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DEAR GODBROTHERS,

Please accept our humble obeis-
ances. All Glories to our most be-
loved spiritual master Srila Prabhu-
pada!

Herein we must relate the fact
that our editor and inspiring exam-
ple, His Holiness Paramhansa Maharaja,
has left the confines of New Vrinda-
ban. It was he who originated the
idea for The Brijbasi Spirit, from
letters sent by Srila Prabhupada to
New Vrindaban, and he set up its for-

mat, and enthused us to make a nice
transcendental paper for Srila Pra-
bhupada and the Brijbasis. He did an
uncalculated amount to inspire the de-
votees of New Vrindaban in their de-
votional service, he was a major in-
fluence in helping to organize the New
Vrindaban work force much more effi-
ciently, and he was a best friend to
all the Brijbasis. We regret his de-
parture very much and hope he will re-
turn to visit frequently. As to why
Paramhansa Swami left New Vrindaban,
a number of concomitant factors were
involved, but, as he said to Garga
Rsi Prabhu, "I'm only good for preach-
ing and kirtan." He felt a compelling
need to hit the road again, to try
and save the conditioned souls from
their blundering lives of sense grat-
ification.

Please accept our apology for all
the shortcomings and mistakes in this
issue. We are constantly praying unto
the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha Vrn-
davana Candra for the desire and de-
termination to perfect our service,
but because of our impure nature, we
are finding it difficult to accept
Their mercy. However, we fervently
hope we have served you all in some
way with the publication of this is-
sue.

All Glories to Sri Sri Guru and
Gouranga!

Your fallen servants,
--the staff

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OCEAN OF NECTAR

The following tape transcription is from a Bhagavad-gita class lecture by His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada at New Vrindaban, Saturday, July 20, 1974.

mayy asakta-manah partha
yogam yunjan mad-asrayah
asamsayam samagram mam
yatha jnasyasi tac chrnu

Lord Krishna is Bhagavan. Here it is said, "Sri Bhagavan uvaca." Vyasadeva is the writer of Mahabharata and within Mahabharata there is Bhagavad-gita. So Vyasa does not say "Krishna uvaca." He says purposely, "Bhagavan uvaca." Because Krishna means Bhagavan. Vyasadeva could have written Krishna. There are many foolish; they would have taken Krishna as an ordinary person. Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. *krshnas tu bhagavan svayam*. There are different grades of bhagavan. Anyone who is powerful by riches, by strength, by reputation, by knowledge; there are 6 kinds of opulences--by renouncement. Anyone can possess all these things by different degrees. But the Supreme Bhagavan or the Supreme Being, He possesses everything in full, completely, not partially. You or I may possess riches, but that is not complete. You cannot say that you possess all the riches of the world. That you cannot; neither I shall say; maybe you are rich man, I am rich man. But Bhagavan can say, *mattah parataram nanyat kincid asti dhananjaya*. Nobody is richer than Krishna. That Krishna says. That is stated in the Bhagavad-gita, *mattah parataram*. There is no more superior person or possessor of all these opulences. And when Krishna was present He proved it by His actions that nobody within these 3 worlds was equal to Krishna. Bhagavan means that. God means that. Nobody is equal to Him; nobody is better than Him. Everyone is subordinate. *nityo nityanam cetanas cetananam*. He is the topmost. So, if you understand the topmost person then you understand everything. That is the Vedic injunction. *tasmin vijnate sarva vedam vijnatum bhavanti*. If you simply try to understand Krishna--what is Krishna?

There are 2 processes of Krishna--to understand Krishna--not only to understand Krishna, but anything. There are two processes or methods of knowledge. One is called inductive; one is called deductive; or, the ascending or descending process. If you want to know the Supreme by your knowledge, own knowledge, by dint of your own knowledge that is called ascending process and if you want to know Krishna by descending process or directly from Krishna, just like if you want to know me, you can speculate that Swamiji may be like this, he may be like that, you go on and speculate but it will never be perfect. But if I tell you what I am that is perfect. The Bhagavad-gita is there. Everyone is asking big big philosophers and scientists what is the Absolute Truth, how it can be known? But we are trying to know God from God Himself. He's speaking about Himself. This is Bhagavad-gita. Therefore our knowledge is perfect, because we are directly receiving from Krishna what is Krishna, what is God. We are not speculating. This is our movement. We are therefore presenting these comments on the Bhagavad-gita, as it is. We do not speculate. There are many speculators with poor fund of knowledge, and by speculating, big, big scholars, they are misled. They cannot understand Krishna. That's because that is not the process. Process is to know God, or Krishna, from God. That is the real process.

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Before you find in the fourth chapter of Bhagavad-gita, Krishna says, "vivasvate yogam proktavan aham avyayam." Aham. Krishna says I. First of all I spoke this process to the sun-god, Vivasvan. Vivasvan is the name of the president of the sun-globe, or the king of sun-globe. We know everything--where the president is, where in which planet, how it is being conducted...How do we know? From this Vedic knowledge. It is so perfect. People are speculating or trying to go to the moon planet, but we know, very certainly, that you cannot go to the moon planet in this way. I think long long, no but it's not long ago, sometime in 1947, uh, 1967, when I went to San Francisco, the press reporters asked me about my opinion about the moon planet excursion, so I asked them whether I shall flatter you, or I shall tell the truth (laughter, including Srila Prabhupada). So they asked me to tell the truth and I said it is all foolishness. And it has proved so. Now the moon excursion is practically stopped. Nobody speaks. Because that foolish attempt has failed. You cannot go. It is common sense affair.

Suppose if I want to come to your country, America. It is within this globe. Still I have to arrange for the visa, permission, passport, so many things. So how can you expect to go to the moon planet without such visa and passport? That is foolishness. There are also human beings. They are considered as demigods. Their duration of life is very, very big. Our 6 months is equal to their 1 day. And similarly, one day, one month, one year--and such years--10,000 years they live. This is the description we get from Bhagavatam. And those who are very expertly executing the karma kandha business, they can go, by performing big, big yajnas. It is the planet of the demigods. The heavenly planets begin from there. So if you want to go to any such higher planets there is process. That is also mentioned in the Bhagavad-gita.

yanti deva-vrata devan
pitrn yanti pitr-vratah
bhutejya yanti bhutani
mad-yajino'pi yanti mam

So in this life, this human form of life, you can promote yourself. Next life you can go even to the higher planetary systems. There is no very wonderful thing. But the process. Just like to enter into your country there is a process. Similarly, if you want to enter into the higher planetary systems or in the spiritual world there is a process. Any sane man will accept this process.

So our proposition is to elevate yourself by this evolutionary process. You have come to this human form of life and you can still make your path of progressive life. You can go to the higher planetary systems where the standard of life, duration of life, is very, very comfortable than in this life. At least thousand times, 10,000 times. That is described. Just like you go to the topmost planet Brahmaloaka. You get duration of life. That is also mentioned in the Bhagavad-gita. sahasra-yuga-paryantam ahar yad brahmano viduh. So there are things like that. Our proposition is, as Krishna says, that mad-yajino'pi yanti mam, those who are cultivating Krishna Consciousness, mad-yajino--mad-yajino means cultivate Krishna Consciousness--they can come to Me. If you want to cultivate moon consciousness you can go to the moon planet, if you cultivate sun consciousness you can go to the sun planet. There are many others, millions and millions. bhutejya yanti bhutani. You can go to the ghost planet also. There are so many other planets also.

Now Krishna says at the last mad-yajino'py yanti mam, and if you cultivate Krishna Consciousness then you go to the Krishna planet. There is Krishna plan-

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et beyond this nature. This is material nature. There is another; spiritual nature. That also information is in the Bhagavad-gita. *paras tasmāt tu bhavati 'vyakto 'vyaktat sanatanah*. There is another system of nature which is never annihilated. This nature, material nature, will annihilate. It has a beginning and it stays for some time, then it is annihilated. This is called material nature. But the spiritual nature, even after the annihilation of this material cosmic manifestation, it remains as it is. So *sarvesu vinasyatsu na vinasyati*. Everything being annihilated, that spiritual nature remains. So in that spiritual nature, there are also many Vaikuntha planets as here in this material nature we have got so many material planets, or material universes. So in that nature there are many Vaikuntha planets. There are those who cultivate this Krishna Consciousness, they are fit candidates for going to the spiritual nature. So you have to become a yogi, bhakti-yogi, then you become a fit candidate for going back to Home, back to Godhead. So now to become a perfect bhakti-yogi, that is mentioned here: *mayy asakta-manah*. This is the beginning. *mayy* means unto me. *asakta*-attached. *manah*-mine. Those who are attached to Krishna. So for increasing this attachment we have got these Deities, Radha-Krishna. If you worship Radha-Krishna daily naturally you'll become attached. This is the process. Practical. If you chant Hare Krishna mantra you'll gradually become attached. Here it is said *mayy asakta manah*. Yoga. This is yoga. Yoga means connection. So if we want to connect ourselves with the Supreme Personality of Godhead, then we have to practice yoga.

Generally the hatha yoga and the astanga yoga is practiced. That is preliminary yoga, just to control the mind. Control the mind. Because if your mind is not fixed up on Krishna, that is stated here, *mayy asakta manah*, mind fixed up. So to train the mind to be fixed up in Krishna. The other yoga system is a preliminary method how to control the mind. Yoga means controlling the mind because you have to control the mind in such a way that the mind may not go here and there. The mind may be fixed up only on Krishna. That is perfection of life. Therefore, in the 6th chapter of the Bhagavad-gita Krishna teaches about the astanga yoga system. He concludes that

*yoginam api sarvesam
mad-gatenantarātmana
śraddhāraṇa bhajate yo mam
sa me yuktatamo matah*

Krishna says the first class yogi is he, one who is always concentrating his mind on Me, Krishna. He is first class yogi. So this Krishna Consciousness movement means the process is creating first class yogis. All these devotees in the Krishna Consciousness movement, either adult man or woman, or boy or girl, or even a child--we are seeing, here is a child, he is also practicing. It is not difficult. Even a child can practice. The other yoga systems--Krishna, when He was speaking to Arjuna he gradually refused. He said, Krishna, these astanga yoga systems are not possible. I am a family man, I am a politician, I cannot practice this, concentrate my mind, it is not possible. So 5,000 years ago a personality like Arjuna--he is not an ordinary person. He is a great fighter, commander, and he was so elevated that he could talk with Krishna as friend, person to person. So he was not ordinary person, and still he refused. Krishna this yoga system is not possible. So 5,000 years a person like Arjuna refused to practice this hatha yoga system, and what you and I can do? But foolish men they are simply wasting time after so-called yogic practice. It is not possible. It is very difficult. It was possible according to Vedic shastra and the (Sanskrit) means hatha yoga.

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means one who is perfect in meditation and is thinking of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Visnu. This is real yogic system. So Visnu and Krishna, they are Bhagavan. Bhagavat-tattva. Visnutattva. Visnu-tattva, jiva-tattva, bhakti-tattva, these are different. Two. Visnu-tattva is the Supreme. So here Krishna says that increase your attachment for Me. mayy asakta. This yoga system.

So how this yoga practice should be performed? That is also mentioned here. yogam yunjan mad-asrayah. Taking shelter of Me. This is the process. Mad means me. And asrayah means shelter. So one who has taken Krishna as the ultimate shelter, or His devotee, pure devotee, fully surrendered, he takes shelter of such person, a bona fide spiritual master, or one takes shelter of Krishna. To take shelter of Krishna directly is not possible. That is also another mistake. You cannot approach directly. Therefore Caitanya Mahaprabhu has said gopi-bhakti pada kamalo dasa dasa dasa dasa anudas. You have to approach Krishna, as Caitanya Mahaprabhu has taught, that I am the servant of the servant of the servant of the servant of the servant of... He never says that I am the servant of Krishna. Servant, servant, 100 times. The more you are in the lowest of servant, the more you are highly elevated.

Therefore, there is difference between mayavadi philosophy and Vaisnava philosophy. They mayavadi philosophy, they become very much proud. Aham brahmasmi. I am the same as you. That is the fault. Because I cannot be equal to Krishna. How I can say I am the same as God? That is not possible. Krishna says mattah parataram kincid asti autamautta. Krishna's another name is attaumautta. Attauma means nobody equal and utta means nobody _____. So this yoga which is used. Then Krishna says asamsayam samagram mam. In your speculative methods if you want to understand Krishna, you cannot be fully convinced that you have understood God. That is not possible. There is samsa. Samsa means doubt. You are always in doubt, whether I have actually realized God. Or, amagram. Amagram means fully. That is not possible. But if you want to know God fully, without any doubt, then you have to accept this process. mayy asaktama. You have to increase your attachment to Krishna. Then Krishna will be pleased upon you. He will be revealed. God cannot be speculated. God is within. That is the verdict of the Vedic literature. Atah sri krsna namadi na bhaved, grahyam indriyaih. Your blunt senses, or my blunt senses, simply by speculating, we cannot understand what is God. That is not possible. Because our senses are very limited.

Just like we are very much proud of our eyes. Sometimes we say "Can you show me God?" The rascal does not understand whether he can see God, whether his eyes are qualified to see God. The eyes, so long there is light, you can see. Then what is the value, of your eyes? It is dependent on light. How you are so much proud of your eyes? Similarly you study, all your senses are imperfect. So how you can understand by the sense perception, spiritual inquiry? That is not possible. Not only God; even ordinary things. You are seeing everyday the sun planet. Do you know everything? No, you do not know. So those senses are imperfect.

So shastras say atah sri krsna namadi na bhavad grahyam indriyaih: your blunt imperfect senses cannot realize what is Krishna or God. Even you cannot understand what is the name of God. Nam. Namadi. Chanting of Hare Krishna. If you take a man with poor fund of knowledge, then will understand, why these people are chanting Hare Krishna? Because he cannot understand. But if you chant Hare Krishna mantra, then you will understand what it is. This is the process. If you chant, these boys and girls, the devotees, they are chanting Hare Krishna mantra. They are American boys, educated. They are not fools and rascals. Unless they're relishing some transcendental bliss, why they are

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chanting? So because by chanting this Hare Krishna mantra these senses are being purified. Therefore they are understanding what is God, what is His name. It is possible. So therefore our request is, this Krishna Consciousness movement is, there are far from so many other methods, there are other methods, but that is not possible in this age. In this age, if you are actually serious to understand what is God, what is this universe, what is our relationship with God, what is the aim of life, then chant Hare Krishna mantra. Simply by chanting this Hare Krishna mantra and with in the association of the devotees, we are creating hundreds of--not thousands, but hundreds, centers.

So keep chanting. Understand what is God. This is the special prerogative of the human form of life, to understand God. If you don't do it, then you are missing the chance. By nature's evolutionary process, we have got this human form of life, only to understand God, not to act like cats and dogs, always busy, where is food, where is shelter, where is sex, and how to defend. This is not human form of life business. Human form of life business is to understand atah to brahma jijnyasa. This life is meant for inquiring about the Absolute Truth. So, how to understand the Absolute Truth is described here.

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So, I thank you very much, for attending this meeting, try to understand Krishna and your life will be successful. Thank you very much.

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DEITIES AND COOKING

A new lunch menu has been instituted for Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Candra. Here it is. 4 kinds of rice preparations (plain rice, rice and peas-rice pilaf, puspanna rice, and sweet rice), 3 different fruit chutneys, 4 types of vegetables (a wet vegetable, a dry vegetable, a stuffed vegetable and a 'dipped in butter and fried' vegetable), popadams, tamarind water, sweets, milk, kittrie and of course dahl and chapattis with lemon pickle.

An old bottling machine has been purchased and we are bottling whey drink. We will be getting an ice cream making machine. Kirtanananda Maharaja mentioned making homemade mango ice cream floats with slightly fermented whey drink (to add just the right amount of fizz). This will be for a stand for guests.

The chaw is coming out better than ever and the new kitchen is coming along very nicely.

The women had a long Istigosti with Kuladri das and they were urged to work harder and cooperate so that all the preparations, outfits and jewelry work will be done by Janmastami. Hari Bol!

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GUEST RECEPTION ROOM

All the walls were torn down, along with 12 layers of wallpaper, insulation was put in, and the crew is putting up dry wall board. A new 4'x4' window was installed, along with 2 electrical outlets. The old tile floor was torn out. After the wall board is up and painted, and the ceiling painted, a new tile floor will be put in.

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MEDICAL

WAR ON INFECTION

Some of these infections that have been sprouting have become dangerous. Staphacoccis Baccili not only leaves a running, itchy sore, but can easily fester to the point of blood poisoning; even gangrene, which means amputation. We should not wait until we contract it and then treat it. We should avoid it altogether. Some simple common sense measures will create a revolution in health at New Vrindaban.

- No more bare feet outside. This is really asking for tetanus or hookworm.
- Keep kitchen floor as dry as possible.
- Absolutely no passing urine in bathhouse, just as we would not swim in a urinal.
- Impeccable cleanliness should be the rule. None of this "impossible when in New Vrindaban" philosophy. This is a cop-out.
- Absolutely no more using community prasadam bowls when going to the urinal and stoolhouse. That's right brahmacaris, they've been doing it!
- Never take someone else's shoes. You share in their karma.
- Report all infections to dispensary. Some of these homemade bandages have done more harm than good.

--Urdhareta das, Cpt.

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KULADRI DAS LEAVES FOR INDIA

Leaving this Sunday, Kuladri das will be travelling to India. There, he will be buying Deity paraphernalia, saris, trims, silk jaris and will be picking up the silver arotrika paraphernalia and silver bathing bowls ordered for Their Lordships Radha Vrindavana Candra.

Also while in India Kuladri will

be observing the Deity installation at the Krishna-Balarama temple in Vrindavana, India. He will also be serving Sruti Kirti das in his service to Srila Prabhupada and will probably be helping in the Krishna-Balarama installation (it's going to be a BIG ceremony). Srila Prabhupada is going to be giving instructions on radya seva, the royal worshipping of the Deity. Kuladri plans to be spending 3-4 weeks in India before coming back to New Vrindaban.

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MILK KITCHEN

The milk products dept. sent away for yoghurt culture from a Dairy lab in Philadelphia. It comes in solid flakes that can be stored at room temperature until some are made up for an active yoghurt culture. We are getting buttermilk, which can be used as a culture, to make cheese. The cheese made last time was simply turned curd that was hung, aged, pressed and salted. A milk thermometer was purchased that floats on top and accurately measures temperatures.

Garga Rsi das is being kept mighty busy. He is making yoghurt and is cooking down at least one batch of chaw daily that are sent to other temples to pay back debts. He will try to increase to 2 batches daily as he becomes more expert. 1 batch of burfi-quality chaw and at least 3 batches of peanut chaw were made this week.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item: The suggestion box will be re-instated in the prasadam room. It is there to make suggestions, ask questions (Dear Swami), etc. Please use it for it is a great help in making New Vrindaban a dynamic Krishna Conscious community.

Item: If a guest comes, please contact Gopinath das or one of the guest receptionists (list will be posted).

IN THE WOODS

"UH-HOO, HERE COMES UNCLE ROMHARSAN"

Says Pournima. What is it like to be a Uncle. Last month my old friend and dear god-brother Gajendra das, his wife, and 2 children came to Vrindaban. Shortly after arriving they asked me to be Pournima's uncle. Pournima das is their sun you see walking around looking so blissfull all the time. You also see him looking bad sometimes too. That's when they say to him, "We'll call your uncle Romharsan if you don't behave yourself." Sometimes just saying that works. But when it doesn't I've got to go and do my thing, Grrrrrow. Remember in the Nectar of Devotion it talks about Rasa Basa. Well, this is it. An uncle to a small boy is a pretty awful thing. He represents power. More powerful than his parents, more powerful than anything he's ever experienced. Especially when he see's his uncle walking around carrying a gun and stick half the time.

Last week I threatened Pournima to put him on top of a stack of BIG logs and lave him there for a long time. Just like a log and no body ever really notices a log. His eyes almost exploded they got so big.

That's about it from uncle Romharsan. Hari Boll. Beggin to remain the worthless servant to the Brijbasis.

UNDER THE SAWDUST

Last week went pretty smooth. The first thing that happened was Genesh the ox was seen flying over the gate then Reshom the ox got out of pasture and the next day he came strolling down the road all banged up looking. One broken horn and blood all over his face. I tied him up, fed him, and cleaned him up. He's back in pasture and ready for work again. I found out later that he got into a fight with a neighbor's bull.

Next John and I got all of Ad Patit's wood, winter, in, then I finished the first Vrindavan's pegged ox cart. No nails, no bolts, all wood. Sometimes I think I'm made of wood. Oh ya, I made a supprise visit to Pournimas house today. When he saw me he stopped doing what he was doing and paid his dundibots. If you have a child and don't have an uncle I highly recomend you get one. If anyone knows where I can get a axel and tires, rubber or steel off a small car or old wagon for free or so please tell me. Well, back under the saw dust for a week, Hari Boll!

Your Servent,
Romharsan Das

P.S. Everyone is invited to stop by and see the 1865 table saw now set up and running in the wood shed. I hope I'm still cutting wood when I'm 110 like the table saw.

(Both articles typed as written by Romharsan das.)

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A PLEA

O Brijbasis, listen to our plea. The Spirit and Cintamani need your help! With the limited staff of the Spirit we cannot know all the nectar that goes on in the community. So please, take a few minutes and jot down what's been happening in your area of engagement. If something happens with you or you know of something jot it down and submit it. Share the nectar with your fellow devotees.

Cintamani isn't coming out because no one will take the time to write for it. Cintamani is a report from the heart. For it to appear it needs the very personal prose & poetry it has had in the past. Please share your realizations & devotional attitudes via the pages of Cintamani. Remember, one of the processes of devotional service is revealing one's mind. Hari bol.

ES FROM THE GARDEN

MADHAVA GHOSA
DAS

Planting resumed this week with spinach, collards, kale, and lettuce being put in for the fall. Given enough mulch, these frost resistant greens should last well into the winter.

Weed control took up most of the energy this week, as usual. The young asparagus was saved from the encroaching sod by a lot of carrot fork work and then mulched. Not this coming spring but the next, the Deities should have plenty of asparagus from early spring until the peas start producing. Starting the asparagus from seed may take a year longer than buying roots, but is much, much cheaper.

Finally got the tomatoes pruned. That should have been done a month ago. Although the vines are loaded with green tomatoes, there would have been even more if they had been pruned sooner. A lot of plant energy went into unnecessary production of suckers. They should have been pinched on emergence rather than allowed to grow. Some already had red fruit, and so they were left; giving many plants 4-8 main vines rather than the recommended 1-3. Tomatoes grow a main vine. This vine produces 3 kinds of branches. One is just leaves; these leaves absorb sun and breathe, 2 necessary functions for plant life. The second is fruit stems. These many have some leaves but mostly just blossoms that turn into tomatoes. The 3rd type is suckers. Suckers are just like the main vines; they produce leaves, fruits and more suckers. Suckers grow either from near the bottom of the plant or from the joint of the main stem and a leaf branch. These should be pinched as they appear when staking plants. This has to be done several times a season. The result is a tall vine with better exposure to the sun. If the plants aren't staked but allowed to spread, then pruning isn't necessary but they take up almost 3 times as much space and are harder to harvest.

Offerings were made this week of green and wax beans, swiss chard, cherry tomatoes, hot yellow peppers, new potatoes, broccoli, zucchini, yellow crook neck squash, beets, cabbage, and the first green bell peppers. Most of the early cabbage is coming in now and will be harvested heavily this week. If the head is just cut out and the stalk and outer leaves are left, several small heads start to form. We've never tried it, but we understand that if all these are picked but one, then it will make a second head off the same plant, so we're going to try it.

The potato vines contracted some disease that causes the leaves to yellow and the tips turn brown. There are potatoes already formed underneath the vines but production will really be hurt.

--Madhava Ghosa das

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NEW COMPOSTING FACILITIES

Composting is the process of turning organic materials back into a form readily accessible to plants for use as fertilizer and soil conditioner. In other words, dust to dust. Creation is necessarily followed by annihilation in this material world, and by understanding the process by which things are destroyed, the elements involved can more readily be utilized for the new creations.

Any organic material that comes from the earth, such as vegetables, fruits, leaves, weeds, grass and manure are formed from the various elements in the ground. Inevitably, these return to their original condition to eventually re-enter the life cycle. Composting is an efficient method of dealing with accumulations of such materials that otherwise might have presented a problem through volume of materials, odors, and as a breeding place for flies. Composting

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speeds up the decaying process. An incredible amount of organic garbage can be reduced to a small pile of humus odorless and fly free.

Two bins have been constructed to do the composting in. The fresh materials are put into the first bin and when that is full it will all be turned into the second bin at once. If the correct moisture is maintained, and it is aerated properly, this second bin should yield a rich, black organic fertilizer in about 30 days.

Cooperation is requested to make this work. The bins are constructed along the road leading east from the temple, just after the rose beds. A covered barrel has been provided besides the bins and biodegradable materials can be deposited there. Then the barrel will be dumped on top of the pile and immediately covered with a layer of manure and dirt. This will prevent odors, keep the flies away, and prevent loss of nutrients through drying.

Everybody is requested not to put non-biodegradable items such as plastic, styrafoam, metal, stones, chemicals, etc. in this barrel. Also, a separate pile has been provided for rose trimmings and branches, as these decompose much slower. Things such as paper and cloth are biodegradable at a slow rate and will also be dealt with separately, as their presence in the compost pile would slow the whole process down.

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NECTAR

Kirtanananda Swami has said that Srila Prabhupada will definitely come here to live and do his transcribing work as soon as his palace is finished. Maharaja wants to see the palace at Guruban completed by Spring for sure. We of New Vrindaban have done nothing to deserve this special grace from the ocean of benedictions. It's due only to Srila Prabhupada's mercy and Kirtanananda Maharaja's desire.

BLACKSMITH

Paramananda das and Krpacarya made a field trip to Bhakta Bill Clinton's residence and had a 2½ hour lesson on forge welding (done directly in the fire) and tempering--working with high temper steel and different grades of iron. They were also taught how to make wood chisels, single tree hooks (holds chains of horse on a single tree), and a clincher chisel (used for opening clinched nails on Horses' hooves so that nails and horseshoe can be removed). Also at the forge runners were put on the sled and they have started to make an axle for the new equipment wagon.

Krpacarya would like to get help at the Bahulaban forge so he can have a little more time on the Madhuban improvement program.

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GURUKULA MOVES BACK

The boys of the New Vrindaban Gurukula have left Vrindaban far and have again taken residence, along with their instructor Hiranyagarbho das, at their cottage. The A-frame on top of the hill that they had been staying in will again receive its quota of older brahmacaris and some of the Vrindaban brahmacaris have said they will miss the boys a lot--that they were an inspiration to their devotional service.

The move was made last Wednesday, but the school's large, blissful Gour-Nitai Deities are still residing with Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Nath for the time being. They are scheduled to journey back to the school on Sunday, today.

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Lost: One jacket--beige-like brown color. If found, please contact Urdhareta das or Jayaradhe devi dasi.

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INITIATES

Thomas Atticus Lape - Tapanacarya dasa
(an associate of Lord Caitanya)
Mark Meberg - Madhava Gosha dasa
(a singer in the entourage of Lord Caitanya)
Dennis Conger - Damodara Pandit dasa
(an associate of Lord Caitanya at Jagannath Puri)
Charles Cross - Cakrapani dasa (servant of one who holds the cakra in hand)
Blaine Fluck - Bhagavan Acarya dasa
(an associate of Lord Caitanya)
Max Goins - Makaradvaja dasa (an associate of Lord Caitanya who was the sea monster flag bearer)
Betty Goins - Valli devi dasi (name for the Yamuna)
Emil Sofsky - Advaitacarya dasa (an associate of Lord Caitanya)
Maureen Sofsky - Meghamala devi dasi
(a name for the Yamuna)
Lillian Remeris - Villasanti devi dasi
(servant of one who shines brightly)
Rosa Leopardo - Rasalila devi dasi
Nancy Villanelli - Nirmala devi dasi
(servant of one who is pure)

Gurukula

John Walsh - Jagadananda Pandit dasa
(joy of the world, an associate of Lord Caitanya)

The brahmacari ashrama has gained the association of a new brahmacari from Miami, who was also initiated last Sunday. His name is Ramadas dasa.

The following New Vrindaban devotees were given brahmana initiation by Srila Prabhupada.

Gatravan das
Kasyapa das
Krsnamurti das
Vasudama das
Parasara das
Premarupa das

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KRSNA BOL

Monday - chapter 15
Tuesday - chapter 16
Wednesday - Chapters 17, 18 & 19
Thursday - chapter 20
Friday - chapter 21
Saturday - chapter 22
Sunday - chapter 23

Krsna Bol, played in the morning at the three main New Vrindaban farms, is a part of Srimad Bhagavatam. This is a rare chance for everyone to take an active part in Srimad Bhagavatam for the benefit of all. Srila Prabhupada has said that all his disciples should practically memorize Krsna Book. So actually we must consider such a statement to be the order of the Spiritual Master. Krsna Bol provides a perfect opportunity for everyone to joyfully undertake this instruction. Currently, especially at Bahulaban, only a very few out of 50 devotees are actively participating in Krsna Bol. This is a disgrace and is displeasing to Kirtanananda Maharaja, who wants to see all the devotees of New Vrindaban enlivened by the pastimes of Krishna. So please, let's start forming new teams; a team schedule can be posted and prized awarded to winning teams, and let's everyone get involved in Krsna Bol and be merged in the ocean of transcendental bliss.

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VAISNAVA CALENDAR

Mon. 29	Pavitraropana-ekadasi. Beg. of Jhulana-yatra of Sri Sri Radha-Govinda. (actual Ekadasi day)
Tues. 30	SR. 5:08. Ekadasi-parana---after 8:20 am and before 9:31 am (break ekadasi). Dis. of Srila Rupa Goswami and Srila Gauri-dasa Pandita. Sri Krsna-pavitraropanotsava.
Sat. 3	Sri Baladeva-purnima. End of Jhulana-yatra of Sri Sri Radha-Govinda
Sun. 4	S.R. 5:11. Baladeva-purnima-parana---before 9:32 am.

COWS

"For a sanatanist (the follower of Vedic principles) it is the duty of every household-er to have cows and bulls as household paraphernalia, not only for drinking milk, but also for deriving religious principles. The sanatanist worships cows on religious principles and respects brahmanas. The cow's milk is required for the sacrificial fire, and by offering and performing sacrifices the householder can be happy, the cow's calf is not only beautiful to look at, but also gives satisfaction to the cow, and so she delivers as much milk as possible."

—Srimad Bhagavatam; purport 1.17.3.

All Glories to Sri Sri Radha Vrindavana Candra. All Glories to Their wonderful surabhi cows who are an example for the whole world, accepting service on behalf of Their Lordships, making it possible for fallen souls to rise above the platform of material sense gratification by pleasing Govinda, the protector of the cows, the land and the senses.

Mother Bela, a holstein cow who has been grazing at Nandagram for the last 2 months, came fresh on Wednesday. She was going to be brought to Bahulaban to calve, but arrangements not being made sufficiently in time, she couldn't wait any longer and calved out in the pasture. Unfortunately her bull calf did not live long as it was discovered dead. Bela then came to Bahulaban for a couple days of observation. Normally a cow will pass her afterbirth naturally after calving; but as was the case with Bela, if she doesn't, she must be cleaned with the careful hand of the cowherd boy. She went back to Vrindaban farm Friday and is now milking for the pleasure of Radha Vrindavana Nath.

At about 7:30 yesterday morning Makara-dvaja Prabhu came running down the pasture by the reservoir. He hollered, "Hari bol, it's a heifer!" In his arms was a big, big heifer calf that Rati, one of our new cows from L & J, came fresh with somewhere around Govindaji hill during the night. Very much anxious and attached to her long awaited calf, Rati was following close behind. This calf promises to be a first class cow coming from Rati and E.S. Lila Jet, who is a first class quality bull.

So as 2 cows came fresh this week, 2 cows also were dried up this week. Mother Surabhi, mother of Rupa, our first New Vrindaban breeding bull, and Mother Basya, a jersey from Vrindaban farm, were dried up in expectations of their new calves to come within a few months. Surabhi was milking for a whole year. Usually a cow is milked for 305 days (10 months) then dried up for her next calf. Surabhi didn't breed back right away as usual, therefore she was milked for 12 months.

Laxsmi, Rocana, Parvati and Yasoda all were bred this week by artificial insemination. Yasoda was given a try with Sanatan and Rupa but actually we have no proper facility yet to bring them together, and the attempts didn't work.

Mother Sukla, who was so sick when she came fresh 2 weeks ago, is now milking 40 lbs. of milk a day out of 3 teats only. The fourth teat is giving less than 1 pound a day but we expect an increase as there is no more infection present. We haven't gotten an official count on her yet but her milk is definitely the richest butterfat milk in the barn.

Here are the statistics for the Bahulaban Goshalla for this week.

<u>cow</u>	<u>butterfat</u>	<u>amount (lbs.)</u>
Satyabhama	4.0%	525.5
Dvaraka	3.3%	311.1
Ambika	3.9%	325.2
Sati	3.6%	255.6
Sarasvati	3.5%	315.2
Rukmini	4.2%	307.3
Laxsmi	3.7%	302.5
Bhadra	3.5%	387.5
Yasoda	4.4%	283.4
Rocana	5.3%	288.3
Rabbri	4.5%	220.1
Isani	4.6%	207.7
Syama	4.0%	168.0
Parvati	3.4%	491.5
Kaliya	--	213.4
Cintamani	--	431.7
Sukla	--	213.9

NEW VRINDABAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes for 7/28/74

ATTENDANCE: Kirtanananda Swami, Kuladri das, Paramananda das, Bhagavatananda das, Devakinandana das, Adi Pati das, Daivata das, Parambrahma das.

TREASURY: Read and accepted.

DEPARTMENTS: Paramananda das

- Corn was cultivated at Nanda Gram.
- The clover at Madhuban was cut and put into the Harvestore.
- Corn was cultivated and firewood hauled at Vrindaban.
- In landscaping, mudclearing and gravel spreading work was done at the horsebarn.

Bhagavatananda das

- Guruban palace and barn construction was resumed.
- The Health Department visited us and was pleased with our sanitation progress.
- There were 2 marble runs this week.
- There will be a New York trip to get aid from Mr. Richkin's engineers for the Palace construction.

Kuladri das

- Deity lunch and evening offerings have increased to most of Srila Prabhupada's desires.
- Testing is being done on rasgulla and bottled whey drink milk products.
- Kuladri is going to India and Urdhareta is going to take care of the women.

Adi Pati das

- Weeding and mulching was done on all gardens this week. Crop harvesting is very good, but householder gardens are being ignored. See Adi if you are interested in doing a little daily gardening.
- Potato blight might force an early harvest; some sprays are to be tried first.

Devakinandana das

- Bela was the first Holstein bred to a Brown Swiss. The calf was still born and suffocation is suspected as the cause of death.
- Sanatana and Rupa (bulls) are still too young to breed; Bill Bardall is still breeding the Brown Swiss.
- Mother Rati calved a heifer.

Daivata das

- Sewing repair is being done and some new outfits are being started.
- The cows are doing nicely with a new record of 49.25 lbs. in one day.
- Mother Naeve / / Devananda and Cheyenne leaving to visit Maeve's parents then they will live at Gurukula where Devananda will attend classes.
- Brahmacarini exchange program is doing nicely and will continue.

BOARD MINUTES (Continued)--

Parambrahma das

--At Vrindaban a new daily cleaning schedule has begun, 5:30 - 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. are the cleaning hours for all available devotees.

--The gardens are being fenced in by Gatravan das and crew so that the cows may graze freely and not ruin Radha Vrndavana Nath's gardens.

--The prasadam room is being painted and remodeled.

--The guards will receive routine police and crowd and traffic control training for Janmastami.

OLD BUSINESS --Canning is to begin Monday at the Bahulaban kitchen.

NEW BUSINESS --For Janmastami money will be asked for in advance. Tickets will be in the form of plastic name cards for all guest and visitors as proof of donation.
--Urdhareta is to take Kuladri's place as supervisor of Bahulaban's brahmacarinis.

Meeting adjourned.

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COWS (Continued)--

Mother Satyabhama is again high in the barn this week. Twice this week she has given over 82 lbs. in a day. Her statistics this week are 73.4, 82.5, 66.7, 68.3, 77.1, 74.9 and 82.6. On Friday morning she gave 51 lbs. which is a barn record for one milking. Here are the weekly totals for the whole herd.

July 20 - 760.3 lbs./July 21 - 823.8 lbs./July 22 - 718.2 lbs./ July 23 - 737.4 lbs./
July 24 - 776.4 lbs./July 25 - 769.8 lbs./July 26 - 752.6 lbs. Seventeen cows were being milked. The total production this week was 5338.5 lbs. The daily herd average was 762.6 lbs. and the daily cow average was 43.6 lbs. All Glories to the Butterfat Swami! --Amburish das

VRINDABAN COWS:

<u>Basya</u>	<u>Mallika</u>	<u>Kunti</u>	<u>Himavati</u>	
8.1	26.4	24.8	38.0	
8.8	31.7	25.8	38.3	
8.0	27.0	22.6	38.0	
8.5	27.5	26.4	38.3	
7.6	29.9	28.9	39.3	
8.0	28.2	25.9	41.5	
8.0	27.5	25.8	32.2	
<u>49.0 lbs.</u>	<u>198.2 lbs.</u>	<u>180.2 lbs.</u>	<u>265.6</u>	total: 693.0 lbs.

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Dear Brijbasis,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

I would like to make a request of everyone. Even though we at the New Vrindaban Gurukula don't get many visitors, we would like to place a restriction on visiting hours. Men and women are welcome to visit for the morning program before 6:30 am and in the evening at 6:00 for aratrika and class. Mangala arati is at 4:30 a.m. If you are giving a tour to some Indian guests, please observe the formality of seeing me before entering the house. In other words, treat the house like a private home rather than a public temple. Thank you very much.

Your servant,
Hiranyagarbho das