to be solved we must be able to discriminate between what is to be done and what is not to be done. This is to be decided under the guidance of the Guru (or his representative) and the Vedic scriptures. We should never take pleasure in picking at the faults of others, but if there is some problem, we must have the knowledge to see what is right and what is wrong.

The process of solving any difficulty which involves connecting other persons' mistakes is that one should be humbler than a blade of grass, endeavoring to become completely pure in Krishna consciousness, and sincerely interested in also helping everyone around him to become Krishna conscious. In this position a person will be able to offer helpful and

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VAISNAVA CALENDAR

for July 8 - 14

Tuesday, July 9 - Disappearance of Srila Gopala Bhatta Gosvami

Friday, July 12 - Disappearance of Srila Lokanatha Gosvami

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appreciated advice and guidance to others, actually solve all problems that he may be confronted with and he will never fall into blasphemy of one of the Lord's devotees, which is the most tragic offense.

-- Swami

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PROGRESS

Starting with the milestone, Big Blue, the giant Harvestore silo that will prove to be a major factor in New Vrindaban's self-sufficiency, is up! The domineering blue cylindrical structure appears prominent and can clearly be seen a good ways. Kirtanananda Swami is very enthused with its presence and is anxiously awaiting its practical use.

A barrage of improvements are being made in anticipation of Srila Prabhupada's arrival. The rickety old corn crib has been torn down and the old timber is being hauled away by the women. The general area is being cleaned. Work on Srila Prabhupada's Vyasasana's continue both at Bahulaban and Vrindaban. New silver trim has been applied to the Bahulaban temple room's window frames and ledges. A striking blue tile floor has been put in the Bahulaban prasadam room. The house where the school is located is being readied to accomodate His Divine Grace and the Gurukula boys have moved to Vrindaban farm. And everyone is becoming super-enthused with the approaching arrival of His Divine Grace!

COWS

TRANSCENDENTAL ACTIVITY IN THE

Srila Prabhupada says in Krsna Book that Nanda Maharaj had 900,000 cows. The cowherd boys would tend the calves & the cowherd men would care for the cows. Never is there a dull moment as they along with all the other residents of Vrindavan are forever engaging in Gokula with Krsna, in His glorious pastimes. So also the more we keep engaging in the fulfilling of Srila Prabhupada's dream of building Vrindavan, in serving Kirtanananda Swami, whether it means working with the Dieties, the cows, at Guruban, in the kitchen or even the schoolhouse, the more Krsna may bless us with some realization of the ever-fresh quality of His devotional service. It says in the Srimad Bhagavatam that the devotees of the Lord never become satiated with activity because all their activities are centered around pleasing Krsna in every way possible.

Wednesday morning Kiranasa prabhu called Bahulaban from Nandagram saying that mother Satya, one of our older jersey mothers, who was due to calve in about 2 weeks, was looking like she may have aborted. After receiving this information & answers to a few questions, it sounded more like she may have had a calf out in the open somewhere. Kirtanananda Swami arrived from Madhuban just then, on his way to Nandagram, so I went with him. At Nandagram mother Satya was looking normal, very alert with no signs of illness. She looked much thinner which indicated (along with an internal check) that she had certainly given birth. Next question:

BAHULABAN GOSHALLA

Where is the calf? K. Swami then gave Sruta Kirti instructions to follow a proper distance behind Satya in hopes that her maternal instincts would lead her to her new calf. From then on for the next 4 hours Sruti proceeded to observe the movements of mother Satya in the field, with Satya making no indications of where her calf was. Finally she started walking toward the house, stopped halfway & continued grazing. Continuing in the same direction Satya had been walking, on passing the house Sruti heard some sounds coming from the grass & sure enough it was a tiny heifer calf. She was looking rather thin and undernourished, but there she was. Kiranasa then carried the calf on his shoulders with Sruti leading Satya to Bahulaban where they both could be observed and cared for before sending Satya to Madhuban. Suci is now the name of Satya's fifth calf at New Vrindavan.

Right now at Nandagram we have a herd larger in number than Bahulaban. Eight older cows are there, six of whom are expecting calves within a few months. Four oxen plus 24 upcoming heifers, some of whom are bred & expecting to calve.

Dvarakadham, Revati & Draupadi were bred this week. Dvarpara came in heat but she was given instead some internal medicine to rid her of an infection.

We've had a run of scours in our 3 youngest jersey heifers this week. Krsangi, Kadamba & Suci all had it. Scours is a severe type of diarrhea that can greatly stunt the growth of a calf, or if unable to get rid of it, can cause death. There are a number of things that can cause scours & increased efforts are being made to

SELF-SUFFICIENCY (Continued)--

advancement and in true spiritual enjoyment or bliss. We can thus see that tools are very essential in increasing our service, advancement and bliss so we should treat them with the care we would treat any of Krishna's personal paraphernalia. Would you leave a mrdanga drum in the rain? Or would you leave Krishna's plates sit around dirty? No, you would not. So all of Krishna's paraphernalia must be cared for in this way, and to not see Krishna's tools (hammers, pliers, wrenches, etc.) as Krishna's is impersonal philosophy and can lead to fall down in devotional service. But to treat all of Krishna's belongings just like His altar paraphernalia will lead to increased blissful devotional service in full Krishna consciousness.

-- Parambrahma das

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COWS (Continued)--

prevent this in the future. All 3 calves have received proper medication on successive days now and appear to be returning to normal health. Also we've had some cases of mastitis show up in a few cows this week. Mastitis is a virus in the milk bag caused by lack of cleanliness, irregularity, or bacterias picked up where there are large amounts of people. Increased efforts are being made here also to prevent this in the future.

Mother Himavati is now residing at and grazing on the summer grasses of Vrindaban farm. She has increased the milk production of Vrindaban a great deal allowing now for sufficient milk for devotees and increased sweets for Radha Vrindavan Nath. Two young bulls Purusottoma & Bhadrasena have also taken residence at Vrindaban, joining Mehru & Prajapati in the pasture behind the barn.

Yasodanandana & Rukma, both young oxen, are now living under the care of Mother Lakhima & the Gurukula boys at Gurukula.

The high producing cow in the Bahulaban Goshalla this week was Satyabhama. She has given over 72 lbs. for the last 6 days now with her total for the week at 519.2 lbs. of milk. Her high day was Friday at 79.4 lbs. Mother Cintamani, being fresh just over a week, looks real good and promises to be giving around 80 lbs. of milk also. Right now she is milking over 70 lbs. in the bucket daily, plus her calf is drinking some from her also.

Our herd records for Bahulaban this week are as follows:

date:	29	30	1	2	3	4
amt.:	805.9	804.6	761.4	802.0	807.9	777.8
date:	5					

amt.: 794.8 On the 29th & 30th 18 cows were milked and from July 1 - 5 17 cows.

The total comes to 5554.4 lbs. of milk. The average for the week was 793.5 daily and the average milk production daily per cow is 45.3 lbs. There were 2 kicked buckets and the loss totalled 10.9 lbs. of milk. All Glories to the Surabhis of New Vrindaban!

Vrindaban Farm

<u>Basya</u>	<u>Mallika</u>	<u>Kunti</u>	<u>Himavati</u>
13.4	35.5	32.7	
14.6	32.3	30.6	
12.8	33.2	29.9	
13.5	34.5	31.3	39.7
11.3	32.6	29.9	41.5
13.3	32.3	29.8	43.5
11.1	32.5	30.3	44.6
89.9 lbs.	234.9	213.5	169.3

On Tuesday night Srimati Himavati took residence at our brahmachari ashram pasture grounds. Hari Dhama das has returned to New Vrindaban and was at once given his previous engagement as a cowherd boy. The walls of our barn are grossly dingy & in need of always overdue white-wash. We have requisitioned this white-wash for 3 months continually, but the barn walls remain unpainted. We hope that before the glorious arrival of Sri-la Prabhupada, we may be allowed to render this service.

Reports written by:

Bahulaban: Amburish / Vrindaban: Radhanat

NEW VRINDABAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes for 7/7/74

Attendance: Paramhansa Swami, Kuladri das, Bhagavatananda das, Paramananda das, Adi Pati das, Daivata das, Parambrahma das.

Treasury Report: OK

DEPARTMENTS: Paramananda das

- All of the corn fields at Nanda Gram were cultivated this week and are "knee high"!
- The oats were cut and raked at Madhuban this week and the mulch hay was raked in preparation for composting.
- Improvements are being made at the horse barn and all of the mud was scraped away and proper drainage has been installed.
- The grain binder is ready to bind wheat and hopefully we'll have our first wheat crop harvested this year.

Kuladri das

- The temple will be repainted, silver leafed, and wall-papered this week, and the Vyasasana should also be finished.
- The remodeling in the Prasadam room is progressing nicely and should be finished for Srila Prabhupada's arrival.
- Bhakta Emil is scheduled to pick up the big gas stove from the pavilion and deliver it to the new kitchen so that it can be set up and the old kitchen can be removed.
- The sanitation crews are doing a very nice job of keeping the outhouses clean and the new greenhouse sink seems to be a great solution to the greenhouse succiness.
- The corn crib will be dismantled completely this week and also the stone wall is scheduled for some repairs.

Bhagavatananda das

- $\frac{1}{2}$ of the plumbing at Srila Prabhupada's Palace has been completed and the floor in that section has been poured. Also Prabhupada's temple room door archway is being constructed and the lotus petal arch is ready for pouring!
- The new concrete sidewalk at Madhuban is $\frac{1}{2}$ completed.
- Work has begun on providing proper drainage around the well at Madhuban.
- 3 outhouses are being built--one of them is ready for installation and the other two are nearly complete.

Paramhansa Swami

- The barn electricity has been hooked up and is ready to go.
- Bhagavad-gita classes are to return to the normal 7:15 p.m. time.
- All devotees are encouraged to clean everything and anything whenever possible in anticipation of Srila Prabhupada's arrival.

Adi Pati das

- The Bahulaban garden was hoed and weeded this week and the egg-plants (60) were transplanted. Also the last of the peas and swiss chard and the first of the wax and green beans have been harvested. And the first ripe tomato was taken by Kirtanananda Swami to offer to Srila Prabhupada.

NEW VRINDABAN BOARD MINUTES (Continued)--

--Vrindaban gardens were worked on three days this week. Chickpeas were planted, cabbage and brussel sprouts were transplanted, weeding and rototilling was done and radishes, swiss chard, and peas were harvested. Madhuban gardens are being completely overhauled and 400 cabbage plants were planted, along with cayenne peppers, also all of the overgrown portions have been rototilled.

Daivata das

--Deity worship is still on the upswing at Madhuban and a new menu is being initiated for the Deities.
--Running water is now installed at Madhuban.
--This weeks projects included major cleanup and painting the outside of the temple. The gardens should also be put in good order and many flowers will be planted this week.

Parambrahma das

--The Vrindaban kitchen is being prepared for repainting and a new tile floor.
--The Vyasasana is being redecorated by Anadih das for Srila Prabhu-pada's arrival.
--Gurukula arrives in Vrindaban today along with their Lordships Gour-Nitai Who will be visiting Radha Vrindavana Nath for about two weeks.
--Hari Dhama das is back and is back with Krishna's cows and calves.
--Guards were in low gear this week while Urdhareta was in Detroit but the physical training program kept going. All available men should attend all the reserve formations once per week. Days and Times are: Monday 1:30 pm Bahulaban. Wednesday 5:30 pm Vrindaban. Friday at 5:00 pm Madhuban. All men should attend!
--Two incidents reports were filed this week. The sheriff was called in both cases. Daivata das reported a .22 Calibre rifle was fired by a car passing the Madhuban temple. Parambrahma also said that Paramhansa Swami reported 3 boys throwing firecrackers out of their car passing Bahulaban and Madhuban and Yudhisthira's farm. All devotees urged to report such incidents to Parambrahma das.

OLD BUSINESS

--Gravel to be delivered at the Horse barn this week.
--Gomata, Manukumara, Visvadika, Liliam, Betty, and Gopinath are official New Vrindaban Guest Receptionists and should be called when any guests arrive.
--Plans are for the kitchen to be turned into a reception room and it will feature books, prasadam and ghee sales.
--The corn crib is to be completely torn down this week.
--Prabhupada's house--the complete interior painted and the floors refinished.
--The Board discussed the possibility of buying a horse for the wood department. Paramananda is to look for a horse and report next week.

NEW VRINDABAN BOARD MEETING (Continued)--

NEW BUSINESS

Labor Force Priorities

- The high grass is to be cut at all farms--Managers
- The rock wall is to be fixed up--Kuladri das
- Unusable vehicles are to be moved to Yudisthirdas--Paramananda das
- Round fan to be put in the temple room at Bahulaban--Kuladri das and Gajendra das.
- The prasadam room and temple room are to be papered and painted.
- General cleanup--managers and Board Members
- Sanitation

Meeting adjourned

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JUDICIAL BOARD MEETING

No cases this week.

Mangala arotrika absences this week:

- Bahulaban: Gajendra das - 1, Mother Sucitra - 1, Radha Kanta das-2,
Maureen - 1, Devakinandana das - 1, Kiranasa das - 1
Romharsan das - 1
- Madhuban: Paramananda das - 1, Mother Sheryl - 1, Mother Parayana-
- Vrindaban: Bhakta Bruce - 2

Meeting adjourned.

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THE SRILA PRABHUPADA SWEEPSTAKES STANDINGS

<u>Vrindaban</u>	<u>Bahulaban</u>	<u>Madhuban</u>
\$916.33	\$2,279.17	\$157.98
Parambrahma high: \$335.00	Mother Vidya high: \$1,000.00	Krpacarya high: \$154.18

Bahulaban should hit their goal today with the return of the Samkirtan Party--Box seats for all of Prabhupada's lectures. Vrindaban and Madhuban may have to stand outside if they don't reach their goals...guests first, you know.

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COMING UP NEXT ISSUE: Excerpts from Vahna das's new book!