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DEAR GODBROTHERS,

Please accept our most humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada, who is spreading the ocean of Love of Godhead.

SRILA PRABHUPADA IS FULLY RECOVERED!! The devotees can only pray to have had some small part in his recovery by the 24-hour kirtans and the deep concern exhibited for the Spiritual Master. Jaya Gurudeva! Please Srila Prabhupada, we beg over and over again for you to engage us in transcendental service to the Lord. If only we can become serious and sincere in Krsna Consciousness then you will be pleased and certainly our lives will be perfected.

This issue includes the continuation of Sri Upadesamrta, a crossword puzzle from Dallas' Aksobhya das (he says it's a bit difficult and we should present it as a challenge to anybody who thinks he knows his Krsna Kattha), and a transcription of Srila Prabhupada's lecture at the New York temple after leaving New Vrindaban and just before embarking once again for India. In this one he has some very serious things to say of which we should all take note.

We hope that somehow or other you are pleased with our meager attempt with this publication. We are always endeavoring to perfect this service so as to please the Spiritual Master and Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Candra. ALL GLORIES TO SRI SRI GURU AND GOURANGA!

Your eternal servants,
the staff

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SRI UPADESAMRTA

HOW TO MAINTAIN DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITIES
TEXT 4

dadati pratigrhnati
guhyam akhyati prcchati
Bhunkte Bhojayate caiva
sad-vedham priti-laksanam

Translation

Offering gifts in charity, accepting charitable gifts; revealing one's mind in confidence, inquiring confidentially; accepting prasadam and offering prasadam are the six symptoms of love shared by one-devotee and another.

Purport

In this sloka Srila Rupa Gosvami explains how to perform devotional activities in association of devotees. These six kinds of activities are 1) to give in charity to the devotees and 2) to accept from the devotees whatever they may offer in return, 3) to open one's mind to the devotees and 4) inquire from them about confidential service to the Lord, 5) to honor prasadam or spiritual food given by the devotees and 6) likewise to feed the devotees with prasadam. An experienced devotee explains and inexperienced devotee learns from him. This is guhyam akhyati prcchati. A devotee distributes prasadam or remnants of foodstuff offered to the Supreme Personality of Godhead and in order to maintain our spirit of devotional service we must accept the same prasadam as the Lord's grace received through the pure devotees. We should also invite pure devotees to our home, offer them prasadam, and be prepared to please them in all respects. This is called bhunkte bhojayate caiva.

Even in ordinary social activities these six kinds of dealings between two loving friends are absolutely necessary. For example in a business dealing, when one businessman wishes to come in contact with another businessman or business society, he arranges a feast in a hotel and invites similar businessmen to take part in feasting. In that meeting he very openly expresses his mind about what he wants to do; then he inquires from the business friends how to act. Sometimes he gives a presentation and sometimes he accepts presentations. So whenever there is dealing of priti or love in intimate dealings, these six kinds of feelings must be executed. In the previous verse, Srila Rupa Gosvami advised---sanga-tyagat sato vrtteh---one should renounce worldly association and keep company with devotees. The International Society for Krishna Consciousness was started single-handedly. ISKCON is established to facilitate these six kinds of loving exchanges between the devotees. The International Society for Krishna Consciousness was started single-handed, but because people are coming forward, and dealing with us by the give-and-take policy, it is now increasing all over the world. We are very glad to announce that people are donating very liberally for the development of the Society's activities, and they are eagerly becoming very glad to accept whatever humble contribution we are giving in the shape of books and magazines, strictly on the subject matter of Krsna Consciousness. Sometimes we hold Hare Krsna festivals and invite our life members and friends to participate in the feasting by accepting

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prasadam. Although m most of our members come from the higher status of society, still they come and take whatever little prasadam we are able to offer them. Sometimes our members and supporters inquire very confidentially about the methods of performing devotional service and we explain to them in our humble way. In this manner our ISKCON society is successfully spreading all over the world and the intelligentsia of all countries are gradually appreciating our Krsna Conscious activities. The life af the Krsna Consciousness Society is nourished by those six kinds of loving exchange amongst the members. Therefore people must be given the chance to associate with the devotees of our ISKCON institution because simply by reciprocating in the sixfold manner mentioned above, and ordinary man can fully revive his dormant Krsna Consciousness. In the Bhagavad-gita, Ch. 2, verse 62 it is said: sangat sanjayate kamah---one's desires and ambitions develop according to the company one keeps. It is often said that a man is known by his company. If an ordinary man takes the chance to associate with devotees he will certainly develop his dormant Krsna Consciousness. Krsna Conscious understanding is innate in every living entity and it is already developed to some extent when the living entity takes the human body. It is said in the Caitanya Caritamrta, Madhya-lila, 22:107:

nityasiddha krsna prema 'sadhya' kabhu naya
sravanadi-suddhacitte karaye udaya

"Divine love of Krsna is the eternal conscious nature inherent in every living entity, and as such it is never the result of any causal activity. This original consciousness becomes manifest when the nine-fold process of devotional service, beginning with hearing, is practiced with pure heart devoid of offences." Krsna consciousness is inherent in every living entity; therefore everyone should be given the chance to hear about Krsna. Because simply by hearing ad chanting---sravanam, kirtanam---one's heart is directly purified and immediately one's original Krsna consciousness is awakened. Krsna consciousness is not artificially imposed upon the heart of the people, it is already there. But by the cleansing process of chanting the holy name of the Supreme Personality of Godhead the heart becomes free from all mundane contaminated association. Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu says in the first stanza of His Sri Siksastakam:

ceto-darpana-marjanam bhava-mahadavagni-nirvapanam
sreyah kairava-candrikavitaranam vidyavadhujivanam
anandambudhi-vardhanam pratipadam purnamrtasvadanam
sarvatma-snapanam param vijayate sri-krsna-sankirtanam

"Glory to the Sri Krsna Sankirtana, which sleanses the heart of all the dust accumulated for years together. Thus the fire of conditional life, of repeated birth and death, is extinguished. This sankirtana movement is the prime benediction for humanity at large because it spreads the rays of the benediction moon. It is the life af all transcendental knowledge, it increases tje pceam pf tramscemdemta; b;oss. amd ot je;½s is tp jave a taste pf tje full nectar for which we are always anxious."

Not only the chanter ofthe maha-mantra: Hare Krsna, Hare Krsna, Krsna Krsna, Hare Hare/Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare is purified but the heart of anyone who happens to hear the transcendental vibration is also cleansed. Even the souls embodied in lower animals, insects, trees,and other species of life which get the chance to hear the transcendental vibration of the Hare Krsna maha-mantra also become purified and are prepared for becoming fully

SRI UPADESAMRTA (Continued)--

Krsna conscious. This was explained by Thakura Haridasa when Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu inquired from him how living entities lower than human beings can be delivered from the material bondage. Haridasa Thakura said that chanting of the holy name is so powerful that even if one chants in the remotest part of the jungle, the trees and the animals, will advance in Krsna Consciousness simply by hearing the vibration. This was actually proved by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu Himself when He was passing through the forest of Jharikanda. At that time the tigers, snakes, deer and all other animals, gave up their natural animosity and began chanting and dancing in the sankirtana. Of course we cannot imitate the activities of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu but we should follow His footsteps. We are not powerful enough to enchant the lower animals such as tigers, snakes, and cats and dogs to dance, but it has actually been proven that chanting of the holy name of the Lord has converted so many people all over the world to become devotees of Krsna. So to contribute or distribute the holy name of the Lord is a sublime example of the dadati principle of contributing or giving in charity. On the other hand, one must follow the pratigrhnati principle, being willing and ready to receive the transcendental gift. They should further inquire about the Krsna Consciousness Movement and open their minds in order to understand their situation in this material conditional life. In this way the guhyam akhyati prcchati principles will be served.

The Krsna conscious devotees, members of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness invite the Society's members and supporters to dine with them when they hold love feasts in all their branches on every Sunday. They come to honour prasadam with us, and whenever possible they invite members of the Krsna Consciousness Movement to their homes and feed them sumptuously with prasadam. In this way both the members of the Krsna Consciousness Movement as well as the public in general are benefitted without any doubt. People in general must give up the company of so-called yogis, jnanis, karmis and philanthropists, etc. because such association will never benefit them. If they really want to achieve the success or the aim of human life, then they must associate with devotees of the Krsna Consciousness Movement because it is the only group which teaches how to develop love of Godhead. Religion is the special function of the human society. That is the distinction between human society and animal society. Animal society has no church, no mosque, or religious system. Human society, however down-trodden it may be, in any part of the world has a system of religion. Even in the jungle, the tribal aborigines also have a system of religion. When any system of religion is developed and turned onto love of Godhead that is its success. As it is stated in the First Canto, 2nd chapter of the Srimad Bhagavatam, sloka 6:

sa vai pumsom paro dharmo yato bhaktir-adhoksaje
ahaituky-apratihata yayatma suprasidati

"The Supreme occupation (dharma) for all humanity is that by which men can attain to loving devotional service unto the transcendent Lord. Such devotional service must be unmotivated and uninterrupted in order to completely satisfy the self."

If the members of the human society actually want peace of mind, tranquillity, and friendly relations between men and nations, they must follow this Krsna Consciousness system of religion by which they can develop their dormant love for Krsna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. As soon as one does so, his mind will immediately become society becomes conspicuous by peace and tranquillity.

In this connection Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura warns all devotees who are engaged in broadcasting the Krsna Consciousness Movement not to

SRI UPADESAMRTA (Continued)--

speak to the impersonalist mayavadis who are always determined to oppose such theistic movements. The world is full of mayavadis and atheist classes of men. Even the political parties take advantage of the mayavadis and other atheistic philosophies to preach materialism. Sometimes they form a strong party to oppose the Krsna Consciousness Movement. The mayavadis and other atheistic classes of men do not want any movement to develop which educates people in the matter of God Consciousness. This is their policy. There is no benefit by feeding a snake with milk and banana because the snake will never be satisfied. On the contrary, by taking milk and banana the snake becomes more poisonous---kevalam visa vardhanam---the poison will only increase. If you give the snake milk to drink the result will be that he will simply increase his poisonous effect. Similarly, we should not disclose our minds to the snakelike mayavadas, and karmis. It will never help us. Therefore it is better to completely avoid association with them. Also, we should never inquire about anything confidential from them, because they cannot give us any good advice. Neither should we invite the mayavadi and atheist class of men, nor accept their invitation, because by such intimate intermingling, we may be infected by atheistic mentality---sangat sanjayate kamah. Therefore the negative injunction of this verse is that ordinarily we should not give anything to nor accept anything from the mayavadi or atheistic class of men. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu has warned: "visayira anna khaile dusta haya mana---By eating foodstuffs prepared by worldly persons, one's mind becomes wicked."

Unless one is very much advanced, he is unable to utilize everyone's contribution for the Krsna Consciousness Movement. Therefore on principle one should not accept any charity from the mayavadi or atheist class of men. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu has forbidden the devotees to associate even with ordinary men who are too much addicted to material sense gratification.

The conclusion is that we must always keep company with the devotees, observe the regulative devotional principles, and following the footsteps of the acaryas, in full obedience carry out the orders of the spiritual master. In this way we shall be able to develop our devotional service or dormant Krsna Consciousnes

The devotee who is neither a neophyte, nor a maha-bhagavata, e.e., greatly advanced devotee but within the middle status of devotional service is expected to love the Supreme Personality of Godhead, make friendship with the devotees, show favor to the ignorant and rejedt the jealous persons or demons. In this verse the process of making loving transaction with the Supreme Lord and making friendship with devotees has been briefly mentioned. According to the dadati principle, an advanced devotee is supposed to spend at least 50% of his income for service of the Lord and the devotees. Srila Rupa Gosvami in his life practically showed this example. When he wanted to retire, he distributed 50% of whatever money he had accumulated during his service life for the purpose of Krsna's service, 25% for his relatives and reserved 25% for personal emergency. This example should be followed by all devotees. Whatever one's income may be 50% must be spent for the sake of Krsna and His devotees. This will fulfill the formula of dadati. Now, in the next verse, Srila Rupa Gosvami advises what kind of Vaisnava should be selected for friendship and how they should be served.

SRI UPADESAMRTA continued next week, text 5.

ALL GLORIES TO SRILA PRABHUPADA!

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VARNASRAMA PROGRESS

The following is a letter from Chayavana Swami describing varnasrama progress in Kenya.

18 AUG 1974

ALL GLORIES TO SRI GURU & GOURANGA

Dear Kirtanananda Swami,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All Glories to His Divine Grace.

I was recently in India with Srila Prabhupada and he was speaking so enthusiastically about developing the "varna ashrama College" idea in our centers around the world. Actually I can see, and others are realizing also, that this concept, which you have so carefully nurtured at New Vrindaban, is the real future of ISKCON. Especially in countries like Kenya where self-sufficiency and education are sought after by the people and governments alike; this program should be most welcome and successful. We are trying to develop a combined program of agriculture, food distribution, and a Gurukula school for African orphans and others. These institutions comply greatly with the African idea of good missionary works, so in the guise of welfare activities we will try to give them Krsna Consciousness. Today at our temple I met with several government officials and others including the president's grandson and the vice-president's brother--their response to our presentation was favorable and there is a good chance that we will get support from them including land of 200 acres or more and funds for the school, so we hope that the varna ashrama college of Kenya will soon become a reality.

Prabhupada has asked me to return to Kenya to develop this program and because he is so enthusiastic for it I am eager to do it as nicely as possible. Except for my experience with the African people, however, I feel most inadequate so far as being able to develop a community ashrama and school. I remember when I met you at New Vrindaban in 1971; you said, "Here we work very hard for Krishna", and then you handed me a hoe, so I think this must be the key ingredient along with regulation and love for Krishna. As you are my senior Godbrother and most experienced I am anxious to request from you whatever advice and instruction you may be able to offer us. More specifically perhaps you could outline the early problems you encountered and what was done to overcome them. I hope that from time to time I will be able to Correspond with you regarding our progress here, it would be most helpful.

I hope this finds you in best of health and beg to remain

Your servant,

Chayavana Swami

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VARNASRAMA COMMUNITY IN HAWAII

Pandu das has informed New Vrindaban that a farm community is starting in Hawaii. He wrote us to inquire how to build Prabhupada houses to facilitate the wonderful devotees there.

The information received from him states that the farm community is called New Navadvip, includes 40 acres of rich heavenly soil, and that there are seven cows there already.

"And although things are just starting here the future looks very bright."

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GHEE, BUTTER, CREAM

The ghee, butter and cream department is really looking up as of late. For the first time things are reaching an organized level. Kirtanananda Swami has asked for regularly kept records and a steady production rate for a long time. So now Taru das is making ghee every day at the pits and all the data is recorded. Out of 200 lbs. of butter, 141 lbs. of ghee were produced and the ghee solids that remained are being used on chapattis, in the cereal and on Sunday feast preps. Here are the records for the last week.

Date	Butter	Cream	Ghee
Sun., 25	28 lbs.	36½ lbs.	--
Mon., 26	32¼	36 3/4	37 lbs.
Tues.,27	29¼	38 3/4	32
Wed., 28	27 3/4	37 3/4	--
Thur.,29	28¼	38¼	35¼
Fri., 30	43¼	?	37

Each batch of ghee was made from 50 lbs. of butter. Kirtanananda Maharaja said last week about ghee, "This is the purist substance there is." All Glories to the Butterfat Swami!

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MILK KITCHEN

Garga Rsi Prabhu is still making rasagulla and it's reportedly getting better all the time. The rasagulla is being regularly offered to Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Candra every morning for the 4:00 mangala arotrika offering. This week he will also be cooking 50 pounds of Surabhi Chaw for the Los Angeles Temple.

The milk kitchen will also be getting a first class dry yoghurt culture in the next few days. The yoghurt fast as about ended and yoghurt will be replacing buttermilk for breakfast.

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DEAR SWAMI

Dear Maharaja,

What can one do when his mind starts "freaking out"? When one gets so enrapped with the mental platform it becomes impossible to get himself out and he feels like everything is caving in on him?

-- "Crushed"

Dear Crushed,

Cut the mind out. As long as you try to deal on the level of the mind, the problem will remain--you have to stop it. Krsna says in the Bhagavad-gita that a controlled mind is your best friend and an uncontrolled mind is your worst enemy. Who is going to be the controller, the mind or the intelligence?

-- Swami

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No VAISNAVA CALENDAR events this week.

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DEVOTEE INTERVIEW

Brijbasi Spirit: You were with a travelling party?
Lokamangala: I was with a six man party doing state fairs.
B: Selling books?
L: We had a booth set up at from which we could sell clothes and posters and jewelry and books and incense, etc.
B:Where were you prior to coming here to New Vrindaban?
L: We finished the Illinois State Fair at Springfield and were staying at the Chicago temple for a few days before heading out to the Minneapolis fair.
B.: And how did you happen to separate from the party?
L: Well, I was feeling myself not making any advancement in that engagement and I felt I had to replenish my spiritual strength.
B: The booth was successful.
L: Oh yes. We were meeting all kinds of people. Usually a booth party is very small, but we had four devotees attending the booth and two selling books around the fair grounds. People of all types buy the clothes and the incense. It's no more than telling them "this incense is perfect for you, or this shirt is a natural for you." And occasionally the most satisfying sale when we could say "Yes, these books you are buying are exactly what you are looking for." In effect we are assuming the role of vaisyas. Of course, it's only an outer dress for the devotee since his real position is to simply serve Krsna and further Lord Caitanya's Samkirtan Movement by whatever service required. That situation just happened to consist mostly of buying and selling and some chances to preach.
B: It's hard to maintain strength outside, especially when the contact is not always philosophical.
L: I was feeling myself weakening in that atmosphere and I remembered Bali Mardan saying that a Vaisnava devotee goes occasionally to Vrndavana to replenish himslef with spiritual strength. And Srila Prabhupada said that there is no difference between Vrindavana and New Vrindaban. So with that in mind I left Chicago and headed here.
B: What other feelings about New Vrindaban do you have?
L: I felt New Vrindaban to be very different from anything I've experienced so far; a farm environment, peaceful surroundings, more natural way of life. And of course one can't overlook the fact that it's an entire community united by the cause of devotional service.
B: How is it different from the average big temple? That's also a spiritual community, wouldn't you say?
L: Oh certainly, but in the city devotional life is geared to the city mode--so many different kinds of Samkirtan. Public relations to meet and deal with so many people. All the activities directed toward attracting people to the philosophy.
B: New York is definitely a testing ground for all sorts of transcendental propaganda making and preaching. Were'n't you working in the theatre productions?
L: Yes, I was acting with the street theatre. We also had a mobile ISKCON temple for people in the street. It is made to hold books and theatre costumes and prasadam distribution paraphernalia. And when it's set up a short distance from the chanting party it attracts a lot of people who are curious and interested in knowing who we are.
B: How do you hope to serve Krsna here as a street man coming from a street scene like New York?
L: I see no difficulty. New Vrindaban is really an entire community like a small city and it uses all the talents of a variegated society. It's value is for its being an open example to the world as to how a Krsna based community is a perfect living arrangement. It's proof of how a whole community can work on a spiritual level, everything there--education system, farming, cultured activities, medical service, housing, economic

VOTEE INTERVIEW (Continued)--

sustenance. There's definately room for a program of transcendental theatre.
B: Oh boy, you plan to start a theatre program here?
L: Kirtanananda Maharaja wants a richer program to accomodate the increasing number of guests. That's inevitable when a center begins to develop. After all a good number of people are coming here from a good distance so they are sufficiently motivated to try to appreciate what's going on here. Even if they don't stay, if they've experienced something nice to soften the shock of Krsna Conscious reality they will surrender and remember that and eventually come back. Maybe not right away but sometime they will come back to an ISKCON center. And that's all we want after all, isn't it?
B: Yes. Thank you. I think you'll be very happy here with so much service to perform.

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FIELDS & CROPS

Not much was done in the fields this week as it was too wet to do anything from Wednesday on. Some plowing got done in the field across the way from the schoolhouse, with manure being spread and then disced in. A little mowing got done in the pastures also, and the garbage got hauled to the dump.

Two hay runs were made to Don Gump (not Fred) and 175 bales of hay got brought in. Meanwhile the first 325 bales had started to heat up and get mouldy because they had been baled too wet. Dry hay should have a maximum 25% moisture to store well, and this stuff was just on the high side of that figure. It all would have spoiled, except we dragged it out and fed it to Bhima. We had to add water as it should be stored in the Big Blue silo at 40-50% moisture.

The rainy weather gave us a chance to do a lot of repair work. Kasyapa das re-shod 2 hooves and redesigned the 3-horse hook-up. Advaidacarya das worked on badly needed repairs for collars and harnesses.

The sudex planted up by the pavilion above Bahulaban is up and growing. As soon as it dries up, we will begin cutting the Trudan again.

-- Madhava Gosh das

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KSATRIYA DEPARTMENT

With the addition of Jagat-trata Das as XO (Executive Officer) of the STRAC FORCE much is getting done that beforehand was not, such as maintaining weapons and ammunition. Soon the trainees will be equipped with uniform boots and trousers, T-shirts and night sticks. Some of the night sticks they were originally issued were broken in practice. Speaking of practice, the trainees are becoming considerably more agile and confident in their karate drills. The addition of Jagat-trata Das full-time insures that the guard post will be more often manned by an experienced, competent ksatriya. This takes much of the burdon off the shoulders of the reserves. He will also be in charge of five ksatriya sub-departments as they develop: intelligence, personnel, operations, quartermaster, and public relations.

Now that fall is approaching the training attendence should pick up considerably. Gradually, I'll try to gear everything so that by next summer devotees will come from all over America to receive basic training in a New Vrindaban Guard Leadership School.

-- Urdhareta Das
Captain, C.O.

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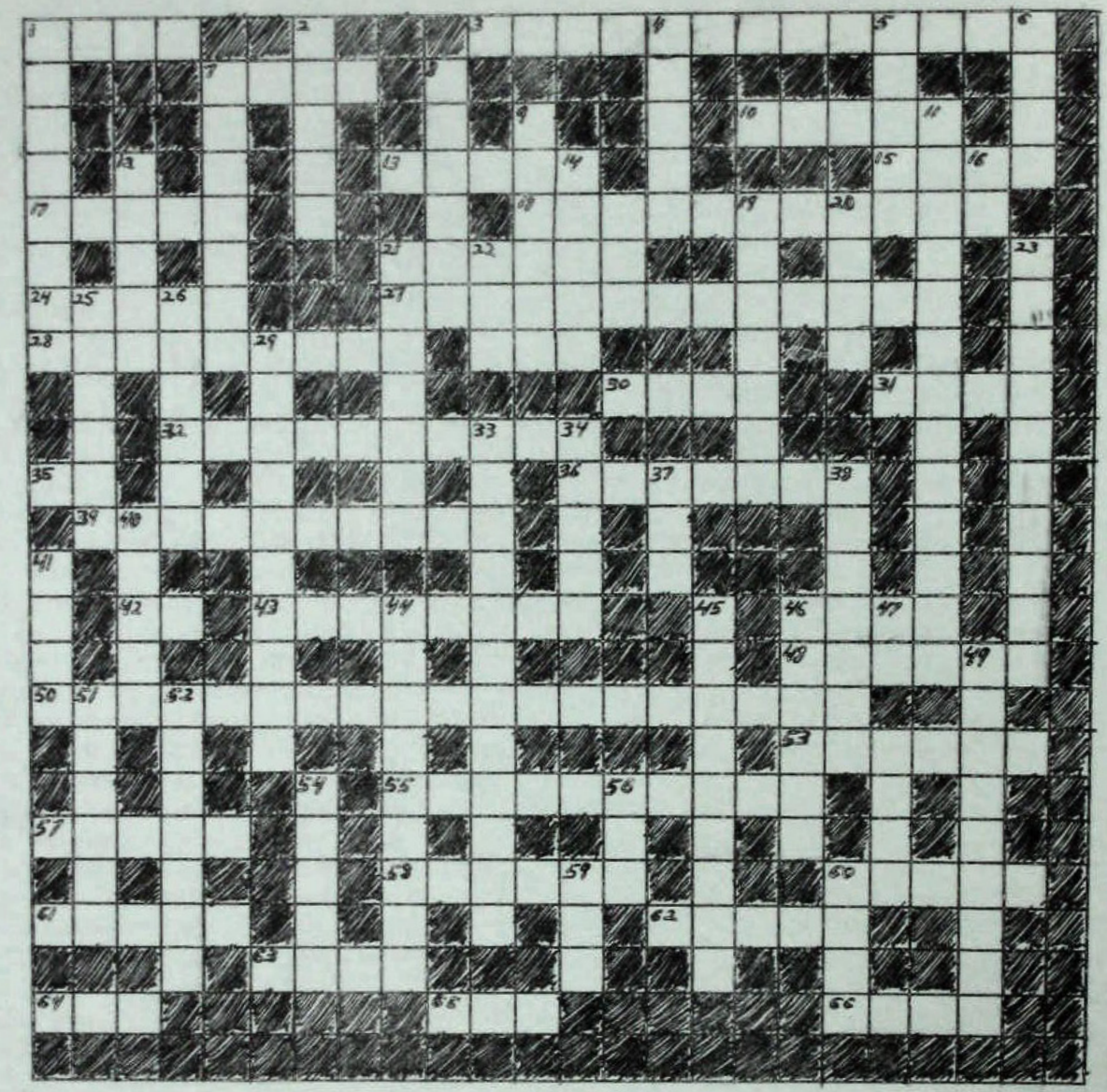

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1) Balarama's Grandfather.
2) When Lord Krsna entered the city of Mathura after His victory over Jarasandha, many bugles, conches & kettle-drums were sounded, and the vibrations of various musical instruments, like bherya, _____, vina, flute and mrdanga, all joined together to make a beautiful reception.
4) After hearing his complaint, Krsna went to Pragjyotisapura.
5) In his prayers, this personality states that Krsna's transcendental position is visuddha-sattva: above the platform of the material mode of goodness.
6) Means "first"

ACROSS

1) Visvanatha
3) Another name of Dhrtarastra.
7) There were this many hundreds of elephants in Devaki's dowery.
10) Krsna and Balarama had long_____.
13) One of the four kumaras.
15) A kind of dance.
17) The kind of words Brahma pacified the demigods with after the message of Ksirodakasayi Visnu had been received.
18) The father of Ugrasrava Suta.
21) He saved the life af a tree for Krsna.
24) Hearing her cry, Jambavan came to fight with Krsna.

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7) There were this many thousands of decorated horses in Devaki's dowery.
8) "Because Samba took Laksmana away from the assembly by force, all the members of the Kuru dynasty, namely Dhrtarastra, Bhisma, Vidura, _____, and Arjuna, thought it an insult to their family tradition that the boy Samba could possibly have kidnapped their daughter."
9) The father of the chariot driver of Pradyumna.
11) It is stated that this personality lived in northern India.
12) What Krsna split in twain in His fight with Dantavakra.
14) When the residents of Vrndavana saw the inauspicious signs and at the same time were informed that Krsna had gone to the pasturing ground without His elder brother, Balarama, because of their great attachment for Krsna they thought, "_____ Krsna is surely going to be vanquished!"
16) Means "with"
19) "It appears that in those days (at the time of the killing of Kamsa) in the western part of India, there were many small kingdoms, and they were ruled by the Yadu dynasty, _____ dynasty, Vrsnä dynasty and
20) The King who saved the life of a pigeon by supplying flesh from his own body.
21) At the beginning of His tour of the palaces of pilgrimmage, Balarama reached Prayaga, where there is a confluence of three rivers, the Ganges the Yamuna and the Sarasvati...He gradually reached the asrama of the sage Pulaha and from there went to _____ on the River Gomati.
22) "Capatis, dahl, rice and ordinary vegetables are called _____ foods, as are fruits and salads.
23) A name of Rukmini.
25) Another name for Maha-Visnu--it means "above the darkness of the material world."
26) As to why the killing of Aghasura was not discussed Sukadeva Gosvami told the King, "Now hear of this _____with attention."

ACROSS

30) On the day of extracting the _____ juice, King Yudisthira very respectfully received the special priest who had been engaged to detect any mistake in the formalities of sacrificial prodedure.
31) The name of the co-wife of Rukmavati in her previous life.
32) According to Radharani, Surpanakha was refused by this incarnation of Krsna.
35) The sound representation of the Absolute.
36) Krsna was in this age when He killed Aghasura.
39) On the evening of the Rasa Dance, the gopis _____to the vibration of Krsna's flute increased a thousand times.
42) The direction in which Krsna climbed the kadamba tree on the bank of the Yamuna to chastise Kaliya.
43) Means "self-satisfied."
46) When Duryodhana saw that Maharaja Yudisthira had become very famous after performance of the Rajasuya yajna and was fully satisfied in every respect, he began to _____with the fire of envy.
48) To whom does this quotation apply: "He was very ugly..."
50) This meansthat one can go on chanting and hearing about the Lord and never feel tired but will remain fresh and eager to hear more and more.
53) This part of the demon's body is described as "great," and it was "flying" as he entered the area of Vrndavana.
55) The highest stage of life or department of existence within the body.
57) The King of Saubha.
58) Lord Krsna is known as _____ because He never falls down.
60) The word that Krsna used to describe the bank of the Yamuna to His friends while inviting them to take their lunch there.
61) The leader of the party of the Kurus that challenged Samba.
62) "After this, there was a network of barbed wiring constructed by a demon of the name Mura."

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE (COntinued)--

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29) "Setubandha is the place where Lord Ramacandra constructed the stone bridge from India to Lanka. In this particularly holy place, Lord Balarama distributed ten thousand cows to the local brahmana priests. After distributing cowsat Setubandha, Lord Balarama proceeded toward the Krtamala add _____ Rivers.
33) The forest in which Ramacandra lived in exile.
34) A devotee is free of material desires and is therefore called_____.
38) Krsna's brother-in-law.
40) "When the members of the Yadu dynasty heard this _____they laughed at him (Gargamuni).
41) The time of day that Krsna pierced the eyes of the fish at Lakmana's svayamvara.
44) The capital city of the heavenly planets.
46) The first kind of tree the gopis addressed when Krsna disappeared.
47) One of the four Vedas.
49) Krsna told Jarasandha: "Your majesty must have heard the glorious names of charitable personalities such as Hariscandra,_____, and Mudgala, who used to live only on grains picked up from the paddy field..."

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63) The King of Varanasi.
64) The part of the Bakasura demon that was as strong as a thunderbolt.
65) The number of whips to which the five sense organs are subjected.
66) "The word_____can be applied only to the Supreme Personality of Godhead but because the living entities are His parts and parcels, sometimes the word_____ is applied to them also.

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51) The father of Balvala.
52) After kaisora, boys are called _____, or youths.
54) The first son of Jambavati.
56) The Supreme Lord is _____which means unborn.
59) What Nanda Maharaja paid to King Kamsa.
60) The six great warriors, Karna, _____, Bhurisrava, Yajnaketu, Duryodhana and Bhismadeva, attempted to arrest Samba after he kidnapped Laksmana.

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IN THE WOODS

SAWDUST ALLIE

We've been cutting it up this week. Bhavisyat and Jalakolahali and I made 2 trips to Bob Blacks with the dump truck. We found that we could split the logs with a slughammer and wedges faster than cutting um up with a chain saw. Kirtanananda Maharaj has a new project for Bhavisyat and I this week. Above the new barn there putting in another reservoir but there just happens to be a lot of trees in the way. So if you want to see some expert tree dropping and the oxen working stop by. We'll be glad to put you to work.

By the way. Don't forget to reach my new article on the value of the trees. We're trying to get the barks of trees available to you through the free store (Nama Hatte) so that's it for this week. Stop by an split a log or two with us and just see the blisssssssssss of serving Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Candra.

Your servant in the woods,
Romharsan Das

THE WOODS (CONT.)--

OUR FRIENDS THE TREES

Slippery Elm. Botanical name: Ulmus fulva.

We've all seen the old dead elm trees, wondering what are they good for. At the most use we coud burn them when they drie for a little heat but not much of if they wern't rotten. Well, here's a new one for ya now. Our weekly trip into the woods will reveal more about the slippery elm.

First ya take a drawshave knife and shave off the outer rough bark and then cut off the inner bark and carry it home with ya. All the properties in elm bark are entirely harmless so even your kid or infants can take it. Slippery elm is excellent for bowel and bladder troubles, lung troubles, diarrhea, stomach and kidney troubles, boils and inflammations, ulcerated stomach and bronchitis. It should be in every home and will save ya much suffering like missing morning artrika and Sunday feast. It is soothing and healing wherever it is used. Slippery elm will stay on your ulcerated and cancerous stomach when nothing else will. You could live on inner slippery elm bark in case of famine.

For a very effective ingredients for a poultice take two parts of powdered slippery elm with one part of any one or all of the following herbs. Corn meal, bloodroot, blue flag, comfrey, rugweed, chickweed. Mix well together, add warm water to make required consistency and use in cases of abscesses, dirty wounds, inflammations, congestions, or eruptions. The face of the poultice should be smeared with olive oil if it is to be applied to a hairy surface, such as the eyes, or head. This is also good for enlarged prostate, swollen glands of the neck, groin, etc.

Slippery elm will roll up the mucus muteria troubling you and pass it down through the intestines. It cleans, heals and strengthens.

To make slippery elm tea, use a heaping tablespoonful to a pint of boiling water. Let soak one hour, then simmer a few minutes. Strain and use. It is well to soak and simmer twice or the full virtue does not usually come out the first time.

-- Romharsan Das

Romharsan Prabhu says that he will write a "Our Friends the Trees" column every week for The Brijbasi Spirit so that the devotees can be enlightened as to what treasures Krsna has provided us right in our 'back yards'. Jai!

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SLIP OFF THE BLOCK

Urdhareta Das, our dear ksatriya captain, had gone to Fort Bragg Army Base to buy a whole bunch of army combat boots for the New Vrindaban devotees. He managed to purchase 35 pairs of Corchorans and regular combat boots. However, while driving back in the little VW Friday night he had an accident. The rain was coming on hard, the road was slippery, and he slid off the road on Rt. 250, just 3 miles from New Vrindaban, snapping in half a telephone pole just like how Krsna snapped the twin arjuna trees. The front end of the car is totalled. The mishap messed Urdhareta up a little and an impression of his face is left in the windshield, but it wasn't anything serious. Krsna is always protecting His devotees.

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Adi Pati completed 3 sections out of 4 on his Prabhupada House. He is getting materials and expects to have the walls up by Sept. 1 or there'bouts. He says that the oxen are being worked fine by Bhavisyat & Romharsan. Said Adi about his house, "Prabhupada houses aren't so easy to put up as people think. The materials are cheap but the labor is extensive."

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TALES FROM THE GARDEN

Cleaning up the Madhuban garden was number one priority this week. Just six weeksago the garden crew was there weeding, planting new crops, and laying down a carpet of mulch. We went away slapping each other on the back, all puffed up thinking, "Well, so much for that." It looked manicured. Now 40 days later it's a jungle of tall green weeds. What happened to all that hay mulch? Plain and simple, it wasn't thick enough.

Heavy sod grass is like maya--always it creeps if we give it the chance. Because sod spreads by a tough underground root system it can only be conquered by persistently turning the ground and pulling out the roots or mulching so thickly that it suffocates. Personally , I think a little of both is the best process. In other words, if you're trying to reconquer a patch of earth to plant and it's shin bone high in sod, turn the soil and mulch thickly.

Sod ridden soil is generally stiff and much in need of aeration and loosening. So get a pick, a maddox and a shovel and dig in. Dig as deep as you can, uprooting as much as you can. Reach in there, pulling and yanking roots like a madman. Then turn the soil again, exposing more roots, and repeat. Be sure to throw the roots all in a pile where the sun will bake them to death. Otherwise they will grow again. It is virtually impossible to get all the roots. The point is that you knooked it for a loop and set it back a few generations. Sure it will charge back like bull demon who charged Krsna a second time. But now with a heavy layer of mulch you've got the upper hand.

At Madhuban we had no more hay to mulch. So the next best way to rescue the vegetableswas to hand weed close by their stalks and roto-till between rows. We uncovered some wonderful young rhutabagas, peppers, carrots, beets, collards and rhubarb chard. The winter cabbage was battling for sunshine so much that it wasn't forming a squat shape. It was growing tall and thin. Due to the last hot spell the ground was just rock hard. So hold on Madhuban residents, we're coming back to finish tilling and thinning carrots and beets.

Tomatoes, tomatoes, everywhere!! The Bahulaban garden produces about 3 bushels per day. Vrindaban farm is going at about the same clip. In the past week all our gardens combined are roughly giving 18 to 20 bushels per week. What to do with them all? Sell 'em? Can 'em? Yes, let's do both. If we can afford jars, and recruite a first class canning team, it may happen.

Squash and sweet corn are pumping out goodies too. About one bushel of squash per day at Bahulaban, seven bushels of corn so far this week and more to come.

Snap beans are due probably by the end of the next week.

The major ingredient in Bahulaban dahl this week was self-sufficiency. Krsna is being so kind by giving back to us a taste of our bhakti. He is encouraging us to strive harder to serve him.

--your fallen servant,
Bhakta Terry

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KRSNA BOL SCHEDULE

Monday	Chapter 23
Tuesday	Chapter 24
Wednesday	Chapters 25 & 26
Thursday	Chapter 27
Friday	Chapter 28
Saturday	Chapter 29 (part 1)
Sunday	Chapter 29 (part 2)

We would please like to encourage everyone to become more enthusiastic for Krsna Bol and play. You don't have to study real hard. Just read the chapter and play & you'll experience transcendental bliss--really!

COWS

Mother Iravati, our $3000 cow purchased from L & J Farms just about lost the service of one of her teats this week. When a cow freshens, as Iravati did a week ago yesterday, we keep her in or near the barn, so we can observe her and make sure there are no complications from her giving birth. So after three days she was let out with the other cows after the night milking. In most cases the Mother cow becomes very attached to her newborn calf during these first days as the calf is allowed to stay with its mother all day and night. On this night she certainly showed signs of her attachment as she was mooing quite a bit for her calf. After being let out in the pasturewith the other cows, the next morning, an hour before milking she was found due to her attachment walking on the road down from the pavilion near the stall where her calf was kept. When we went to milk her it was discovered that she had a big gash in her right front teat. The cut was about 2½ " long, ¼" deep and split open. She must have cut her teat on something like barbed wire while breaking thru the fence on the way to see her calf. Not knowing how to doctor it we called the vet and he instructed us that because the milk canal wasn't punctured that the wound should heal properly with just an antiseptic applied. Now after only 4 days she milks very nicely out of that teat and it continues to heal. She is also coming off of a slight case of Ketosis so her milk production hasn't been at all normal since she came fresh but she appears now to be increasing more each day.

Milk production is down a bit this week because of the big rains, which was a great change in weather compared to what we were having. They were most likely trying to find shelter from the rain in the trees instead of eating. Cows are animals of habit and any sudden or great change in their habitat disturbs them.

b Mother Rati is high cow in the barn this week. She has been fresh for 1 month now. The buttermilk tester is expected again within a week from the tests all the Bahulaban cows will have butterfat scores to present to Kirtanananda Swami. By the way, did you see Maharaja wearing his THE BUTTERFAT SWAMI shirt during Janmastami? All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!

Here are the Bahulaban cow production scores for the last week:

cow	amount	butterfat
Satyabhama	436.3 lb.	4.2 %
Dvaraka	229.7	3.5
Ambika	277.6	3.9
Sati	215.0	3.6
Sarasvati	278.1	3.5
Rukmini	261.3	4.4
Laksmi	249.0	3.8
Bhadra	319.3	3.7
Yasoda	220.8	4.5
Rocana	214.8	5.2
Rabbri	133.3	4.6
Isani	134.5	4.8
Syama	118.9	4.3
Parvati	418.6	3.3
Kaliya	196.4	4.6
Cintamani	357.3	4.1
Sukla	277.2	4.4
Rati	440.8	
Pritha	398.5	
Goloka	245.0	
Iravati	247.0	

Daily production was Aug. 24) 825.1, 25)840.1 26) 853.7, 27) 829.7, 28) 811.3, 29) 775.0, 30) 752.5. The total production for the week was 5687.4 lbs. The average herd production per day was 812.5 lb. and the average production per cow daily was 39.7 lb.

-- Amburish das

VRINDABAN COW REPORT

Bela	Mallika	Kunti	Himavati
33.4 lb.	24.3 lb.	24.0 lb.	30.5 lb.
31.1	22.3	21.0	27.6
30.3	23.6	22.3	30.9
31.4	24.3	22.9	22.0
30.6	32.9	22.2	28.6
30.5	22.9	22.0	28.6
30.1	20.3	19.6	26.0
217.9	156.1	154.0	188.8

The breeding stall is ready for use.

NANDAGRAM: Bhakta Terry and Bhakta Alfred are now caring for their ox teams there.

-- Radhanath dasa & Hari Dhama dasa

NEW VRINDABAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes for 9/1/74

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

TREASURY: Report read and approved.

DEPARTMENTS: Bhagavatananda das
--there was one marble run made this week.
--A critical path analysis method has been introduced for experimentation.
--Krpacarya das is building a hollow block making machine.

Paramananda das
--Not much work done this week due to the wet conditions and some wheat was damaged because of the rain.
--The hay from Don Gump was heating up and had to be fed to Bhima and the Big Blue Harvestore silo.
--We received another 125 bales of hay.
--Trudan is ready to be cut if we can get some dry weather.
--There is a need for a combine or thrasher to harvest our wheat crops.

Urdhareta das
--The Post Office or mailman will be talked to concerning his drunken substitute, who was reported harassing some of the Mothers at Madhuban.
--Jagat-trata is reported to be working out fine as a full time ksatriya and Parasara will train him to make uniform night sticks.
--Urdhareta das stresses the necessity for all devotees to keep up their cleanliness as infection is ready in the waiting for those who don't.

Adi Pati das
--Garden work was done at Madhuban this week.
--All surplus vegetables will be harvested by the garden crew.
--Harvest this week: 126 tomatoes, bushels, 56 bushels squash, 56 bushels sweet corn. The following people are working oxen: Hari Dhama das, Romaharsan das, Bhakta Terry, Bhakta Alfred, Daivata das.

Amburish das
--The breeding pen was tried out this week and some time is needed to perfect it.
--We had some difficulty at Sunrise Supplies with grain mixtures.
--Amburish is developing a core of dedicated barn personnel to regulate goshalla.

Vrindaban Report
--Bhakta Lee is building a bhoga room & Gatravan das is doing road maintanence
--Sri Galima das is here from travelling Samkirtan Party. and land clearing.

Madhuban Report
--Lord Jagannath will be receiving a new silk outfit and a carsana is being built
--Mother Bhumi has a painful condition in her udder. Amburish das was /for Him.
consulted but no treatment was prescribed. Mother Satya is doing fine.
--Mother Manakumari is being trained by Mother Parayana to help make burfi.
--Many householders are canning tomatoes & Yudhisthira das is getting his root cel-
--Drainage ditches are being dug. ler together.
--Kirtanananda Swami is stressing that vegetables should be stored for winter.
--Krpacarya is the only one authorized to pick up apples from the road.
--The butter and ghee production is developing nicely.

Meeting Adjourned.