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DEAR GODBROTHERS,

Please accept our most humble and wretched obeisances at your feet. All Glories to our Beloved Spiritual Master

Srila Prabhupada, Who is the ocean of mercy and deliverer of the fallen souls of the world.

In the wake of the very upsetting news that Srila Prabhupada is very ill in Vrindavana, India, the staff of The Brijbasi Spirit extends their prayers to the Supreme Lord that Srila Prabhupada will make a swift recovery. We are only too well aware of the offenses and sinful activities we have committed and so are making a sincere effort to purify our existence so that our Spiritual Master will not suffer so greatly. It is only due to His mercy that we are here at all and all we are able to do is seek this mercy constantly, for indeed it is our life and soul. O please Srila Prabhupada, don't leave us now! We are like little children at your feet, bewildered in the midst of an entangling existence, and grasping for Your hand so that we may find the path out of this material labyrinth. Please Srila Prabhupada, you are our only shelter. Most of us have as yet got to learn how to fly our own airplanes to the spiritual sky. You keep nudging us out of the nest, but degraded as we are, we keep falling down into the ground of maya.

So Srila Prabhupada, we simply pray for your quick recovery, and we are simply desirous to become sincere in our service to you.

Your eternal servants, the staff

PRABHUPADA STRICKEN

Srila Prabhupada went to Vrndavana India upon completion of his world tour in order to preside over the opening of the new Krsna-Balarama Temple in Vrndavana. Because of lack of materials, however, the temple opening had to be postponed until October or November. Prabhupada vowed that he would stay in Vrndavana until the temple is completed.

The latest news from there, unfortunately, is that Srila Prabhupada is seriously ill. Friday night at 11 pm Kirtanananda Maharaja received a call from Jayatirtha in Vrndavana informing us that Srila Prabhupada is presently stricken by some very serious malady. The first thing he said was that Srila Prabhupada was very ill, could not walk and was barely able to talk. He asked if physicians might be flown in but Srila Prabhupada said that they could not help, only kirtan would help. Prabhupada desires 24 hr. kirtans in all ISKCON centers. Jayatirtha indicated that many devotees were sick with typhoid fever, which was going around, but he did not know what sickness was attacking Prabhupada.

Kirtanananda Swami ordered all devotees to assemble in their respective temples and make kirtan until further notice. Chanting was kept up all night. No further information has come from India except the fact that there has been no change in Prabhupada's condition. Kirtanananda Maharaj has asked for continuous kirtan.

On this occasion we should all be aware that the sickness suffered by the pure devotee is not due to any material contamination of sinful reaction on his part but rather, is the result of accepting the karmic reactions of his disciples. Kirtanananda Swami explained that the spiritual master assumes some of our karma at the first initiation and with the second initiation he takes all of it. The karma is passed thru the disciplic succession all the way back to Krsna Who completely destroys it. By continued offenses we cause the reactions to

pile up until illness results. However, if the disciples are advanced enough they can share the burden with the Spiritual Master. If we remember how much Christ suffered for the sinful reactions of His disciples we may appreciate the seriousness of the problems which can be caused to the Spiritual Master by disciples not being sufficiently serious.

Let us please pray for Srila Prabhupada's protection and let us become 100% serious in our mission to become free from all material association.

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NEW MORNING SCHEDULE

4:00 am	Arotrika
4:30 am	Tulsi Worship
4:40 am	Greet Srila Prabhupada, hold 10 minute arotrika, tape until 5:00.
5:00 am	Krsna Bol
5:15 am	Srimad Bhagavatam Class
5:45 am	Japa period
6:30 am	Greet Deities (Govinda prayers, Jaya Om prayers & Kirtan.)--until 6:45
7:00 am	Breakfast Prasadam

This new morning schedule allows everyone to attend Prabhupada Worship, which is one of our most important functions in the morning. Hari Bol!

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VAISNAVA CALENDAR

August 28, Wednesday -- Padmini-ekadasi (observance day)

August 29, Thursday -- SR. 5:20. Ekadasi - parana, before 9:32 am. (break ekadasi)

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SRI UPADESAMRITA

THINGS FAVORABLE TO PURE DEVOTIONAL SERVICE
TEXT 3

utsahan-niscayad-dhairyat
tattat-karma-pravartanat
sanga-tyagat sato vrtteh
sadbhir bhaktih prasidhyati

Translation

There are six items favorable to the execution of pure devotional service, namely, 1. becoming enthusiastic; 2. endeavoring with confidence; 3. being patient; 4. acting according to regulative principles (such as sravanam, kirtanam, visnoh smaranam--hearing, chanting and remembering Krsna); 5. giving up the association of non-devotees and 6. following the footsteps of the previous acaryas. These six principles undoubtedly advance the complete success of pure devotional service.

Purport

Devotional service is not sentimental speculation or imaginative ecstasy. Its substance is practical activity. Srila Rupa Gosvami in his Bhakti-rasamrta-sindhu has defined devotional service as follows:

anyabhilasita-sunyam jnana-karmadya-navrtam
anukulyena krsnanusilanam-bhaktir-uttama

(Bhakti-rasamrta-sindhu:1,1,11)

"Uttama-bhakti or unalloyed devotion unto the Supreme Personality of Godhead Sri Krsna means to render devotional service in a way favorable to Him, which is free from any extraneous motive, and devoid of fruitive karma, impersonal jnana and any other selfish desire."

Bhakti is a sort of cultivation. As soon as we say "cultivation" we must refer to activity. Cultivation of spiritual mentality does not mean to sit down idly for meditation as taught by pseudo-yogis. Meditation may be good for persons who have no information of devotional service, and it is sometimes recommended to check their distracting materialistic activities. To meditate means to stop all nonsense activities at least for the time being. Devotional service not only puts an end to all nonsensical mundane activities but also engages one in meaningful devotional activities. Sri Prahlada Maharaja recommends:

sravanam kirtanam visnoh smaranam pada-sevanam
arcanam vandanam dasyam sakhyam atma-nivedanam

"The nine forms of devotional service are: 1. hearing the name and glories of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, 2. chanting His glories, 3. remembering the Lord, 4. serving the Lord's feet, 5. worshipping the Deity, 6. offering obeisances unto the Lord, 7. acting as the Lord's servant, 8. making friendship with the Lord, and 9. offering one's total being to the Lord."

Sravanam or aural reception is the first step in acquiring transcendental knowledge. One should not give aural reception to unauthorized persons, but

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one must approach the proper person as recommended in the Bhagavad-gita, Ch.4, sloka 34, "tad viddhi pranipatena pariprasnena sevaya"--one has to approach the proper person, serve him, surrender unto him, inquire from him regarding pure devotional service, and hear from him submissively." These are practical activities. It is further recommended in the Kathopanishad, "tad vijñānartham sa gurum eya avigacced,---in order to understand that transcendental science, one has to approach a bonafide spiritual master." This method of submissively receiving transcendental confidential knowledge is not mere mental speculation. In this regard Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu told Srila Rupa Gosvami:

brahmāṇḍa bhramāṇīte kona bhagavan jiv
guru-kṛṣṇa prasāde paya bhakti-lata bij

"In the course of traversing the universal creation of Brahma, some fortunate soul may receive the seed of the bhakti-lata--creeper of devotional service--by the grace of guru and Kṛṣṇa."

The whole material world is a place of confinement for the living entities who are by nature ananda-maya--pleasure seeking. They want to be free from the confinement in this world of conditional happiness, but not knowing the process of liberation they are bound to transmigrate from one species of life to another. In this way they are wandering throughout the material universe. When by chance one comes in contact with a pure devotee and hears from him patiently, then one's path of devotional service begins. Such an opportunity is offered to a person who is sincere. The International Society for Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is giving such a chance to humanity at large to be engaged in devotional service. If by fortune one takes advantage of this opportunity then the path of liberation for going back to home, back to Godhead immediately opens for him. One should accept this opportunity very enthusiastically. Without enthusiasm one cannot be successful. Even in the material world one who is very enthusiastic in his particular field of activities soon becomes successful. A student, a businessman, an artist or anyone who wants success in his line of activities must be enthusiastic. Similarly, one has to be very enthusiastic in devotional service. Enthusiasm means to act for Kṛṣṇa--kṛṣṇārthe akhila-cesta (Bhakti-rasamṛta-sindhu). In all phases of life one has to perform devotional activities under the direction of the spiritual master in order to achieve perfection in bhakti-yoga. Kṛṣṇa is all-pervading. Nothing therefore is independent of Kṛṣṇa. Lord Kṛṣṇa states in the Bhagavad-gita, ch. 9, text 4:

māyā tatam idam sarvaṁ jagad avyajakta-jmūrtina
mat-sthāni sarva-bhūtāni na caham tesv avasthitah

"By Me, in My unmanifest form, this entire universe is pervaded. All beings are in Me, but I am not in them."

Under the direction of the bonafide spiritual master, one has to make everything favorable for Kṛṣṇa's service. For example, we are using a dictaphone. The materialist who invented this machine intended it for businessmen or writers of mundane subjects. But we are using this dictaphone for writing Kṛṣṇa Conscious literature. Of course the manufacturer of the dictaphone is wholly within the energy of Kṛṣṇa. All the parts of the instrument, including the electronic function are made from different combinations and interactions of the five kinds of material energy, namely, bhūmi, jala, agni, vāyu and ākāśa. The inventor used his brain to make this complicated machine, and his brain as well as the ingredients were supplied by Kṛṣṇa. According to the statement of Kṛṣṇa, mat-sthāni sarva-bhūtāni, "Everything is depending on My energy." A devotee can understand that nothing is independent of Kṛṣṇa's energy, therefore,

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everything should be dovetailed in His service. Endeavor executed with intelligence in Krsna Consciousness is called utshat or enthusiasm. The devotees find the correct means by which everything can be utilized in the service of the Lord---nirbandha krsna sambandhe yukta vairagya mucyate (Cf. Bhakti-rasamrta-sindhuh). Therefore execution of devotional service is not idle so-called meditation but it is practical action in the foreground of spiritual life. These activities must be executed with patience. One should not be impatient in Krsna consciousness. Our Krsna Consciousness Movement was started single-handed. In the beginning there was no response, but because we continued to execute our devotional activities with patience people gradually began to understand the importance of this movement and now they are eagerly participating. One should not be impatient in the matter of discharging one's devotional service, but should take instruction from the spiritual master, and execute it with patience depending upon the mercy of guru and Krsna. The successful execution of Krsna conscious activities requires both patience and confidence. The example is cited that sometimes a newly-married girl expects an offspring from her husband as an immediate result of the marriage. But it is not a fact, of course, that as soon as she is married she can get a child. She must surrender to her husband, confident that her child will develop and be born in due time. Similarly, in devotional service surrender means one has to become confident. The devotee thinks: "avasya-raksive krsna---Krsnawill surely protect me and give me help for the successful execution of my devotional service." This is called confidence.

As it is already explained, one should not be idle but he should be very much enthusiastic to execute the regulative principles--tattat-karma-pravartanat. Slackness in following the regulative principles will destroy devotional service. In our Krsna Consciousness Movement we have given four basic regulative principles: no illicit sex, no meat eating, no gambling and no intoxication. A devotee must be very enthusiastic to follow these principles. If he becomes slack in following any of these regulative principles his progress will certainly be checked. Srila Rupa Gosvami therefore, recommends, "tattat-karma pravartanat---strictly to follow the regulative principles of viddhi-bhakti". In addition to the four prohibitions (yama) there are positive regulative principles (niyama) such as daily chanting 16 rounds on japa-mala beads. These regular activities must be faithfully done with enthusiasm. This is called tattat-karma-pravartanat, or varied engagements in devotional service.

Furthermore, in order to be successful in devotional service one must give up the association of undesirable people. Undesirable people means the karmis, jnanis, yogis, or the non-devotees. Once Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu was asked by one of His householder devotees about the general principles of vaisnavism, and the general routine activities of the vaisnava, and He immediately replied: asat-sanga tyagi vaisnavararya--The characteristic behavior of a vaisnava is that he gives up the association of worldly people or non-devotees. Srila Nartam Dasa Thakura has therefore recommended: tandera carana sevi bhakta-sane vasa---one has to live in the company of pure devotees and execute the regulative principles laid down by the previous acaryas, the six Gosvamis, namely, Sri Rupa Gosvami, Sri Sanatana Gosvami, Sri Jiva Gosvami, Sri Bhatta Raghunatha Gosvami, Sri Gopala Bhatta Gosvami and Sri Raghunatha Dasa Gosvami. If one lives in the association of devotees there is very little chance of associating with non-devotees. We are opening many centers of the Krsna Consciousness Society just to invite men to live in the company of devotees and practice the regulative principles of spiritual life. Devotional service means transcendental activities. On the transcendental platform there is no contamination of the 3 modes of material nature. This is called Vi-suddha-sattva, the platform of pure goodness or goodness free from contamination by the qualities of passion and

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ignorance. In our ISKCON movement we prescribe that everyone rise early in the morning by 4:00 a.m., and attend mangala aratik or morning worship, then read Srimad Bhagavatam, perform kirtana etc. We have continuous activities in devotional service 24 hours a day. This is called sata vrtteh, or following in the footsteps of the previous acaryas who expertly filled every moment of time with Krsna conscious activities.

If one strictly follows the advice given in this verse by Srila Rupa Gosvami, namely: 1. becoming enthusiastic, 2. having confidence, 3. being patient, 4. giving up the association of unwanted persons, 5. following the regulative principles, and 6. remaining in the association of the devotees--then one is sure to advance in devotional service. Srila Bhakti-siddhanta Sarasvati Thakura remarks in this connection that cultivation of knowledge by philosophical speculation, collection of mundane opulences by advancement fruitive activities, or desire for yoga siddhis, i.e. material perfections, are all against the principles of devotional service. One has to become thoroughly callous to such non-permanent activities and instead turn his attention to the regulative principles of devotional service. According to Bhagavad-gita, ch. 2, sloka 69: "ya nisa sarva-bhutanam tasyam jagarti samyami--what is night for all beings is the time of awakening for the self-controlled." Engagement in the devotional service of the Lord is the life and soul of the living entity. It is the desired goal and supreme perfection of human life. One has to become confident about this. One must be also confident that except for devotional service all other activities of mental speculation, fruitive work or mystic material success will never yield any enduring benefit. Complete confidence in the path of devotional service will enable one to achieve his desired goal of life, but attempting to follow the other paths, will only succeed to make one restless. In the 7th Canto of the Srimad Bhagavatam it is stated: "One must be calmly convinced that persons who have given up devotional service and are engaged instead in severe austerities for perfection of other purposes are not purified in their minds--despite their advanced austerities--because they have no information of transcendental loving service to the Lord."

Again, "Although the mental speculators and the fruitive actors may have performed great austerities and penances, still they fall down simply because they do not have the information about the lotus feet of the Lord."

The devotees of the Lord, however, never fall down. In the Bhagavad-gita, 9.31, the Supreme Personality of Godhead assured Arjuna: "kaunteya pratijanihi na me bhaktah pranasyati--O son of Kunti, declare it boldly that My devotee never perishes." Again in the Gita (2.40) Krsna said: "svalpam apy asya dharmasya trayate mahato bhayat--even a little advancement on this path of devotional service can protect one from the most dangerous type of fear." Devotional service is so pure and perfect that having even once begun a very little portion of it, one is forcibly dragged to the ultimate success of life. There are many statements in the Srimad Bhagavatam.

Sometimes a person will give up this ordinary material engagement and out of sentiment take shelter of the lotus feet of the Supreme Lord and begin the preliminary execution of devotional service. Even if such an immature devotee falls down, there is no loss on his part. On the other hand what is the gain of one who executes the prescribed duties according to his varna and asrama but does not take to devotional service? Although a fallen devotee may take his next birth in a low-grade family, still his devotional service will resume there where it left off. Devotional service is shaituki apratihata--not the effect of any mundane cause and not terminable by mundane interruption. Thus a devotee should be confident about his engagement and should not be very much interested in the activities of the karmis, jnanis, and yogis. Certainly there are many good qualities amongst the fruitive actors, philosophical speculators,

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and mystic yogis, but all possible good qualities automatically develop in the character of the devotee without any extraneous endeavor. This is confirmed in the Srimad Bhagavatam. In one who has developed his life of pure devotional service, all the good qualities of the demigods manifest progressively. Because a devotee is not interested in any material activities he does not become materially contaminated. He is immediately posed on the platform of transcendental life. On the contrary, any person engaged in mundane activities, be he a so-called jnani, yogi, karmi, philanthropist, nationalist, or anything, cannot attain the higher stage of becoming a mahatma. He remains a dur-atma, or cripple-minded person. According to the Bhagavad-gita (9:13), mahatmanas tu mam partha daivim prakrtim asritah/bhajanty ananya-manaso jnatva bhutadim avyayam--the mahatmas are under the protection of the Lord's spiritual potency and their visible symptoms is that they are always engaged in devotional service."

All the devotees of the Lord are under the protection of His supreme potency. Therefore they should not deviate from the path of devotional service and take to the path of the karmi, jnani or yogi, etc. This is called utsahan niscayad-dhairyat tattat-karma-pravartanat--enthusiastically executing the regular activities of devotional service in devotional service without any hindrance.

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KRSNA BOL SCHEDULE

Monday -	ch. 13. The Stealing of the Boys and Calves by Brahma
Tuesday-	ch.14. Prayers Offered by Lord Brahma to Lord Krsna
Wednesday-	ch. 15. Killing of Dhenukasura
Thursday-	ch. 16. Subduing Kaliya
Friday-	chs. 17, 18 & 19. Extinguishing the Forest Fire, Killing the Demon Pralambasura, Devouring the Forest Fire
Saturday-	ch. 20. Description of Autumn
Sunday-	ch. 21. The Gopis Attracted by the Flute

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LIBRARY

Srila Prabhupada has stated repeatedly that we should strive to perfect our respective disciplines of service. This instruction is taken very seriously by the sincere devotee, and devotees of New Vrindaban are invited to expand their knowledge by taking advantage of the wide variety of devotional and technical information provided through the books of the New Vrindaban Library.

There are some recent acquisitions: New Bhagavatams are available for sale, 3:2 and 4:1, also Caitanya Caritamrta. There is a whole collection of books that we just got in on herbs and gardening that may be checked out.

HOW TO GROW HERBS/Sunset Books. A pictorial essay on herb cultivation.

THE GREEN THUMB BOOK OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GARDENING/George Abraham. This is an excellent description of the process of cultivating fruit trees.

BACK TO EDEN/Jethro Kloss. The book on preventative herbal medicine & natural healing.

HERBS FOR EVERY GARDEN/Gertrude Foster. Tells about growing herbs from seeds.

GARDENS ARE FOR EATING/Stamley Schrieber. Inclusive book on fruits and vegetables.

BOTANY/Golden Press. Gives a clear, overall picture of the vast plant kingdom.

TALES FROM THE GARDEN

Short and sweet this week. Undoubtedly the greatest service I could render to you via this article is to answer the great question, "How come there's an acre of garden at Bahulaban and no vegetables in the dahl? So I'm going to pinpoint just what is available and how it's being used.

Actually there's always some vegetable in the dahl but admittedly the amount fluctuates drastically at times. Take green leafy vegetables for example, i.e. the leaves of califlour, broccoli, cabbage, beet green chard and squash. These plants are picked in a regulated fashion. You might say we're pruning them for their leaves. In other words if you pluck off too many leaves from a young beet plant it won't mature into a root. Likewise, califlower won't form a fluffy white head. It becomes purple and bitter without a leaf shield. As for cabbage, last Sunday's feast salad took it all, but it still is providing greens. If you decapitate the firm head and allow the roots and basal leaves to live, several miniature cabbages (they look like giant brussel sprouts) will sprout.

The summer squash and tomatoes are most prolific now, but they are used in the 6:30 salad prasadam and for drying on screens as well as dahl. The drying effort is proceeding smoothly but slowly. We have installed eight screens in Krsna's kitchen. So as you can see it requires some juggling and sober judgement to facilitate Deity preps, lunch prasadam, night prasadam, drying for winter & feasts. The Vrindaban and Madhuban gardens supplement slightly but basically we just don't have enough planted, it's that simple!

The fall planting of lettuce, peas and turnips are doing wonderfully. And of course we should be getting snap beans again soon. Maybe that sweet corn too. So to summarize this week, we sowed lettuce, spinach, lots of radish, and the mental seed of how to get next year's garden planted.

--Bhakta Terry

WATER SYSTEM

Well, as you have probably noticed in the past couple weeks we have a growing water problem, the problem is that because of the time of the year the rain fall has slowed down and as a result the water stored in the earth has dropped down to a low level. Fortunately during Janmastami we finally got a new system working, which is pumping water from the reservoir on the other side of the hill to a tank on top of the hill. From there gravity pulls the water down the hill. This new system has a lot more pressure than the old one and because of this the old pipes were breaking all over the farm. We finally got this under control and so hopefully there should be plenty of water for general use.

Unfortunately this water is not clean enough to drink. Therefore it is an important matter not to use the well which is the main source of drinking water for cleaning, bathing and other similar uses because of the low level of the well water--it is very easy to run it dry and then the only water to drink is not so clean. So please try to observe this and if for some reason the main water fails please be patient, we're trying hard to get it together.

--Premarupa das

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BLACKSMITHING

The clanging sounds from the building beside the horse barn are the sounds of progress. The bed on the haywagon was widened from 6' to 8' and metal supports were fastened to the wooden uprights which keep the hay in front and rear. Furthermore, a tongue, which acts to connect the horses to the wagon, got spliced to the plow wagon and the axles for the new equipment cart got worked on. Also a number of farm implements were greased. Damodar Pandit has begun learning from Paramananda how to operate the forge.

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Vrindaban temple is undergoing numerous improvements in the deity worship and in the general appearance. Krsnamurti das is now blissfully engaged as full-time pujari. Before, Somadas was working during the day and splitting up puja work into the morning and evening hours. There wasn't enough care during the day. Now however, Krsnamurti cleans and does offerings and arotika during the day. He is dreaming that the date the new altar room will be completed will coincide with Radhastami.

A new bed for Sri Sri Radha Vrindavana Nath and new clothes for Lord Jagannath and Co. are being made by Mother Kutila at Bahulaban. New offering preps are now available since the rearrangement of cooking for the deities, which has each temple providing its specialty for the other temples. At Madhuban Mother Parayanya makes burfi, at Vrindaban pera is made by Candramauli, koah by Ahankara, sandesh by Radhanath and at Bahulaban cheesecake is expertly made by Mother Vijaya and Mother Kutila makes ecstatic sweet rice. What transcendental teamwork! Offerings should be more opulent everywhere.

Around the temple some changes are visible. The front flower garden is clean of weeds and the construction of the altar is slowly progressing. Kirtanananda Swami came up by way of Snyder's road in a pick-up with materials and marble for the new altar. Also the wiring and venting is being redone to give more facility for cooking and cleaning. Srivas das has been precariously perched on a long homemade ladder trying to erect what appears to be the world's longest stove-pipe, no less than 50 feet. After the great smoke stack collapsed with a mighty crash, it was discovered by Gatravan das that there was a chimney hole inside the very kitchen where smoke could be vented. Also new screen windows have been installed in the kitchen.

Gatravan and Bhakta Bob and Bhakta Chris have given some hard work to a massive improvement job on the Vrindaban road. Well over 125 yards of trenches were dug to de-mud the road, with more digging being done every day, and rocks walk ways were laid in some places. As of now the road has about 10 very muddy and rugged stretches. All Glories to their service!

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FIELDS AND CROPS

Bhima had a lean week, ingesting only 2 dump truck loads of Sudex from Madhuban and a few bales of hay that we had bought from Fred Gump that were too wet to put into the hayloft at the new barn along with the rest. Wet baled hay gets mildewed and will make animals sick.

A small field just below the pavilion on top of the hill was plowed and had manure spread on it which was disced in right the same day to preserve all the ammonia (nitrogen), and seeded to a rye-sudex mixture. Kasyapa das figured out a way to hook up 3 horses so he could pull up full spreader loads. Another field across the street was plowed. This turned over into big hard chunks of clay. Manure and compost was spread and disced in but it will need lots more to get into good shape. Sudex was planted on it and as soon as some rye seed comes into the co-op, some will be under-seeded also. A load of sand & concrete was hauled to Adi Pati's, some marble was taken to Vrindaban & the stoolhouse barrels were hauled.

The tractor disced down the weed-overgrown oat field at Madhuban, tried plowing it but it was too thick and kept plunging the plow--triple disced it and will go back and hit it again before planting a cover crop of rye.

Nectar flowed this week as Kirtanananda Swami finally took a ride to Vrindaban in his new chariot last Sunday night. --Madhava Gosha das

MILK KITCHEN

NAMA HATTA

The milk kitchen has temporarily quit making cheese in order to devote full attention to making rasagulla. Garga Rsi is trying for 10 batches a day and using 10 gallons of milk in the process. The preparation calls for whole milk and skim milk in approximately equal parts. This is curdled to get curd which is heated and turned into little curd balls which get cooked in sugar water till they get big, spongy and squeaky. Question: What is so hard about making rasagulla? Answer: Prabhu, if we knew that it wouldn't be hard. Kirtanananda Swami stated that if Garga Rsi keeps at it for 6 months diligently he'll have it down. Apparently, making rasagulla is a subtle art that requires tapasya.

Pointing to more concrete realities Garga Rsi informs us, "We have a cheese curing room with cheese curing in it." And of course, everyone is very content with the buttermilk being served at Bahulaban every morning & lunch. That is a feat in itself since the buttermilk culture which comes in flav-o-lac flakes takes 17 hours to produce. It comes from a simple bacteria strain known as L. Bulgarius, which produces a long-lasting culture. 10 gallons skim milk is pasteurized at 161 degrees for 16 seconds, then cooled off in the tunnel till it reaches 75 degrees, which must be maintained for 13 hours. The next day a little salt is added and it's ready to offer. Kirtanananda Swami says it's better than the yoghurt.

Coming next issue: The yoghurt story and rasagulla results.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item: The suggestion box is now re-installed in the prasadam room for the use of the devotees so they may submit suggestions, constructive criticisms, praises, Dear Swami questions, etc.
Item: Lost-Kodak instamatic camera, last seen Tuesday night. The film had New Vrindaban Srila Prabhupada photos. Returnee can have choice of picture.

For the pleasure of Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Candra, Srila Prabhupada, Kirtanananda Maharaja and all the assembled devotees, a store has recently been established by some of the Bahulaban mothers inspired by Mother Vidya. Going by the name Nama Hatta, "market place of the Holy Name", it has anything present within the 3 worlds plus the cream of transcendental items such as Srila Prabhupada's books on the shelves.

The items of clothing are free to members of the brahmachari and sanniyasa asrama but requisitions must be made through the proper channels. In accordance with the principles of the grhastra asrama however, items must be either purchased outright or traded for. In this regard householders may trade clothes, tools, homemade items, garden vegetables, milk, butter, ghee, etc. or help out at the store. An obvious advantage is that by trading one may become relieved of the ever accumulating household paraphernalia too nice to throw away, but which none-the-less has no value at the time.

The store is presently open on Sundays only, between 3:15 and 4:00, but if anyone is interested to come during the week women are generally there working after lunch prasadam every day except Thursday.

There is one general rule we request everyone to comply with, that is no verbal orders please. The store has an ever changing stock as that is the nature of trade. Presently we have a large variety of Indian incense, madras dresses and kirtas, saffron kirtas, oils, bath oil, incense burners, etc. and many of Srila Prabhupada's books all donated by Vipina das. Laxmi goes to the Deities and trade items are meant to replenish the stock and add interest. Any trade will be considered so bring in those articles. Donations may be made at the store or in the large wooden box on the Bahulaban porch. The store is at the new barn in the former grain room behind the small Harvester.

JANMASTAMI RETROSPECT

Now that Janmastami is just a memory and New Vrindaban is back to its usual pace, we thought we'd include this review of the festivities so that the Brijbasis could again taste the nectar of those auspicious days.

Janmastami this year was wonderful and saw very good attendance. The new barn was packed day and night with devotees, and the guest register was nearly filled. Extra bhoga had to be procured to accomodate unexpected numbers. Even the well ran dry from the voluminous consumption of pure water. Nobody here expected such a turnout. Few temples responded to the advance letters requesting contributions and attendance estimates. Only a few weeks ago Srila Prabhupada's visit drew devotees in droves. All indications pointed to a moderate to small sized crowd. So it was a pleasant surprise Saturday when temples began to call in announcing their plans to participate and armies of SKP men were seen pulling into the lots.

For everybody's benefit Krsna provided so many facilities to ensure a high consciousness this year. The new barn provided an excellent large space for the formal activities and for housing visiting devotees. Nobody could help but see the big Harvestore silos being filled with wagonloads of hay coming from the fields across the road, all signalling to the same unity of purpose which was Krsna's reason for making His appearance. Clear skys by day and warm weather by night benedicted the devotees where last year there was a constant cold wind and heavy rainfall.

Things were scheduled in a rythmic pattern with the program going on simultaneously at the temple with Radha Vrndavana Candra and in the big center room of the new barn where Visnu-jana Swami set up the Radha Damodara Deities to preside over all of the activities there, accompanied by a 30 man crew of travelling servants and a

big public address system. This splitting of the location of activity kept people moving back and forth between the two worship areas and the intensity of experience gradually went from increasing to a peak for observance of Vyasa Puja Monday afternoon.

With the team of Visnu-jana Swami, Tamal Krsna Swami and Rebatenandana Swami giving classes in Caitanya Caritamrta and leading kirtans all the devotees were enlivened and eager to hear all the nectar of Krsna conscious philosophy and how it is being presented all over the world to the general public. Readings from Krsna Book were followed with the pounding of drums and sounds of stringed instruments and incredible kirtans that resounded through the building and roads and mingled with the sounds of cows and metallic noise of silo construction. I was reminded of the description in Krsna Book of the festivities celebrating Krsna's appearance into the family of Nanda Maharaja. There is mention of all types of music by expert musicians and chanting of mantras alongside the music of joyful speech offering compliments and thanks to the Lord.

As Janmastami day progressed the chanting increased in ecstasy and the ocean of mercy began to flood the whole area. Arotrikas were offered on the hour. Detroit devotees gave puppet shows depicting Krsna's pastimes. Krsna Bol competitions were held and at 9:00 pm the feast was served. It included puris, sweet rice, ladhus, fruit salad, kofka balls, potato prep and pera. At 11 pm Radha Damodara Deities received a bath of various fragrant liquids before the appreciation of hundreds of onlooking bhaktas. This bathing ceremony is called abhiseka. More kirtans followed far into the night.

Vyasa Puja Day was exactly as it should always be. Goswamis gave discourse on the meaning of Guruvastakam prayers. Tripurari gave a Samkirtan class which in simple humble terms e-

JANMASTAMI (Continued)--

quoted successful book distribution with the cultivation of a sincere desire to hear from the spiritual master and painstakingly adhere to guidelines and regulations which protect and strengthen the devotional capacity of the aspiring devotee.

Around noon the leading ISKCON figures said a few words honoring Srila Prabhupada and devotees correctly offered prayers and threw flowers to the Vyasasana set up in the new barn. Blissful kirtan followed led by Visnu-jnana Swami. Then came the feast with most opulent quantities of prasadam including sweet rice, halavah, luglu, chickpea & potatoe prep, plum chutney, crab apple chutney, condensed milk, puris, pineapple malpuri, gulub jamins along with plenty of bhakti.

Visnu-jnana Swami and Tamal Krsna Swami travelling party left Monday afternoon after having kirtans, lectures and arotrikas in the morning for Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Damodara's pleasure.

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SKP

By the mercy of Lord Caitanya and our spiritual master we were able to distribute 175 Perfection of Yogas and 125 BTGs in just over 3 hours Friday night the week before at the Uriah Heep concert in Cinncinatti, Ohio. Though the city is very degraded, many potential devotees are wandering around searching for the place where their material sufferings can be vanguished. When we tell them about New Vrindaban they are immediately attracted. One nice boy named Danny immediately took some BTGs and incense and began distributing them to the crowds as they poured blindly to the concert expecting to be lifted from their world of illusion. Only a very few realize that fire cannot be extinguished by pouring more fuel on it. So by Krsna's mercy Danny engaged in devotional service which extinguishes the fire of conditional life and a couple

days later he arrived in New Vrindaban to relish the nectarean mellow which comes from the association of Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Candra and His Holiness Kirtanananda Maharaja.

All Glories to Sri Krsna Samkirtan!

--Dharmatma das

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NEW BARN

"We started construction last fall with Sudanu, and Jagat-trata and Cirantana and now it's just me and Gostavihari and Alfred, and Gaurachandra as of today," says Somadas, adding, "Kirtanananda wants us to be finished with the carpentry part in one week." So goes the work on the new barn construction, with Somadas praying to be able to meet the carpentry deadline. When his crew finishes, Parambrahma will four the whole first floor with concrete and they are now looking for a cement mixer to buy.

All the outside walls have been framed. The rooms are being fixed up for more householders. There are 6 couples living there now and as soon as it's done more householders will be moved there. Brahmacarinis might also be moved from out of the attic of the Bahulaban temple house says Somadas.

The building is very impressive as a structure and very handsome. The upstairs will hold hay in the middle and householders along the sides; and sewing, painting and crafts studios will be set up in the area illuminated by the skylight. The cows will be housed downstairs. In spite of the high ceilings on the 2nd floor Kirtanananda Maharaja said that the building would be outgrown within one year. "We can't make these barns fast enough!" Questioned about what to do when there are more cows and people, Somadas indicated that we would have to build another barn or seek more land with a barn.

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COWS

The cow report for this week is primarily in the Board Minutes. But here are the milk production statistics.

Satyabhama	450.8 lb.
Dvaraka	252.7 lb.
Ambika	306.2 lb.
Sati	265.9 lb.
Sarasvati	276.3 lb.
Rukmini	269.4 lb.
Laxsmi	271.8 lb.
Bhadra	334.8 lb.
Yasoda	228.8 lb.
Rocana	236.6 lb.
Rabbri	157.2 lb.
Isani	142.5 lb.
Syama	130.3 lb.
Parvati	426.2 lb.
Kāliya	172.7 lb.
Cintamani	441.0 lb.
Sukla	282.8 lb.
Rati	437.9 lb.
Pritha	398.4 lb.
Goloka	273.3 lb.

The milk production totals are Aug. 17-807.4 lb./Aug. 18-834.2 lb./Aug. 19-835.6 lb./Aug. 20-829.3 lb./Aug. 21-813.3 lb./Aug. 22-811.6 lb./Aug. 23-791.4 lb.

The total milk production for the week came to 5722.8 pounds. The herd average per day was 817.5 lb. and the average milk per cow per day was 40.9 lb. 20 cows were milked this week.

VRINDABAN

<u>BelaM</u>	<u>Mallika</u>	<u>Kunti</u>	<u>Himavati</u>
40.0 lb.	22.8 lb.	23.5 lb.	22.8 lb.
32.5	24.3	23.1	30.1
33.6	23.0	21.7	31.1
32.0	22.1	21.3	28.4
34.0	22.1	22.4	33.0
32.0	23.4	21.4	20.8
31.9	22.9	22.0	30.9
236.0	160.6	155.4	197.1

The total milk production for the week was 749.1 lb. A breeding stall is being constructed at Vrindaban farm. Lokamangala das is helping with the cows and calves.

The ghee produced came to a total of 6 gallons for the weekend, 10 gallons on Tuesday, and 6 gallons on Friday. The butter production for last week was as follows.

Aug. 20, Tues.	21.5 lb.
Aug. 21, Wed.	44.0 lb.
Aug. 22, Thurs.	32.5 lb.
Aug. 23, Fri.	29.0 lb.
Aug. 24, Sat.	29.0 lb.

The total butter production this week came to 146 pounds.

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PILGRIMAGE

Bill Asten, our cement contractor, was down Saturday with two of his friends to show them the community. He sees New Vrindaban as a wonderful place. One of his companions was from Ft. Lauderdale and the other was from New York City.

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IN THE WOODS

So this week was a good one. Krsna let me get back to work a little. Bhavisiyat and I managed to get the months wood in for all 3 farms. It's the first time that happened. Our oxen team is really working good. I hope some one takes notice that oxen can work & we have a number of small ones. It seems to me though that there trying to hide them. Since they don't give milk no one pays much attention to them. I have plans to hook up two teams of oxen to one wagon soon.

This should clear up any douts to weather or not I can still cut wood after that horiabile accident. I'm not ready to sit down yet.

I want to ask all of you to not forget about our sick godbrothers in India and Srila Prabhupada and his instructions to build New Vrindaban.

Your worthless servants
in the woods,

Rombarsan & Bhavisiyat

NEW VRINDABAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes for 8/25/74

Attendance: Kirtanananda Swami, Paramananda das, Daivata das, Parambrahma das, Urdhareta das, Adi Pati das, Amburish das, Bhagavatananda das, Madhava Gosh das, & Kasyapa das.

DEPARTMENTS

Paramananda das

- 3/4 acres behind the pavilion was planted in a combination of rye and sudex.
- There were a couple supply runs to Vrindaban farm and the stool house was cleaned.
- The tractor disced and plowed at Madhuban and the Paypec blower was tested and it worked fine.
- Two dump truck loads of sudex were harvested at Madhuban.
- Plowing is proposed for next week to prepare for rye planting--this planting is very important to improve the soil so we can phase out chemical fertilizers.
- 60 acres will be planted in grain this year and out of this comes our seed for next year; area for grain storage is needed.

Bhagavatananda das

- A number of marble runs were completed this week and a machine was secured for the marble shop.
- Headway was made on the leeching pit.
- Design additions were made for Srila Prabhupada's palace, and Kirtanananda Swami was very pleased with them. He said, "Soon we will realize Vrindavana externally when we see this wonderful palace and temples and then all the world will take notice."

Amburish das

- Cows all got leptospirosis this week.
- The breeding of our cows will be made much easier by the building of a breeding pen. Breeding pens are planned for Bahulaban and Vrindaban.
- 3 cases of pink eye were reported this week.
- Diatomaceous earth (ground up fossils) will be tested on Guruban cows as a potential fly and parasite killer.
- A new bull calf was born, his name is Indra deva.
- 3 cases of cataracts (sugar deficiency) were reported in the high milk cows.
- 325 bales of hay came in from Don Gump.
- To increase milking efficiency an istagosti is scheduled for this week for the cowherd boys to improve their consciousness.

Adi Pati das

- rye is needed for planting.
- The garden crew was divided between Bahulaban and Vrindaban this week.
- Lettuce and radishes were planted Saturday as a late fall crop.
- Don't dump vegetables down the drain, devotees! Save for the compost heap.
- Excess vegetable prasadam could be fed to the bulls, none should be thrown out.

Urdhareta das

- More than ever there is a decrease in attendance in the ksatriya program.
- an alert is planned for the near future.
- Jagat-trata das will be made a full-time ksatriya.
- Lisa left.
- The cereal was a success this week.

BOARD MINUTES (Continued)---

Madhuban - Daivata das

- Mother Satyabama and Mother Parayana made a new solid gold night outfit for Radha Madhava.
- On the order of Kirtanananda Swami, Madhuban has developed its own butter churning and ghee production facilities.
- Mother Parayana is going to make burfi for all three farms.
- Krpacarya das made much progress on the school house foundation, composting and winter storage facilities. This is valuable for self-sufficiency.
- Mother Yamini is working hard on the child care program and still finds time to work on puppets and do Deity worship and cleaning.
- The Williams were visited this week with hopes of establishing friendly relations with them again. Mother Williams was in favor of the idea but said it would take some time. Kirtanananda Swami suggested some prasadam might speed things up.

Vrindaban - Parambrahma das

- A brahmana meeting was held to improve administration and communications.
- The marble altar is being worked on by Jitavrata das.
- Gaurachandra das is working with the construction crew.
- Lokamangala das is going to start a New Vrindaban theatre group.

Bahulaban - Parambrahma das

- The tool shed needs to be moved.
- The new Deity Sweets program starts Monday.
- The new morning schedule has been posted and is included in the newspaper.

OLD BUSINESS

- Bhakta Terry is to train up an ox team to be used in the gardens and Hari Dhama is also to take a team to train. Bhakta Alfred is suggested also to train a team up for work with the construction crew for hauling materials in awkward places.
- A bulldozer will do some maintenance work on the Vrindaban road this week.
- Parasara das will be assisted in the tool room by Purindara das.
- Milking will be earlier---Samba can then get away faster for the town runs.
- All requisitions must be recorded and submitted early.
- Town run schedule: Sunday: Pittsburgh/Monday: 1st town run/ Wednesday: 2nd run.
- Kirtanananda Maharaja is going to New York and Samba will drive.

NEW BUSINESS

- Gajendra das is to fix the washing machine to end laundromat trips.
- Jadunandana & Kiranasa are to take the girls back to Gurukula Monday morning.
- Bhakta Lee Prabhu is to work with Gajendra das in the electrical department.

Meeting adjourned.