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DEAR GODBROTHERS,

Please accept our most humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, by whose causeless mercy we are engaged in the

transcendental loving service of the Lord.

This week's issue of the Brijbasi Spirit has a wide assortment of articles in it. Again we have another text of the Sri Uradesa-samita, we have some nice enlivening articles on philosophy pertaining directly to our efforts here in New Vrindaban, along with a myriad of other transcendental material.

We hope this issue somehow or other pleases all the Brijbasis, both here in New Vrindaban and to our subscribers all over the ISKCON world. May Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Candia bestow Their mercy upon all the servitors of Their Lotus Feet.

Your servants,  
the staff

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#### VAISNAVA CALENDAR

Sept. 20, Friday: Appearance of Sri Sitadevi  
(Consort of Sri Advaita Prabhu)

Sept. 21, Saturday: App. of Sri Lalita-devi

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## SRI UPADESAMRTA

HOW TO MAINTAIN DEVOTIONAL ACTIVITIES  
TEXT 6

drstaih svabhava-janitair vapusas ca dosaih  
 na prakrtatvam iha bhakta-janasya pasyet  
 gangambhasam na khalu budbuda-phena-pankair  
 brahma-dravatvam apagacchati nira-dharmaih

Translation

A pure devotee being situated in his original Krsna Consciousness position, he does not belong to the bodily identification. As such for such a devotee if bodily features namely the body born of lower grade family or harshness of the body, haziness of the body, complexion of the body, deformity of the body, disease of the body, infirmity of the body, they are to be overlooked. By ordinary vision these things are sometimes prominent in the body of a pure devotee but on account of such defects of the body a pure devotee is not polluted exactly like the Ganges water sometimes in the rainy season becomes full of bubbles, foams, muddy color, that does not mean that the Ganges water has become polluted. Those who are advanced in spiritual understanding they take bath in the Ganges water without such consideration of the characteristics of the water.

Purport

Suddha bhakti or activities of the soul proper, namely to be engaged in the transcendental loving service of the Lord, means liberated condition. In Bhagavad-gita it is said, vanca vyabicarini bhakti yogena jaya sevate sa gunan sa patitaitan brahma guhyaya kalpate. Anyone who is engaged in abyabicarini bhakti. Abyabicarini bhakti means unalloyed devotion. Unalloyed devotion means unyavilasita-sundam. A person engaged in devotional service must be without any motive, material motive. We have therefore instructed our Krsna Consciousness movement that the consciousness has to be changed. If the consciousness is for material enjoyment it is material consciousness and if the consciousness is the service of Krsna, a surrendered soul who has decided to only serve Krsna without any material condition, that is called unyavilasitasundam. Jnana Karma-mada anavrtam. Jnana, knowledge, karma, fruitive activities--they are also activities of the body and the mind. When the soul is situated beyond the body and the mind, bhakti-yoga is the proper activities of the platform of the soul.

So when actually one is engaged in unalloyed devotional service, uncontaminated by material condition, devotional service is enjoyed and he is already liberated. Sa gunan sa patitaitan--he is to be accepted, Krsna's devotee is no longer in the condition of material existence even though his bodily features are found to be materially conditioned. Therefore one should not see a pure devotee from the material angle of vision. Without becoming a devotee nobody can actually see perfectly another devotee.

As explained in the previous verses therefore, there are three categories of devotees--kanistha-adhikari, madhyama-adhikari, uttama adhikari. Kanistha-adhikari devotees can distinguish between a devotee and non-devotee, the devotee and the Lord. In this way he treats in different manner the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the non-devotee and the devotee. The idea is that nobody should criticize the bodily defects of the pure devotee. Even there are defects of the bodily features of the devotee they should be overlooked. Mainly



his business, devotional service, purely serving the Supreme Lord, should be taken into account. In the Bhagavad-gita therefore it is mentioned, api cet suduracaro bhajate mamananya-bhak sadhur eva sa mantavyah. Even a devotee by bodily habits sometimes seems engaged in the loving service of the Lord, he is to be considered as sadhu, not to be considered as ordinary human being. As such, a pure devotee engaged in the service of the Lord, even though he is not born in the family of a brahmana or gosvami, he should not be neglected.

Of course there cannot be any family of gosvami materially as there are existence of caste gosvamis, gosvami by heredity. But actually the gosvami title is the monopoly of a pure devotee like the six gosvamis headed by Rupa Gosvami and Sanatana Gosvami. Although they were practically turned to become Mohammedans their names were changed, Sakir Mallik, Dabir Khas. Still later on, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu made them gosvami, Sanatana Gosvami, Rupa Gosvami. Therefore the gosvami title is not hereditary. Gosvami means one who has controlled the senses, master of the senses. A devotee does not become controlled by the senses but he becomes the controller of the senses. Therefore he should be called swami, gosvami even though he is not born in the gosvami family. According to this formula gosvami coming down in the family of Sri Nityananda Prabhu, Sri Advaita Prabhu, certainly they are devotees. Similarly others who are devotees coming from other families should not be distinguished. Both the devotees either coming in the family of previous acaryas or the devotees coming from ordinary families they should be equally treated. One should not make any distinction that here is an American gosvami and here is a Nityananda vamsa gosvami.

In the Krsna Consciousness movement there is an undercurrent protestation against our awarding gosvami title to American vaisnavas. Sometimes they flatly say to the American devotees that your sannyasa, your title of gosvami is not bonafide. But according to Srila Rupa Gosvami, as stated in this verse, drstaih by ordinary vision such distinction between American gosvami and gosvami in the family of the acaryas are non-different. On the other hand, a devotee who has achieved the title of gosvami but is not born of a brahmana father or gosvami in the family of Nityananda Prabhu or Advaita Prabhu should not be artificially puffed up that he has become a gosvami. He should always remember that as soon as he becomes materially puffed up immediately he falls down from the platform.

The Krsna Consciousness movement is transcendental science without any jealousy. Krsna Consciousness cult is meant for the paramahansa--parama nirmasaranam, one who is completely free from all jealousy. Either a person having gosvami title born in a brahmana family or in the family of an acarya and another person having the gosvami title coming from different family should not be under any circumstances envious of one another. As soon as either of them becomes envious he falls down on the platform of aparadha sampradaya. If we therefore take consideration of the bodily defects of a vaisnava it is to be considered as an offense at the lotus feet of the vaisnava. Offense at the lotus feet of the vaisnava is very devious. Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu has described this offense at the lotus feet of vaisnava as hati-mata or mad elephant. A mad elephant can create a disaster especially when the mad elephant enters in a very trimmed garden, destroying the whole atmosphere of the nice garden. Therefore in the business of Krsna Consciousness one must be very, very cautious not to commit any offense to the vaisnava. Every devotee must be ready to take good instruction from a superior vaisnava, and must be ready to give help in all respects to the inferior vaisnava. This superiority and inferiority vaisnava belongs to the development of Krsna Consciousness. On the whole it is therefore forbidden to observe the activities of a pure vaisnava from that angle of vision of material existence. Such kind of material angle of vision may not be good in the matter of advancement of devotional service but for the neophyte, such kind of angle of vision is very much injurious. One should therefore refrain from ob-



serving a pure devotee from his outward external features but if he tries to see him from the internal feature how he is engaged in the transcendental loving service of the Lord, such kind of vision will help the neophyte devotee come out from the wrong angle of vision and thus gradually he shall become a purified devotee.

Persons who are very much wrongly directed, thinking Krsna Consciousness is limited within a certain section of people or certain section of devotees or in a certain tract of land only, such persons are generally apt to see the external feature of the devotee. Such neophyte without being able to appreciate the exalted service of the advanced devotee try to bring such a maha-bhagavata to their platform. We have got such difficulty in the matter of propagating Krsna Consciousness all over the world. Unfortunately, we are surrounded by neophyte god-brothers and they, without appreciating the extraordinary activities of spreading Krsna Consciousness all over the world, simply try to bring us on their platform, try to criticize us in every respect. We are very much sorry for their naive activities and poor fund of knowledge.

When an empowered person who is actually engaged in confidential service of the Lord, he should not be treated as ordinary human being because it is stated that without being empowered by Krsna nobody can spread Krsna Consciousness Movement all over the world. When such persons are criticized this is to be taken as vaisnava aparadha, which is very, very obstructive, rather dangerous for persons who desire to advance in Krsna Consciousness. Nobody can derive any benefit or spiritual values when one is an offender to the lotus feet of a vaisnava. Everybody should therefore be very careful not to become jealous of empowered vaisnava or suddha vaisnava. If an empowered vaisnava is taken as an object of disciplinary action that is also an offense at the lotus feet of vaisnava; to give him advice, try to correct him, is also offense. By action only one can distinguish between neophyte and advanced vaisnava. The advanced vaisnava is always in the position of the spiritual master and the neophyte is always to be considered as his disciple. Spiritual master must not be subjected to the advice of the disciple. Neither the spiritual master is obliged to take any instruction from persons who are disciples. This is the sum and substance of Srila Rupa Gosvami's advice in verse number six.

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## DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

With each sunrise all the devotees are chanting and working, some around the farm, some outside, and in the evening everyone assembles to worship the Lord by observing Arotrika. Still the devotee wonders sometimes if he will wake up one day with tears of love caused to stream down simply by the utterance of the holy name. Or when the newcomers arrive eager to discover themselves we find the need to be able to convince them of the urgency that they stay and work as servants of Krsna and not return to Washington or where ever to pick up their tools or more schooling. And how much we have to remind ourselves that since Krsna wants us to build a village with seven temples and countless cows--that is the most important mission for us in this lifetime. For devotees there is always the desire for advancement to spontaneous execution of service.

When Srila Prabhupada was here recently he explained some things about the special nature of our position here and how we might proceed in order to achieve success. First, he made it known that we are very lucky to have Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Vrindavana Candra here. He repeated the statement, "You are very lucky," so everyone should give due thought to the meaning of that communication. It was said in the context of an address dealing with Srila Bhaktivinoda's desire to see the cult of Lord Caitanya spread to all towns and villages. Later in the address Srila Prabhupada defines vaisnavism in terms of going beyond the position of making oneself happy to the plane of inducing others to be happy by tasting the transcendental nectar of the Hare Krsna mahamantra. And finally, he strongly encourages everyone to read his books and become liberated by sticking to the service of Krsna without thinking imperfectly that service means only for Krsna, or only for Vaisnavas. We have to follow, he explained, the

example of Prahlada Maharaja who was never worried about himself but was always worried for the rascals who have no Krsna Consciousness and work day and night without any benefit.

We are here in a remote place constructing a village and there aren't so many people to preach to as in the city. But building can be great preaching if the hard work produces a wonderful place of pilgrimage for all shelterless souls to come to for spiritual advancement. That is how Kirtanananda Swami explains it. The ISKCON centers all over the world will eventually become places where people will have to surrender to Krsna when they experience human civilization as planned perfectly by the Supreme Intelligence. We know that for the people of Kali Yuga seeing is believing. They are reluctant to hear, especially when they are advised to accept plain living and high thinking. Yet the hearing of Srila Prabhupada's literature is the perfection of hearing so they must be aided in understanding by being given an opportunity to see perfect colonies living the transcendental pastimes of Krsna, like New Vrindaban. They must be given the association of devotees in isyavasya society where all the facets of civilized human life are included. Then by direct experience people will become attracted to the cult of Lord Caitanya. People in America are now sceptical that there is such a thing as real peace or happiness. They have been cheated by empty proselytizing schemes one after another for a complete century. They have never seen Krsna's perfect program for peaceful orderly society. But they will again believe in peace and happiness when they see a whole community executing the personal form of life in relation to God.

Srila Prabhupada has ordered this work to benefit everybody. For that reason we want to remember in all our functions that no one should be left out of the experience. Feasting or



mudpacking Prabhupada houses or milking must all help people to see who Krsna is. They won't find out if we don't tell them. They must hear from devotees and they must see. This must be our consciousness in all phases of development of the projects. Any other purpose is due to false self-importance, or prayasah, requiring for ourselves what is unnecessary. Any self-importance will prevent us from seeing things clearly. To worry about the coming of winter and the slight discomfort it may bring is an unneeded preoccupation which will only make us forget the unobstructed warmth of Radha Vrindavana Candra. The only cold that we should be helping people to escape is the chill of the millions of impersonal "temples" and churches where God is depicted by a symbol or an emblem. The temples of New Vrindaban will attract thousands of people who will come to see their beautiful design and decoration and hope to gain some spiritual advancement. Srila Prabhupada already sees the temples manifest. We must pray to Srila Prabhupada to help us see them just as some devotees daily pray to Krsna to give them the desire to distribute 100 Srimad Bhagavatams. It is essentially the same prayer. Everyone must carefully follow the regulative principles and worship the Deity and be always thinking on how people will find out a cure for the material disease when they hear of Krsna and eat prasadam. Lord Caitanya stressed the importance of sravanam; when people are given the chance to hear about Krsna, certainly they will gradually develop their dormant awareness or love of God. Sravanadi-suddha-citte-karaye-udaya (Cc. Madhya-lila 22.107).

Only when we forget that Krsna's desire makes everything possible does the task of building great things seem and become hard. Problems no bigger than keeping the temple clean, or staying ahead of the weeds in the garden or avoiding illness become insurmountable. But with this responsible duty entrusted to us of building a living display of Krsna's past-

imes with temples and tunnels and lakes and landscaped gardens and thousands of cows, and hundreds of cottages. More than ever devotees must become aware who we are working for. We must make samkirtan our life and soul. There is no difficulty; the plans are there, the materials are there and the manpower is there. We simply have to chant and request that Krsna please help us work as hard as we can.

-- Srivas dasa

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### KRSNA BOL

Last Sunday's feast game results: the team of Narada Muni, Madhava Ghosh and cowherd brothers Amburish and Ganendra beat the team of Mothers Sarvesvari, Vrajasana, Vidya and Rasalila.

Krsna Bol players have begun the 2nd volume of the trilogy this week & there has been a recharge of enthusiasm all over. Bahulaban's team sign-up list has been full, and there is a game everyday at 1:00, after lunch prasadam, in the temple room. There is a reported increase in Krsna Katha in the brahmacarini asrama. Gurukula has begun playing Krsna Bol again, after months of separation. And the Vrindaban brahmacaris, after only a week of feeling the separation, are also getting it together again. All these are definitely signs of healthy consciousness--what is more pleasing to the spiritual master than for his disciples to engage in hearing and chanting the glories of the Lord?!

This week's schedule is:

Mon.-ch. 42: The Killing of the Elephant Kuralayapida  
 Tues.-ch. 43: Killing of Kamsa  
 Wed.-ch. 44: Krsna Recovers the Son of His Teacher  
 Thur.-ch. 45: Uddhava Visits Vrindavana  
 Fri.-ch. 46: Delivery of the Message of Krsna to the Gopis (pt.1, p. 297-304)  
 Sat.-ch. 46: Delivery of Message (pt.2)  
 Sun.-ch. 47: Krsna Pleases His Devotees

Does anyone know of Taru's whereabouts?



## MADHUBAN

"Do you feel that little nip of fall in the air today?" Yudhisthira das commented as he swung his pick on a damp Saturday morning. He and Krpacarya dasa were making a trench to coax rainwater away from the buildings thus leaving storage areas and basement dry.

"I sure do. Everyone is starting to put things away for the winter. Mother Satyabhama is canning tomatoes but her swiss chard won't dry. Mother Kunti is drying apples. And if we keep the water out of the basement with this trench we can store lots of beets and carrots for Krsna this winter. And I've got the flu, I ache at every angle."

Yudhisthira swung his pick again. "Yeah, we're canning tomatoes and I made 50 lbs. of saurkraut, and I'm making a root cellar. But it's heavy competition with the woodchucks, coons, rabbits and mice. Also we're candleproofing the house for winter."

Just as Krpacarya was about to ask what is candleproofing, a little devotee named Jai das came dancing by. "I'm going to Gurukula, I'm going to Gurukula. Me and Premananda go in October!"

"Those lucky kids," Kunjari dasi said as she stepped out on the porch with the butter churn (we're churning all our own butter now! BLISS) "But we'll miss Premananda, he does so much service--how will we get the brass polished and the dahl vegg cut when he goes?"

Following Jai came 6 other little boy devotees and Mother Jamini. "Where are you going?" Mother Parajana asked them. She was carrying a bucket of cow dung and mud plaster for the walls of her house.

"We're going to Yudhisthira's house on that special trail through the woods that Yudhisthira cut. Today is the first day."

"It's a little rough in places. I hope it's all right for the kids," Yudhisthira swung the pick again. "This school that Jamini and Bhagavat

are starting is wonderful. I can't wait 'til Halardar can go."

"Did you see Devahuti this morning at her 6 month ceremony? She picked Bhagavatam," said Mother Parajana. Manakumari dasi smiled in response as she walked outside to get water for the burfy pot. She got trained to make burfy--Madhuban's contribution in the Vrindaban sweet exchange.

Just then Vahna das walked by carrying a few boards with holes cut in them.

"What's that?" everyone wanted to know.

"Lord Jagannath's car seat. He can go for rides every Sunday and on picnics too."

Everyone smiled--when Krsna enjoys all His parts and parcels enjoy also.

"Yudhisthira swung the pick again as the lunch conch shell was sounded. "Prasadam." All the happy Madhuban devotees began to leave their service and go inside.

So we'll leave this little temple of Srila Prabhupada's and visit again next week. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!

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## CEMENT MIXER

New Vrindaban community purchased a big cement mixer. It is a gasoline powered Smith cement mixer with the capacity to make 4.5 cubic feet of cement at a time--with this machine we can make all the cement we want as fast as we can pour the materials in.

The mixer was hauled in by a big tow truck. The truck had all the power necessary to get up the Bahulaban temple hill, but it didn't have enough traction. Twice it attempted to power-drive all the way up, but both times it failed, its back wheels spinning uselessly in the gravel. The third time a number of brahmacharis piled in the back and sure enough, up it went to the top.

Its first job was to pour footers for the new marble shop building on Saturday.



## MATAJI

Canakya Pandit says: "A man should look upon every woman, except his wife, as his mother, every man as his brother and other people's possessions as stool lying in the street."

Krsna Consciousness is not a dull affair nor does it prohibit relationships among devotees. Relationships, however, in Krsna Consciousness take on a different flavor than relationships in the material world. In order to free ourselves of previous concepts in the matter of relating to one another we must understand what that difference is and practically what it means to us as individuals.

According to the Vedic system, every individual in the society has a position to occupy and that position is incumbent with specific rules and regulations as to how the individual is to enact his role in the society—how he should relate to others and how others should relate to him.

We are all well familiar with the intricacies of the varnas and asramas and the social etiquette which calls for separation of the sexes, especially between the unmarried, and the different activities according to age, social position and sex; it is not our intention to delve into those details in the short amount of space allotted us here but we wish to concern ourselves specifically with the vaisnava perspective of social etiquette.

The vaisnava does not change the rules and regulations as they are described in the Vedas. He understands that rules and regulations are meant to bring all to the platform of love of God and he seeks to understand the essence of the point of the instruction in order that he may mold his consciousness in the right direction.

The sloka by Canakya Pandit quoted above describes in a succinct phrase the system of Vedic social etiquette and dear Lord Caitanya in His Siksastikam sloka says, "One can chant the Holy Name of the Lord in a humble state of mind, thinking himself lower than the straw in the street, more tolerant than the tree, devoid of all sense of false prestige, and ready to offer all respects to others. In such a state of mind one can chant the Holy Name of the Lord constantly."

The vaisnava does not waste time in empty ritual, there is no ritualism in bhakti. So all of his activities, his actions and words in relationship with others have meaning and purpose, which is perfect service to the Lord—the offenseless chanting of the Holy Name.

In order to become more humble than a blade of grass one begins by offering all respect to others; so we say mataji or prabhu. But when the Vaisnava says mataji or prabhu he is not using these phrases because they are proper, no. He sees before him his mother or his master and he is thinking, "Here is my mother (brother, master) standing before me, please dear Krsna, let me offer her (him) some service."

This is the relationship between devotees and it can be enacted regardless of station or sex. Status and sex are material designations, but devotional service is spiritual. "My dear prabhu, how can I serve you; mother, please help me in my service." From this platform of consciousness all mundane bodily designations are transcended; and if they are not, it is not the fault of the other, the fault is ours. The degree to which we are troubled with mundane sexuality is the degree to which we ourselves are meditating on it. It does not come from without, it comes from within. "The senses, the mind and the intelligence are the sitting places of this lust, which veils the real knowledge of the living entity and bewilders him." (Bg 3-40) We cannot run from it, or hide from it or blame others for it, we can only purify it. We must assume the responsibility for our own minds. Transcendence awaits us in knowledge and knowledge will grace us with the offenseless chanting of the Holy Name.

Humility, tolerance, respect for others—these are virtues to be desired; greater beyond comparison are they than pride, frustration, and hostility. They are sought after by the greatest among men, but they are awarded only to those imbued with the service attitude.

— Mother Silavati

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## DEVOTEE INTERVIEW

The Litchfield brothers have been here for about seven weeks and the Spirit chose to find out more about them. Hopefully, in this way, we can acquaint the whole community with all the new faces and help establish more friendships in Krsna's service.

Bhakta Pat and Bhakta Walker come from Montgomery, Alabama where they grew up. Now they are cowherd boys. They get the cows in the afternoon and help in the dairy barn. Walker doesn't have a strong liking for hard physical work but sees the need to surrender to whatever job is required. Their first association with devotees came about here in New Vrindaban. Prior to this they had only known the devotees over the telephone. They responded to the mailorder Dept. in Los Angeles after reading a BTG and order the Nectar of Devotion and the Bhagavad-gita. They were already convinced that high school was a waste of time and that professional work was only for money making and roaming from one dull scene to another. With a desire to experience devotional service they planned to travel to New Zealand but the temple president there frankly told them he didn't have enough engagement for them and recommended New Vrindaban.

"We got some enlightenment from chanting," said Pat, and he went on, "We went to North Virginia and to Washington and while we visited karmi friends we were always looking to bump into devotees but we never came across any."

"Finally we came here to get a taste. We are so grossly unregulated that we don't even know what our propensities are."

Walker now trains the ksatriyas in karate fighting and he is turning over the remains of some inheritance money to New Vrindaban to help us out. He and his brother both believed at first that they had to pay for the full membership fee in order to join the community. Pat was in school and Walker worked for 6 months to amass the money for the fee. Then they received \$6000.00 inheritance. So Krsna is always awarding opportunities for his devotees to serve and make sacrifices to Him.

Krpacarya das's progress on the brick-making machine has been held up, although some work was done. It should be finished in a week. Krpacarya did make a double tree for the horse rig.

Bhakta Greg concentrated his efforts on the side delivery rake. He took one of the wheels off to get to the gear apparatus, which had been regularly slipping out of gear when the rake was in use in the field. This has caused undue inconvenience and time loss to the crop department. Bhakta Greg's original plan was to change gears with a similar machine not in use at Madhuban. He altered his approach by undertaking to build up one of the gears with the arc-welder so that when engaged to turn the rake it will tned to do so without interruption.

Damodara Pandit das replaced a few nuts and bolts and 2" x 6' support to the wagon bed made by Paramananda das several years back. He put together two new single trees and replaced, tightened and oiled the teeth on one of our old harrows.

Two promising occurrences happened this past week. On Wednesday Mr. Frank Bartelate was given a ride over here at 7:30 a.m. from his home and brought to the Bahulaban forge by Paramananda das. Paramananda and Damodara Pandit received a 3 hour class on oxy-acetelene torch cutting. It began with instructions on proper settings for gas and oxygen mixtures and went on to include proper maintenance of cutting and welding tips and other associated equipment. It was progressively enlightening for the forge personnel and there is a chance that Mr. Bartelate, who has 20 years experience as an iron worker, will be returning to further our welding education.

Another interesting iron in the fire is the proposed expansion of the now-existing forge. Plans are being proposed hot and heavy in this corner of the community and although concrete plans are of yet unconfirmed rumor has it that the addition (which will be of the basic pole barn--lean-to design) will include expanded forge and workshop facilities, a machinery equipment shed and also a proposed room which will ho use the horse equipment.



## VRINDABAN KITCHEN

The expanding devotional attitude at Vrindaban is reflected primarily in the increase of work in the kitchen. Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Nath and Lord Jagannath and Gour-Nital are receiving more preparations. There is an additional rice preparation and an additional vegetable prep for the mid day offering, and the evening offering now includes a big lugu for Krsna.

The Vrindaban prasadam program is first class. It is usually hard to maintain a balance between nutritional needs and unwanted opulence. The hard work done by brahmachari devotees requires quantity and good variety of vegetables and grains but ghee and sugar are strictly regulated to reduce passion. In the morning there is cereal and milk and Maha and chick peas. At mid day there is vegetable dahl and capattis and barley and tomatoes/salad. And in the evening popcorn, tomatoes, curd and whey are served out. Garden vegetables, etc, will be stored in the new bhoga store room designed by Bhakta Terry and located underneath the temple building. Mangalananda das and Radhanath cook vegetables and main courses and Ahunkara, Candrawauli and Radhanath make koah, pera and sandesh respectively for the three farms.

### BREAD STICK RECIPE

#### dry ingredients:

- 1 cup white flour
- 3 cups whole wheat flour
- 1½ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons caraway seeds
- 4 teaspoons baking powder

#### wet ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon ghee
- ½ teaspoon molasses
- 1 cup whey

Mix the dry ingredients thoroughly. Mix the wet ingredients thoroughly. Mix both together all at once. Note: make sure the dough is very wet and sticky. Let it dry out for 15 min. Cover with cheesecloth or some cloth so the air will get into it. After the dough is dried out add the flour necessary to knead it, a little at a time.

Roll the dough out with a rolling pin a pie shape ½" thick. Cut into sticks 3" long. Deep fry in ghee. Ecstasy!

Note: The ghee should not be too hot. The breadsticks should be able to expand and just begin to crack. If the ghee is not hot enough they'll expand and absorb too much ghee.

Mangalananda das Prabhu made these bread sticks for the roadshow and Kirtanananda Swami was pleased with them. Srila Prabhupada had some and asked Sruti kirti if he knew how to make them. Sruti Kirti replied, "Yes, Srila Prabhupada, they are fried in ghee." Srila Prabhupada responded, "Very good."

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### MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

As soon as Radhastami is over and the women have enough time they'll be chopping wood. part of the reason for their illnesses is that they simply don't engage in enough physical activity. Time and again I looked for a solution to the iron shortage problem and could find no solution. Now, Krsna has given us molasses, which is iron-rich. It should be taken like medicine at the dispensary three times a day. If you find yourself getting tired easily and you have a general lack of energy you would be foolish to not take advantage of this molasses. Henceforth any unreported infections discovered will be brought before the board as severely punishable. Having unclean persons in our midst is the last thing we need or want. Incidentally, don't get caught stealing other people's shoes and putting them on your stooey, fun-gasy feet. Leaving sanitary napkins and tampons in the urinal and bath house will also not be tolerated. Remain cheerful and Krsna Conscious and clip your toenails and fingernails and keep them clean.

-- Urdhareta das

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Bhagavatananda das Prabhu has clearly and quite emphatically stated that he wants absolutely no one to distract his crew--whether in conversation, etc. There is need for intense concentration in construction work and no time can afford to be wasted.



## VARNASRAMA COLLEGE

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada. All Glories to Srimes Kirtanananda Swami Maharaja. All Glories to the residents of this most holy land of Vraja.

The school has now taken on definite character as Varnasrama college as opposed to Gurukula. In Dallas, the students follow a disciplined schedule with their main service being directed towards academic skills. Their duties are to learn to read, write, memorize Bhagavad-gita in Sanskrit, etc. When we arrived here, we were certainly not fully aware of the nature of the as yet non-existent Varnasrama college. There was a necessity for the boys to develop some sense of responsibility and therefore, on Kirtanananda Maharaja's urging we took on the care of Sri Sri Gour-Nitai and the boys were given practically full responsibility to cook, clean and maintain the temple. There was a little difficulty as the boys were not given full association in their work and they were not so much attracted to temple maintenance. The situation gradually developed into something like the modern labor-capital situation or the relationship of a repressive dictatorship and an unhappy populace. Sometimes in their distress they were defecting to the happy, more democratic neighboring farms like Vrindavana and Nandagram.

The solution to the problem was obvious. Basically it just required following of Srila Prabhupada's instruction to start a Varnasrama College. It seems that everyone but myself was able to perceive it.

At the age of ten a boy is sufficiently mature in his bodily development to have attractions to different personalities and work. Such boys are naturally attracted to men and their work, and if such men are devotees and their work is devotional service, then such an attraction should be encouraged. If at an early age an attraction for some particular kind of work is cultured, and that work is performed in devotional service to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, then a real taste for devotional service can be developed. Varnasrama is the purifying process. By engaging in devotional service according to our material propensities we become purified to the point of realization of our spiritual identity. Once the taste for devotional service is developed, though,

one can no longer fall down.

The program at Gurukula is to teach children brahminical habits, give them a solid foundation in sastra and discipline while they are young. In this way, they are trained as Vaisnava. After such training, what child could ever forget Kṛṣṇa?

Not all people are brahmins however, and the Gurukula lifestyle is brahminical. My basic mistake was due to the personal motivation of desiring to see the boys develop along brahminical lines. Some people are ksatriyas, some are vaiśyas, and some are sudras, but we are not interested in developing persons in these categories per se. The real interest is to see them engaged in devotional service somehow or another. A sincere street sweeper is better than a charlatan brahmana. Repression of one's tendencies for a particular kind of service simply results in frustration and increases the propensity to enjoy sense gratification.

Therefore, at the prompting of all concerned persons, we have started the real training program of Varnasrama College. Certainly it is a fledgling attempt, but certain propensities and engagements seem very permanent.

Dvarakadhisa das works with Gopinatha dasa in the store; Ekendra das works with Parambrahma in management and construction; Stavva das works with Urdhareta das and Jagat-trata das in the ksatriya department; Tausteya das and Marga-mangala das work with Amburish das and Ganendra das in the cow department. The boys still perform srngara for the Deities, and aratis also. They do some cooking, esp. of sweets, with Sri Galima prabhu, and they also get a half day (3 hrs.) of academics.

The staff at the varnasrama college is myself, Sri Galima das and Jyotir das. I take charge of the academics, Sri Galima takes charge of the Deity worship and the boys' other engagements; Jyotir das takes care of the maintenance. I would like to express my gratitude to Sri Galima publicly for his association which has always been inspiring to me. He has given great impetus to this important project, which I know is very dear to Kirtanananda Swami, who is tolerating such an incompetent fool as myself in this New Vrindaban. I would also like to thank Jyotir prabhu for his invaluable service in keeping the house 1st class clean.

-- Hiranyagarbha dasa



It's been quite a week in the old woods-hed. We got a new helper Dave who is doing fine and building the 1st logging wagon specially made for oxen here in New Vrindavan. This wagon will help a lot in gathering logs. Hari Boli, the saw dust dog and I had an argument the other day over weather or not he was going to lay under the saw or weather I was going to turn it on to cut wood. He sure likes Krsna's saw dust. Bhavishut took the oxen to Madavan and pulled up 30 17' long pine poles from the forest then I got the truck and brought them up here. There for expanding the blacksmith shop and finishing the new wood shed and ox shed. If the cows an oxen don't have a clean an dry place to sleep then they can't get sufficient rest. We also cut and delivered 5 weeks of wood to Madavan. We broke the record this week on wood cut in one day on Backtie Buck Saw, 2½ cords approx. I can tell winter is coming soon.

I've got to give it to Devata Das and his crew who cut the wood in the forest by hand. That's a lot of wood backtie.

#### BIRDS AND BEES AT THE HORSE BARN

I'll tell you it's crazy. Here is a little storie of how it is for the horses.

Monday morning after breakfast I went out to the barn to see the cows. Amburish was there and said he had a cow with a tight mussel in her leg and it hert her a lot to move it. I said I would get some oak bark liniment from the horse barn to put on her leg to help her. Well, when I got to the horse barn I found Mollie standing at the hiking post and her front and back feet were tied together and Prince (the stud) sniffing at her hind end, and taling strange horse talk to her. I asked Kyshape what is going on. He said we're seeing if Mollie's pregnant. How's that? I asked. If Mollie tries to kick at Prince then she's bred. I waited around a moment then it happened. Mollie struck out at Prince just like Aristasura being kicked by Krsna. The mud was flying, Mollie was kicking, Prince was jumping all around, and all the men scattered. What a site. So there is what it's like trying to enjoy like the horses.

your servant in the woods, Romharsan das

#### OUR FRIENDS THE TREES

**BEECH.** The beech is a wonderful tree admired for it's shade and nuts. Its leaves and bark contain wonderful medical properties for stomach troubles, ulcers, liver, kidneys bladder, diabetes, to produce appetite and is an excellent tonic.

The leaves are soothing to the nerves and a stomach and are astringent. The leaves are useful in swellings and sores and wounds. It is cooling and healing. Make a tea by taking a teaspoonful to a cup of boiling water and let steep one-half hr. Bath sores of all kinds freely and often. It will make all sores and wounds clean and heal them if bathed often. Take 3 or 4 cups a day; one, 1 hour before meal and one upon retiring. It is fine remedy for diabetes.

Now from the lumber-jack's side beech is a good board for inside. Long wearing but outside it has a short life. When burnt it gives off a black oil unless it is completely dry. It burns farily hot like maple. The beech tree is the biggest tree around here and has smooth gray bark. All Glories to Krsna's beech trees.

Printed as submitted by -- Romharsan Das

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#### DIALOGUE -- Vipina das

1st devotee: Jai Prabhu.

2nd devotee: Jai.

1st devotee: How's everything up top, Prabhu?

2nd devotee: Just great.

1st devotee: You like it here, don't you?

The 2nd devotee is digging out a 4 foot ditch loaded with rock. Step by step he is picking with an ax at the wall where the footer is to be placed on the marble building. Stones are falling all over his feet, bugs are in his eyes. He is rushed for completing his service. He looks up with a sound, intelligent smile on his face and says: Jai. The best place.

1st devotee: All Glories to New Vrindaban!

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## FIELD + CROPS

Rain was once again the big story of the week. The plow department even made it to Bhagavad-gita class a couple times this week because we couldn't do anything outside.

2½ loads of sudan grass and some clover were brought in from pavillion hill. Some dry bales were mixed with them when they were fed thru Bhima into Big Blue in order to get the total moisture content down below 50%. Another piece was cut across the road at Bahulaban but hasn't even dried at all because of the continued wetness.

Bhima now has 2 stomachs. He wasn't chopping the hay into small enough pieces to make 1st class haylage. ¼" to ½" is ideal, but Bhima is meant to re-chop field chopped forages so he was cutting it longer than ideal. The idea is to rig another chooper, a belt driven Papec, to the same power unit but although the idea is feasible, the 1st attempt didn't work out so we run it with the tractor. The chopped product is much nearer the ideal and should make a much more palatable feed for New Vrindaban's Surabhis.

The 2 acre piece across from the school-house had been plowed the previous week, so this week it was disced and harrowed, then broadcast seeded to rye and harrowed again to cover up the seed.

Molly got a new shoe put on her and Ranchor had his tightened up. Parmananda das is training up Kasyapa das to take up the farriering chores of the horses.

Mr. Lily was plowing at Nandagram this week. The meadows are all going to be plowed up, leaving strips on the steepest places to prevent erosion. This will be spread with lime, then seeded to wheat. Next spring alfalfa will be underseeded in the wheat. This will be an important part of our plan to fill Big Blue. Our own tractor was there to try some plowing, but did pretty poorly. The plow was rusty so the moldboard didn't scour very well; therefore the sod didn't turn over but flopped back down. Also, when the pulling got heavy, the worn treads on the wheels didn't provide enough traction and just spun. And to top it all off, the plow hit a rock and broke a share.

Once the weather breaks, there will be plenty to do, so we pray that we will have the strength and intelligence to do the tasks nicely for Srila Prabhupada.

-- Madhava Ghosa das

## GARDEN REPORT

The garden crew got to move around a lot this week. We got to all three farms and did weeding and rototilling at Madhuban. At Vrindaban this week we dug up all the potatoes & got 5½ bushels. We also picked some green tomatoes for pickling and we picked some ripe tomatoes, about 1½ bushels. We did some weeding of asparagus and comfrey and put stakes in, also we gathered stakes for next year's big tomato crop. We picked wonderful amounts of beans, beets, peppers both bell & yellow, leaf lettuce, okra and a small amount of rhubarb card. These small amounts of vegetable go to the Deities.

In Bahulaban we did lots of weeding along one ridge of the garden. The squash are coming back for a while, we picked 1½ bushels for the Deities, for drying and for dahl. We are also using the greens. The tomato crop is slowing down. We got 12½ bushels here at Bahulaban and next week it looks like it won't even be half that amount. We are hoping that Krsna will let us have 2 barrels of green tomatoes for pickling for the winter. The sweet corn behind the temple has come to an end. The last couple of weeks the garden crew has taken over management of the bhoga room, keeping it orderly. Bhakta Terry has sent us another rototiller, tools, screening and some bushel baskets. Hopefully, he'll be returning within the week. So all in all from Krsna's garden this week come 13 bushels of tomatoes, 5½ bushels of potatoes, 1½ bushels of corn, and 1½ bushels of squash; small amounts of okra, winter squash, beets, peppers, rhubarb and lettuce. We are also going to try putting comfrey in the dahl.

-- Bhakta Mike

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## MILK KITCHEN

Yoghurt and buttermilk is being made every day for the devotees. Rasagulla is continually being made by Garga Rsi Prabhu and its quality is ever-increasing. Also this week 40 lb. of Surabhi Chaw were made. 20 lb. of peanut plain and 20 lb. of peanut-raison were prepared and offered to Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Vrindavana Candra.

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## SPIRITUAL SKY

In their efforts to help New Vrindaban in achieving self-sufficiency the Spiritual Sky team of Vipina Purandara das and Narada Muni das have recently returned from a successful tour of their respective territories. They report that the inspiration provided by the association of their God brothers and God sisters who are working so hard to build this transcendently wonderful community have made possible their recent successes. Rshabiv Prabhu, assistant sales manager to Narayana, has reported that their success has been unmatched in the annals of Spiritual Sky history and has used such adjectives as incredible, unbelievable, amazing to describe their activities. According to our devotee salesman a recent remark made by Rehaddev in a phone conversation he pinpointed the reason for their success. He marvelled over the fact that Vipina and Narada Muni had stayed out on the road for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  weeks straight doing sales work and commented that such devotion could only be inspired by someone like Kirtanananda Maharaja. The secret of success in any endeavor they continued is to please the servant of the servant.

Yajñabhuk das Adhikary has joined Spiritual Sky New Vrindaban and Vipina Purandara das and Narada Muni das are ecstatic over his help and association. Anyone else sincerely desiring to help save Laxmi from Ravanna and give Her back to Her lover Rama may contact Vipina or Narada.

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STANDARD EMERGENCY OPERATING PROCEDURE

Call the police as soon as possible.  
One senior trainee immediately take up the shotgun in the delty room.  
One junior trainee accompany him.  
Two senior trainees post themselves on Kirtanananda Swami as bodyguards.  
At least one senior trainee posts himself on the front porch of the courtyard area.  
One senior trainee secures the weapons from the CP.  
Everyone should remain on the floor of the first floor of whatever building they happen to be in.  
The senior trainee should see to it that a radio transmission goes out to the other

farms.

The same senior trainee should see to the proper distribution of guns and fire extinguishers.

As much as possible all unarmed devotees should be herded into the protection of those devotees who are armed.

The senior trainees should order an assault team to swing into anti-offensive offensive action.

At the end of the emergency the all-clear signal should be given.

--Urdhareta Das, cpt.

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## ANN ARBOR TRIP

The Ann Arbor trip was a success in which the main item brought back was a large boiler, which will be installed at the new barn to provide central hot water heating for the building. The boiler will run on coal or wood--Gajendra das is looking into the possibilities of getting free or very cheap a supply of coal. Of course, there's always wood available.

The travelling party received many tool donations from temples, Gajendra's parents and Bhakta Terry's parents. Some ghee was sold. A number of piping-tools were bought at a greenhouse auction in Akron, Ohio, along with a lot of nylon screen and 4 loudspeakers, for a low, low price. A life member of ISKCON in Detroit gave us about 50 carbide-tip saw blades which retail anywhere from \$6 - \$25 apiece. Gajendra bought a powerful Lafayette amplifier to set up a sound system at the new barn-householder apartments installation for the pleasure of our Mother Surabhis and the devotees.

Gajendra das and Premarupa das were both very happy to return to New Vrindaban. Bhakta Terry stayed in Ann Arbor to get a pair of special work boots made and will be back very soon.

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All those who have overdue library books, please return them. These books are important for the service of all the devotees of New Vrindaban.

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COWS

Hariball All Glories to Sri Sri Radha Vrindavana Chandra. All Glories to the cows, bulls, calves and oxen of Vrindaban, who now number 100 in total. Rukma and Bhadrasena both oxen about 5 months old were weaned this week and are now apart of Romaharsan Das's service. They will begin training together as a team. They are each about 370 lbs. Kulahena and Partha went from Bahulaban to Vrindaban. Chandra went from Bahulaban to Gurukula, thus helping to clear up the scarce problems at Bahulaban.

Prajapati had another busy week as he bred 3 more cows. Himavati, Sukla and Satya all were mated by him. Senatana our Brown Swiss bull did his first service here at New Vrindaban when he bred Himdra, a cow that hasn't been able to settle by artificial insemination. Yes, prabhus, the action is picking up in the bull pens. Wait until Rupa, Senatana, Prajapati and upcoming Mehru see what's in store for them later on. We've got to keep our bulls happy also.

Rohini and Iravati, our two freshest cows, are now giving 50 lbs. of milk daily. Iravati is getting steadier every day.

The cows got more to eat this week as they were free to go into the back pasture for grazing. This week's milk totals are 500 lbs. up from last week. More than half of that is due to the addition of Mother Rohini.

Next week we hope to have the new butterfat percentages, as the new tests were taken on Monday.

Here are this week's statistics:

| <u>cow</u> | <u>amount of milk</u> |
|------------|-----------------------|
| Satyabhama | 408.8 pounds          |
| Dvaraka    | 193.2                 |
| Ambika     | 253.2                 |
| Sati       | 189.8                 |
| Sarasvati  | 284.8                 |
| Rukmini    | 223.7                 |
| Laxmi      | 239.1                 |
| Bhadra     | 299.4                 |
| Yasoda     | 181.4                 |
| Rocana     | 133.3                 |
| Rabbri     | 115.9                 |
| Isani      | 104.2                 |
| Syama      | 101.3                 |
| Parvati    | 370.4                 |
| Kaliya     | 190.9                 |
| Cintamani  | 308.0                 |
| Sukla      | 244.0                 |
| Rati       | 406.6                 |
| Pritha     | 390.2                 |
| Goloka     | 228.8                 |
| Iravati    | 291.3                 |
| Rohini     | 299.1                 |

This week's totals per days:

Sept. 7: 765.8 lb.  
 Sept. 8: 756.2  
 Sept. 9: 769.2  
 Sept. 10: 753.7  
 Sept. 11: 819.0  
 Sept. 12: 808.6  
 Sept. 13: 775.7

The total milk production for this week was 5448.2 pounds. 778.3 lbs. was the average production per day and 35.3 lb. was the average per cow per day.

-- Ambarish das



NEW VRINDABAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Minutes for 9/15/74

Attendances: Kirtanananda Swami, Paramananda das, Bhagavatananda das, Daivata das, Parambrahma das, Urdhareta das, Amburish das, Madhava Ghosh das and Kasyapa das, Adi Pati das

The Treasury Report and Last week's Board Minutes were read and approved.

DEPARTMENTS

Urdhareta das - Ksatriya, Medical & Women Depts.

- One of the Varnaarama College boys, Jagatananda das, will be trained up in the ksyatriya dept.
- Molasses will be administered three times a day at the dispensary for those women who have weak blood.

Paramananda das - Horse dept. & Fields & Crops

- The clover was raked at Madhuban.
- The work done at Bahulaban is as follows: (I) the trudan was raked and picked up, (II) manure was spread and harrowed in on the field across from the school house, (III) Molly and Saibya and Ranchor were shod and Ranchor suffered a sore shoulder, (IV) Advaitacarya das has moved half the trudan and tried to take bricks to Adi Pati's house, (V) A new triple tree was developed and proved successful.
- Mr. Lily plowed one meadow at Nandagram.
- Plowing with the tractor proved to be unsuccessful.
- Plans were made for a 24' x 30' extension at the forge, then the tack room will be moved to the extension and the old tack room will be made into a box stall for the horses.

Adi Pati das - Garden Dept.

- At Bahulaban the garden work done was as follows: 13 bushels of tomatoes were harvested, 1½ bushels of corn were harvested, 1 bushel of squash harvested, small amounts of chard, broccoli, cabbage were harvested for the Deities, forking out the edges of the garden was started, the late crops of lettuce, turnips and radishes are doing nicely. At Madhuban the work done was mainly rototilling and weeding on the main garden. At Vrindaban 5½ bushels of potatoes were harvested, the asparagus, peanuts, chickpeas and peppers were weeded and staked, small amounts of okra, winter squash, beets, bell and yellow peppers, leaf lettuce, rhubarb chard and beans were picked for the Deities.

Bhagavatananda das - Construction Dept.

- A large cement mixer was obtained to pour the floor at the new building site at Bahulaban.
- More progress was made in the construction design of the new building.

Amburish das - Cow Dept.

- In the last 2 weeks 4 cows, Kaliya, Satya, Sukla (all jerseys) and Himavati (a holstein) have all been bred expertly by Prajapati.
- Sanatana, our 15 month old Brown Swiss bull, bred Mother Bhadra. This is the first successful attempt since he came to New Vrindaban. The new breeding facility, a simple wooden construction, helps greatly.
- The cows milk was taken this week for butterfat tests and the results will be forthcoming.
- There was one grain run this week. Four and a half tons of cow grain, 1 ton of calf grain and ½ ton of horse grain was received.
- A start has been made in compiling records for our cows, including family trees (called pedigrees), milk and health records, etc. This will help in the protection of our cows.



### VRINDABAN REPORT

--There was an increase in Deity offerings this week.

### BAHULABAN REPORT

- Ekendra das is starting to help Parambrahma das in the management dept.
- A building Project Control bulletin will be developed for better management at Bahulaban.
- The Harvestore men came this week and explained that there was some new management and we would get our unloaders as soon as possible.

### MADHUBAN REPORT

- Radha Madhava's new bed will be ready in a few days. Mother Manakumari is taking nice care of Radha Madhava and making new jewelry & Little Lord Jagannath will be going on a picnic this Sunday in Vahna's car.
- Krpacarya das made another successful compost pile and is doing wonders at clearing the pasture of rose bushes. Madhukara is clearing the large pasture--from this comes winter firewood and pasture land.
- We have had some electrical problems which will be looked into today.

### OLD BUSINESS

- The cleaning of the outhouses was discussed because last week they were plugged up.
- The fire extinguishers are on their way and will be picked up when we go to New York.
- We need someone to look after our roads and fences so that they will be done properly

### NEW BUSINESS

- Kirtanananda Maharaja introduced discussion on a new green house. The total cost would be \$3,200. This would be used mainly for flowers.
- Urdhareta das has proposed a railing up the stairway to the householder houses.
- Permission was given to Madhuban residents to start a planning committee for the development of a new temple at Madhuban.

Meeting adjourned.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item: No candles are to be burned in any of the cabins, houses, etc. They are a fire hazard.  
Item: On Radhastami the prize item of a bar of sandalwood soap, used personally by Srila Prabhupada while he was here in New Vrindaban, will be auctioned. So write to your parents, relatives & friends for laxmi so that YOU may own this transcendental item.

We would like to extend our most heart-felt thanks to Mrs. Woldock, who has so kindly donated to New Vrindaban all kinds of valuable herbs. She has sent us a catalogue in which we may order any of the herbs therein and send the bill to her. May Krsna bestow His mercy upon this great soul.

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