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DEAR GODBROTHERS,

Please accept our worthless obeisances before your most esteemed selves. All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, who serves to enliven all of us to ever-increasing devotional service by his piercing words and steadfast example. May we always pray for his mercy and have absolute faith that by following his sublime instructions we will all develop pure love of Godhead, thus crossing over the vast ocean of birth and death.

Also, please accept our humble apologies for the great delay in last week's Brijbasi Spirit, issue # 30, which didn't make it out until yesterday. Our press had been giving us a series of difficulties, serving to force us into the position of surrender.

This issue of the Brijbasi Spirit includes two nectarean letters: one from Srila Prabhupada and one from his personal servant, Srutakirti Prabhu, along with an extensive Varnasrama College article and other articles depicting New Vrindaban's progress.

We hope this Brijbasi Spirit finds our Godbrothers and sisters in blissful serving mood.

--your eternal servants,  
the staff

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#### VAISNAVA CALENDAR

Nov. 25, Mon.: Utthana-ekadasi. Dis. of Parahamsa Sri Srila Gaura Kisora-dasa Babaji Maharaja. Beg. of Sri Bhisma-pancaka  
Nov. 26, Tue.: SR. 6:01. Ekadasi-parana--before 9:36 am.  
Nov. 28, Thu.: Dis. of Srila Bhugarbha Goswami and Srila Kasisvara Pandita  
Nov. 29, Fri.: End of Caturmasya-vrata. Urjavrata and Bhisma-pancaka. Haimantika-rasayatra of Lord Krsna. Dis. of Srila Sundarananda Thakura. App. of Srila Nimbarka Acarya.

# OCEAN OF NECTAR

The following is a letter received by Kirtanananda Maharaj recently from Srila Prabhupada.

12/11/74

Hare Krsna Land, Gandhi Gram Rd.  
Juhu, Bombay 400 054  
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His Holiness Kirtanananda Swami  
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My dear Kirtanananda Swami,

Please accept my blessings. I am in due receipt of your letter dated Oct. 22, 1974 with enclosed copy of Brijbasi Spirit and your check for Dollars 500.00. Thank you very much. Here in India one important Hindi paper has published a big article on your New Vrindaban and they much appreciated it, and gave very good report. I have asked them to reprint the article here. So you develop New Vrindaban to your hearts' content, and when my palace will be ready, I shall go there and stay. I like very much that place, very calm and quiet.

Yes, following the rules and regulations is the real qualification of G.B.C. We have made things easy for being qualified for such position, but still they are violating. Haridas Thakur only took one of the items, the chanting, and he was so affectionate to Lord Caitanya. He was doing nothing, just chanting, but that means that he was doing everything. Your conclusion is very good and I very much appreciate that G.B.C. or XYZ you are always servant of Krsna. That is wanted.

I hope this meets you in good health.

Your ever well wisher,  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

N.B. The names for the newly initiated devotees you have recommended will follow in my next letter.

Also received this week was a letter from Srila Prabhupada's personal servant and former New Vrindaban resident, Sruta Kirti dasa Prabhu, which is reproduced on the next page.



November 9, 1974

Camp: ISKCON Bombay

Dear Kuladri,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your feet. Srila Prabhupada arrived here in Bombay one week ago, and we are expected to stay for about one month after that, after which He may go to Hawaii or Africa.

Today has become a very auspicious day in our society. This morning at about 3:00 Prabhupada finished the translating of the Caitanya Caritamrta. And at 11:00 four new books arrived. A revised version of T.L.C. and S.B. 4:2, 3:3, and 4:3. Tomorrow, Sunday, we will have a large festival to celebrate and Prabhupada will be officially presented the new Bhagavatams. He was very pleased when He saw the books and He said it was very encouraging. He has already resumed translating the S.B. 5th Canto. Prabhupada's health has improved greatly since you left in Vrindavana. We are again taking 1 hour walks on the Juhu beach, and then go to the temple where arotrika is performed to Srila Prabhupada. During the kirtans, which have been very lively, He showers the devotees with flowers that had been offered to His lotus feet.

Prabhupada mentions New Vrindaban about once a month; usually He asks about when His palace will be finished. Recently He said that He will stay there for a year when you finish His palace. He also refers to New Vrindaban frequently to the men of Bombay. There was a very good article in one Indian newspaper last week about New Vrindaban. Prabhupada was very pleased when He read it.

As far as our alternating services to Prabhupada, that is up to us. Prabhupada is only attached to Krsna, and will accept either your or my service. He said one day that you were my prototype. Anyway, if Prabhupada travels to the west in December through January we can see about it then. It wouldn't be good to unnecessarily create a large expenditure to do it.

My wife had a baby boy on October 6th while Prabhupada was in Mayapur and Prabhupada named him Mayapur Candra dasa. He also offered to buy him ankle bracelets but I told him I had already done it.

Prabhupada is eating normally with Palika cooking. Here in Bombay one boy cooks Him dosa and idli for breakfast. He also drinks 2 dabs and one glass of cane juice every day. Spinach and shukta have become regular preparations for Him. He tells many people about how luxuriously the devotees in New Vrindaban eat, so many nice vegetables and milk products every day. When He says it I just smile in agreement...

My condition is the same. I saw the Kaviraj in Calcutta. He gave me 100 rupees worth of medicine that appears to be useless. The only grain I eat now is puffed rice. I've been eating so much of it that my mouth has become full of sores. O well! I guess it's Krsna's mercy..

I hope you are again immersed in the transcendental activities at New Vrindaban and have regained your health. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!!

Your servant,  
Srutakirti dasa

## DEITIES AND COOKING

What with Sudanu dasa going on the road for Spiritual Sky--he developed a swollen elbow and leg and is useless for his usual farm work so will engage in this way--and with Taru dasa going on TSKP, there are 2 brahmanas gone from the altar at Bahulaban. But to keep up the 'men only on the altar' in the morning, Kuladri is himself going to dress Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Candra in the morning. Up to this time one person each did Radha and Krsna. If it works out nicely this schedule will be maintained.

The second installment payment was sent to Mr. Mistri for our sringasan throne. Kirtanananda Maharaj will be inspecting the finished teakwood carved product in March when he journeys to India for Sri Caitanya's Appearance Day. He will have it exported here at that time. Mr. Mistri and Co. are to come and hammer on the silver sheeting--all of which should be completed sometime this summer.

As far as Deity articles are concerned, the emphasis is now being shifted from the creating aspect to maintaining them nicely. Also Mother Kutila is helping Bhagavatananda with the Deity worship at Madhuban--she still remains head of Radha Vrndavana Candra's sewing department.

This week Kuladri received a letter from a temple who had many questions as to what is proper and not proper for offerings to the Deities. The letter indicated that our menu here in New Vrindaban has a very high standard. Our menu is 100% Vedic and the milk sweets especially are getting better and better (more on this next week). We advertise the only real rasagulla in the West--you don't have to pretend they're nice.

Devotees of New Vrindaban, herewith take note. There is to be an increase in cleanliness here at New Vrindaban. This includes both material and spiritual cleanliness, or purity. The material cleanliness of the body, the facilities of the community, and one's living quarters are needed to keep disease to a minimum this winter and to improve our Krsna Consciousness. Cleanliness is next to

Godliness. The spiritual cleanliness will be manifest by all the devotees attending the evening functions. This includes Bhagavad-gita class, Tulasi worship and esp. Sindura ardrika. Now that it is getting dark much earlier and most of the devotees are not working so late, there should be no problem in attending these functions. Such attendance is for your own spiritual advancement (why else are you here?) and for the advancement of the community's consciousness as a whole. Srila Prabhupada has instructed all of us to attend at least 2 arotrikas a day and he has stressed attending all the functions for our purification.

The morning program, starting this Monday on the 25th, will go back to the following winter schedule:

4:30	Mangala arotrika
5:00	Tulasi worship
5:10	Guru Puja
5:30	Srimad Bhagavatam class
6:15	Japa Period
7:00	Greeting the Deities
7:15	Morning prasadam

This new schedule does not mean that the devotees should rise later, taking more sleep--instead they should get more rounds done before Mangala arotrika.

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SKP (Continued)--

Sri Radha Vrndavana Candra and New Vrindavana in our hearts, we pray that we may remain totally absorbed in the service of our dearmost spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada! Jai!"

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# VARNASRAMA COLLEGE

Please accept my humble obeisances, O denizens of New Vraja. Only after many lifetimes of accumulation of pious activities have you been given the opportunity to reside here, and you are therefore the object of envy of even the demigods in heaven. Those residents of the upper planets when they look upon the land of New Vrindaban, see all the residents as possessing sac-cid-ananda bodies, and not mortal bodies of flesh and blood.

Tapahpunja - heaps of austerities  
Ajeya - never to be conquered  
Manonatha - Lord of the Mind  
Tejomaya - Made of courage

Please forgive me for my negligence in keeping you informed of our activities and consciousness here at Gaur-Nitai's grey house. Our new sankirtan programme has taken us to Pittsburgh for the past two Saturdays where we have been tasting the nectar of distributing Srila Prabhupada's message to the world. We have only been distributing for a couple of hours, so we want to increase to all day Saturday. If anyone wants to come and can get Kirtanananda Maharaj to authorize it, they are most welcome.

Also, Pittsburgh temple invited Gaura-Nitai and the boys to attend their Govardhana Puja festival which they held on Sunday to insure a larger attendance. Dvarkadhisa dressed Gaura-Nitai very beautifully and Their Lordships presided very blissfully over the arati ceremony. They liked the whole trip, you could see.

When the idea came to us, that because Gaur-Nitai had not received a feast on Govardhana Puja and that They could get a nice extra big one in Pittsburgh, the sun shone through our temple room window and decorated the Deities with a full effulgence like the one that appears around the sun at the time of dissolution. The cause of the effulgence was clearly the pleased smile of Their Lordships.

Sri Galima Prabhu left us on Monday (2 weeks ago) to rejoin the Radha Damodara Travelling Sankirtan Party, which has been so successful in recent months. They now have three Greyhound buses and Tamal Krsna

Maharaj is offering Sri Galima the opportunity to lead a party of his own. The Radha Damodara party has made something like sixty new devotees since it was formed a month before Janmastami! Also Tamal Krsna Goswami has offered to take "one boy per month to be trained up".

Sri Galima's departure has left a hole in our previously very smooth schedule. I personally haven't been able to do my usual Sanskrit study, or even any reading. Now Mother Kamalavati is helping with cooking Gaur-Nitai's lunch offering, the regular academics with the boys are back into full swing as they were before. This past week, due to lack of proper supervision, the Sanskrit scores were horrendous. (Four boys total score 112) The high point of the week's academics was a 93 by Ekendra in a spelling test. (Sample words: mischievious, entrails, pathetically, excessive.)

Two weeks ago, mention was made of Satsvarupa Goswami's satisfaction with some of the boys' essays, therefore we are hereby pleased to present essays written by Dvarakadhisa dasa and Stavva dasa.

On Friday (Govardhana Puja), Balavanta dasa, president of Atlanta temple came with a new boy, Bhakta David and his parents. David is thirteen years old and has been visiting Atlanta temple for about two months. He is starting out his acclimatization for New Vrindaban by working with Yudhisthira Prabhu on his land.

There has been a "threat" of a move of the school from New Vrindaban to the Society's Mississippi farm. As you may know, this school is not under New Vrindaban managerial jurisdiction but is officially under the auspices of Gurukula in Dallas. Because the Mississippi farm is much closer to Dallas, Dayananda and Jagadisa Prabhus have been thinking that there could be less management problems and the school would be more successful there. My opposition to the move is many pointed, not the least of which is that I am very attached to Kirtanananda Swami (and so are the boys) and New Vrindaban. The main point, though, is that the devotees here can provide Krsna conscious training in different occupational duties for the Varnasrama students.

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dents. There are many devotees here who have expressed desire to work with boys and train them up. This facility will not be available in another farm for some time to come. Varn-asrama means community, and going to Mississippi would mean a programme of more or less isolating the boys from practically unlimited spiritual association as there is available here.

Those devotees who are working with the boys can perhaps understand that the boys are in turn valuable to the community. We have discussed this before in an article in these pages. Their presence provides a preaching opportunity that is unique. Teaching by example. Personally, I am convinced that the school is necessary for the community and that the community is necessary for the school. I just hope Srila Prabhupada agrees.

As a small extra I would like to add the reminder that Krsna consciousness is simple for the simple, and difficult for the crooked (Gita: 2.41). What can be more simple than executing the process of devotional service in New Vrindaban, where the very atmosphere is surcharged with spiritual energy, where Krsna Himself is hiding behind every tree? Don't complicate your existence with material desires. Everyone is a birth place for anxiety. (BG. 5.22)

And one more thing, I would like to quote Padma Purana: arcyē silādhīr gurūsu nara-matir vaiṣṇava-jāti-buddhiḥ, which means that if someone thinks that the Deity is made of stone or wood, or if he thinks that the guru is on the same level as a common man, or if he thinks that a devotee is a brahmana, ksatriya, vaisya or sudra, then he is possessed of hellish consciousness. In other words, we are not these bodies.

Your servant,  
Hiranyagarbha dasa

The following are the two essays.

#### THE LIFE OF A MATERIALISTIC PERSON

A materialistic man acts like a hog, dog, camel and ass. A man eats meat to satisfy his senses. He also commits violence by taking money, killing and causes distress to other people. He laments for his family. He accepts money out of excessive greed. He loves the sweet words of his children and

wife. He is illusioned because of being in maya. Then he gets old and is always lamenting. When he is laying on his death bed he is surrounded by lamenting relatives. When he exhales and inhales he makes the sound 'ghura ghura'. In this condition he dies most pathetically. The man dies after his subtle body is taken out. He gets taken through hot burning sand with fire on both sides. Also dogs bark and bite at him to remind him of his misdeeds in his past life. While he is suffering he has to cross 99000 yajanas in a few seconds but to him it seems to take years and years but it is not really true. Then he reaches Yamaloka when he gets there is to begin his suffering for a long time. Then he gets his limbs lopped off. Then his entrails are eaten. Then in some cases he is made to eat his own flesh; he is thrown off hill tops. And is sometimes held captive in caves or under water. His limbs are torn asunder by elephants. If in his past life he has illicit sex with women then he goes to the lowest regions of hell which are called Tamisra, Andhatamisra and Raurava. After suffering so much he is sent to an animal birth in the material world. In this way being in the animal species he becomes a human being.

Stavya dasa

#### THE LIFE AND DEATH OF A MATERIALISTIC MAN

A materialistic man is like a hog, dog, camel and ass. He eats flesh to gratify his tongue. He commits violence here and there to maintain his family. He also gets money by illegal means. When he can't get his money he laments. He enjoys his solitary embraces and taling with his wife. He also enjoys the sweet words of his small children. He always has excessive greed. He is just like a criminal.

He starts getting older and invalid. He is very much distressed and he laments over everything, how it is failed. He has gonorrhea and other venereal diseases that come from too much sex life. He has to loss of appetite dyspepsia because of sinful activities that he did when he was young. He has mucus congested in his glands and when he inhales and exhales he makes a sound ghura-ghura, a rattling in the throat. He passes stool and urine a lot. He is always suffering anxiety. He is treated just like a dog. He gets very little food that has been purchased. He wants that

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after his death that he be carried in a great procession. When he is dying the Yamadhutas come. He dies on a yellow bed. He passes stool and urine. He dies most pathetically. The Yamadhutas come and yank the subtle body out of the dying person. He is dragged through hot burning sand. Dogs bark at him and bite him for him to realize his sinful activities. Then he is forced to run 99000 yajanas in a few moments. To him it is like years and years. There is forest fires on both sides of the hot burning sand. When he falls down the Yamadhutas whip him and force him up again. There is no drinking water on that road or any shelter. After he goes to Yamaraaja he has to suffer great torments. He gets trained up in the planet of Yamaraaja. His entrails are eaten by hounds and vultures. His limbs are lopped off. He or other sinners has to eat his own flesh on fire. He is bitten by scorpions, ghats and dogs. He is hurled down hill tops. He is also placed in the midst of burning logs. He is held captive in a cave or in the water. Then he goes to hell to suffer his past sinful activities. The money he earned by violence is the passage money to hell. The three hells are Tamisra, Andhatamisra and Raurara. He has to go through the animal species. Then finally he is born again on this earth in a human form of life.

--- Dwarkadish dasa

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SKP (from newsletter)

jaya jaya mahaprabhu sri Krsna-caitanya  
tanhara caranasrita, sei bada ahanya  
param vijayate sri Krsna sankirtanam

On the chart:

(9) New Vrindavana TSKP - 1063 pts. (122  
B, 468 M, 847 S)  
NEW HIGH SCORE FOR NV TSKP!!

NV TSKP: "If our desire to please Lord Caitanya is strong enough then nothing can arrest our progress in book dist. This last wk. we made an all out effort to leave everyone with some transcendental nectar. So even amidst police hassles we were able to dist. more of Prabhupada's books than before. With the ever present thoughts of Their Lordships Sri

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## IN THE WOODS

Part I.

Here's how it is on the average muddy day getting in a tree.

After lunch I told Bhavishat, "Hay, I'm going up on Vrindaban road and get that big cherry tree. See ya latter." With a team of oxen strong hardy oxen Bhima & Genish and the old trusty chain saw and my ax just in case, off we went. Swishen and a swashen up the muddy road. "Over Bhima, over, don't walk over me just to get around a mudd hole. All right now, get on there, pull the wagon up out of the hole. There it is. THE BIG CHERRY TREE. Let's go an cut it down. A little cut here and a little cut there. That ought to just about do it. Uhooo, it's gona go over backwards. Oh No! And it hung up!" So I went back to the wagon to get the oxen and chain. I hooked them up to the bottom of the tree so when I would pull on it, it would come down. Bhima kept giving me this strange look in his eye as to say, "Your crazy man. It's the biggest thing I ever pulled and why you making us pull it while it's still standing up? Why don't you cut it down first?" Well after yanking it to and fro a little this way and a little that way down it came, with the sound of a thunder bolt, BOOOM. Well that was just the beginning of the story. After I got it down to the road where the wagon was the funn really began. OK boys, hope your ready to work the rest of the day in the cold mud with me. I figgur it will take two wagon loads to get this one out. So I began to cut it up into piecess that I could handle so I could put them on the wagon. But not too small or they'll roll off the wagon. Now reach under that cold mud and get a good hold on that log and pick up the end onto the wagon. That's it now ya get the other end. In the mud, up now, easy don't let it roll back off. Now the muddy side is facing you. All that nice mud is lookin ya in the face. Remember it's Vrindaban mud. Now put ya shoulder into it now, HAAA. Now it's on the wagon. By this time I think Krsna and Kamsa's wrasslers were here and I felt like I was getting tossed around by them. OK now for the other half of it. Got that-in  
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up now lets go bring up another one. After 2 hrs. of wresslin that tree upon the wagon we were ready to go. I hooked up the team and off we went. Get up Bhima, Genish. Then Bhima gave out his great cry of the tuggin oxen (moooo). If ya ever heard Bhima (moo) ya no you have to lissen to hear him. Just about in site of the school house now, we're almost through the mud. Ha boys look who's coming up behind us. Haribol Damodara Pandita, hows the Brijbasi Spirit coming this week. Fine, you looke like your having fun (mud from end to end). O, we just out wressling a tree around. Why don't you write a story about it.

Get up. OK boys just make it up this rough hill here at the school house and ya got it. Well, half way up the hill Bhima fell to his knees on the smooth pavement, so he pulled up the rest of the hill (10 ft.) on his knees while Genish remained on his feet. I guess Bhima figured after a certain point it don't matter weather ya pull on your feet or on your knees. It all weighs the same. Just see how great even the animals are that serve Krsna in Vrindaban. Prabhupada has said that.

How great it is to be in Vrindaban.

Part II.

Romharsan's wood cutting family got another new trainee. The second week in a row, only this one aint even weened yet. His name is Dharma Vira, he 2 months old, ox.

Well we got about one month's wood supply stocked up for Maharaj's house then it started raining so we didn't get no farther. The kitchen showed an improvement this week by cutting down on the amount of wood they used. I asked them how they did it and their reply was, "We've learned to keep the doors closed. This only took them  $2\frac{1}{2}$  yrs. All glories to the kitchen. Now keep it up.

The wood crew has opened up a new ear in the oxen dept. We've offered to take Mahraj up to Vrindaban in the bull-ox cart on Sunday nights now. The horsess have always done this in the past namely because the oxen were too small and not trained well enough to be trusted. We don't want the horse boys feeling angry at us for taking some of the nectar away from you. So just see it as the Lord's mercy. After all Krsna rides in ox carts and oxen are our future. Right Prabhupada?

We've started leveling the ground where the saw mill will be set up. Mahraj told me that we spend \$500.00 a month on lumber, so hurry up. I'm doing all I can with my two hands, Mahraj.

Your servant in the woods,  
Romharsan and crew

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## SPIRITUAL SKY REPORT

On our recent engagement for Spiritual Sky Scented Products, Urdhareta and myself, visiting various stores, malls, head shops and record shops, found that many of the businesses are out of business, bankrupt, or just plain disappeared (in some cases all three). These accounts being scattered over 8 states, gave us the opportunity to visit three of our centers, namely Washington, Chicago and Detroit. Govardhana Prabhu, president of Detroit, sent his obeisances and a trunk load of saris, baby clothes and some work clothes. Also while passing by army bases we were able to pick up some boots, socks, hats and jacket liners.

Urdhareta Prabhu raised the moral of the guards while visiting Washington and Detroit, and started a guard system in Chicago. He is now in Los Angeles with his wife Jayaradhe devi dasi, where they plan to stay for an indefinite period of time.

-- Bhagavan Acarya  
dasa

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## AUCTION HELD YESTERDAY

Yesterday, Saturday the 23rd, an auction was held with the prize item being Kirtan-ananda Maharaj's orange chodder. With Kirin-asa presiding, the bidding started out lively and soon became intense as Parambrahma dasa and Amburish dasa bid each other higher and higher. Parambrahma would bid a price and Amburish would always bid \$1 higher. Finally Parambrahma relented and Amburish got the chodder for \$151. He has one week to collect the laxsmi.

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## MAINTENANCE

With the onset of the cold, wintry months, our maintenance department has had its hands full. In regards to the vehicle, the large flatbed "Big Red" truck had its starter taken out and overhauled. The generator was replaced, which is quite an involved process. The little valiant is once again fixed and back in the running. Also, the Econoline van has no brakes so please do not use it. Bhakta Nick Prabhu is doing the work on the vehicles, keeping them very nicely, and with his expert mechanical knowledge is doing a first class job.

The boiler at the New Barn Apartments has been recently in a little 'hot water'. It had to be shut down for some time last week and the grates, which were melting, had to be adjusted and repaired. The boiler system also had a lot of work done on it to prepare it for heavy winter use. It is now running 24 hours a day and doing fine. And at the New Barn a large electric heater was installed in the brahmacarini quarters; however, it is not working properly due to a lack of proper insulation.

This week during the bad weather Gajendra and Cirantana Prabhus worked indoors at Madhuban, continuing the electrical wiring for the temple.

The department was set back a bit with the departure of Premarupa dasa, who had been in charge of plumbing. Just before he left he had been installing PVC piping for the greenhouse water supply. Gajendra said that the department should easily be able to fill the gap of his absence.

Another important project the department has been working on is the Bahulaban water system. They have been lining the spring which supplies water for the whole farm with plastic, so as to catch more water this winter for our increased community needs. It will be decided at this week's Board of Directors Meeting who will take Premarupa's place in the plumbing field.

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## CONSTRUCTION

The construction crew, very capably headed up by Bhagavatananda Prabhu, has finished the roof on the concrete Marble Shop building, laying the boards and tarring. Damodar Pandit dasa went over it once again (tarring) to seal leaks. With the addition of the side doors and 1 garage door (another garage door needs to be installed) the building is almost sealed.

Now that the floors are being poured with concrete, the setting temperature cannot get below freezing or it won't harden properly--it will simply crumble and be ruined. So on days when the thermometer plunges below that 32 degree mark the inside of the building is heated by a couple wood stoves. This facility is certainly appreciated by the crew.

The first inside partition, separating the carpentry section and the bathhouse section, is being built by Somadas dasa and Gostavihari dasa. The wall consists of 4" wide concrete blocks. Also Gatravan dasa is digging the ditches for laying pipe for the building's plumbing.

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### SUPPLIES PROCURED FROM NORTH DAKOTA

Madhava Gosha and Arjit Prabhus made it back to New Vrindaban Wednesday night, but in slight discomfiture. 90 miles from Wheeling, West Virginia the 2 front tires of their Redi-Haul trailer blew and there on the side of the road sat 4 tons potatoes, 2 3/4 tons wheat and 300 lbs. of honey destined for our community. Repairs were undertaken and the bhoga was finally brought intact the next day.

Madhava Gosha and Arjit had gone to Park River, North Dakota to procure supplies from Madhava's family. The potatoes and wheat are donations from his father, who is very pleased with his son's devotional life here in New Vrindaban.

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COWS

All Glories to Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Candra! Twice in about half an hour Krsna showed how he takes care of His devotees. You may have heard about the Harvestore un-loader and how it was in the process of be-ing pulled out. Maharaja was standing right on the side of it while the blades were turn-ing around the arm. Do to improper safety measures on my part the unloader came tumb-ling down right next to Maharaja, teeth of the unloader still turning with big sharp claws. Over it fell stopping just inches away from Maharaja, coming to rest against the wall of the new barn. Maharaja said later, "I thought it was going to eat me up." Short-ly thereafter Romharsan came to cut trees for a tripod to help in lifting the unload-er back in place. Maharaja was coming to see him fell one tree. As he came nearer the tree fell, coming directly over the outhouse ex-cept for a couple of branches. As Maharaja walked by they came down right behind him very sharply. After that one Maharaja just kind of smiled. So now the unloader is in again and working.

A lot of time was spent this week chasing heifers who were up on Snyder's property, feasting on the first class hay at the new barn, eating rye across from the schoolhouse, etc. Simply they want a little more care and shelter. This week Taru dasa will be fixing up the fences at Madhuban so they can be moved there and be more properly attended.

Raktah, one of the heifers, was seen in heat and being jumped by Snyder's bull on the day the heifers were out. She was bred by Rupa on that day also so we'll see what develops. Dadya came in heat and was bred a-gain by Rupa. Rupa is all alone again in the bull pen at Bahulaban as Sanatana left this week for greener pastures. He certainly will get a higher body next time having perform-ed service here at New Vrindabandhana.

Candra and Yasodanandana the two oxen at Gurukula were weaned this week. They also need walls on their shed for the winter.

The loafing shed for the cows was started this week. Hopefully before long the cows will be able to relax over there.

Here are the milk production and new but-terfat statistics for this week. (next col-umn)

cow	amt. milk	butterfat %
Pritha	266.9 lbs.	3.6 %
Iravati	261.2	5.5
Sarasvati	252.3	3.2
Cintamani	251.4	3.9
Satyabhama	244.2	4.6
Parvati	241.5	3.7
Basya	236.8	--
Rati	203.4	5.1
Gopipriya	202.9	--
Bhadra	193.3	4.3
Rohini	179.5	4.6
Dvaraka	150.0	4.2
Laxsmi	146.9	4.2
Pankaja	142.1	--
Goloka	124.5	3.9
Rukmini	122.4	4.3
Ambika	120.2	4.1
Kaliya	116.6	5.2
Yasoda	109.5	4.4
Bhumi	91.1	4.1
Sati	83.8	4.0
Rabbri	69.6	5.0
Rocana	55.4	--
Satya	--	5.5
Kunti	--	5.8

Daily milk totals:

Saturday, Nov. 16	549.8 lbs.
Sunday, Nov. 17	570.0
Monday, Nov. 18	559.0
Tuesday, Nov. 19	559.7
Wednesday, Nov. 20	571.8
Thursday, Nov. 21	556.9
Friday, Nov. 22	498.6

3,865.8 lbs. was the total for the week.  
552.2 lbs. was the average daily for the herd.  
25.1 was the average daily per cow.

-- Amburish dasa

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COW PROFILE - 'Slowly but Surely'

This week we have a dual show. Bhima and Genesh, our most steady team of oxen, are on profile. Bhima is the oldest over four years old and Genesh is 3½ years old. Both of their mothers (Bhima/Pritha and Genesh/Parvati) are very steady milkers, both holsteins and fav-orites of the barn. (Cont. next page)



## GARDENS

In the gardening dept. this week, red plastic barrels cut in half are protecting the Deities' bhoga in the old bhoga room. These containers are virtually rat proof and preserves the fruits and vegetables for a longer period of time. They also greatly facilitate the organization of the bhoga room, making it easier to find items that are needed quickly and efficiently. The new bhoga room is started and is located under the Bahulaban temple pujari room.

As far as the greenhouse is concerned, Tapapunja Prabhu is currently 'living in', seeing as he's working very late to finish the job up as quickly as possible before winter sets on too heavily. The major greenhouse endeavor now is grading the floor and building the growing bins. If all these growing bins were put in single file they would measure 415 feet long and 30 inches wide.

This week's harvest from the gardens totalled 4 bushels of a mixture of cabbage, chard, califlower greens, broccoli and two bushels of lettuce. All the bhoga that Madhava Gosha brought back with him is stored safely from the frost in the old barn.

Also this week the garden crew had the nectarean association of a new member working with them. Dvarakadish dasa has been helping out and is doing very nicely, setting a fine example for the Varnasrama College school. All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!

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(COW PROFILE) Continued--

They've been yoked together now for over 2 years. In the beginning they were being worked by Daivata dasa with the use of reins attached to them by the mouth. Actually this is unnatural for them to be controlled by reins. They showed frequently signs of frustration at their mouths being pulled this way and that. The way they are to be worked is by sound with help, when needed, from their nose rings. They have lived together at Vrindaban, Madhuban and now Bahulaban. They've worked just about every farm some-time or other. They of course are New Vrindaban's first steady team of oxen. Sometimes we forget about them because they are so quiet and don't present much in the way of problems. But every day they are out there sweating for Radha Vrndavana Candra. Since Romharsan has been working them they've increased their service to pulling in nearly all the wood consumed at New Vrindaban (all the farms) daily. They are always making runs to Vrindabana and Nandagram. They are not like the horse, being able to pull heavy loads quick. They pull slowly but surely, steady like someone who is steady in Krsna Consciousness. \*\*

These two boys are really good at their job. When I get the yoke out and put it on them they will stand with out being tied and Genish will always move to the side for me so I can get between them to put the yoke on them. They can walk up to the wagon tung and line up almost with out any assistance from the driver. This is a tricky step for an animal. They will walk up to a log and turn around and back up to it with out giving you any trouble. The other day we had a heavy wagon to pull up a hill. I had both teams of oxen hooked up. We almost stoped on the hill when all of a souden Bhima got down and leaped forward. That was the first time an oxen leaped. That shows great spirit in the animal. But I've been a little worried lattly though. I've found Bhima with his front feet in the hay feeder and his neck stretched out over to the brown swiss side eating there hay. I think Bhima thinks he's a mountain goat.

Every day, they bring up the kitchen wood furnice wood, boiller wood, pit wood, and get the haylige from the new barn almost every day for two months now. The haylage feeds all the cows. Besides all this they bring in all the wood from the woods for this farm. Sometimes we go two miles one way to get wood. I could work with them all day and relish the association.

-- Amburish dasa/Romharsan dasa

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ATTENTION. If anyone sees any tools in maya (lying down doing nothing), please bring them to the toolroom so that they can be engaged in Krsna's service. Jai!

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NEW VRINDABAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Minutes of 11/24/74

Attendance: Kirtanananda Swami Maharaja, Bhagavatananda dasa, Kasyapa dasa, Madhava Gosha dasa, Tapapunja dasa, Parambrahma dasa. Late: Gajendra dasa, Amburish dasa, Kuladri dasa. Absent: Adi Pati dasa.

## DEPARTMENTS Tapapunja dasa - Gardens

- Soil preparation being done in the new greenhouse with careful attention being paid to drainage and proper soil composition and sterilization.
- Rye was sown in the new garden across the road from Bahulaban.
- The garden crew is planning and preparing for an exhibition garden to show residents and visitors how to grow a nice amount of foodstuffs on a small piece of terraced land with hand tools.
- The upstairs of the old barn is being cleaned and reorganized for bhoga storage, milling, hay storage and barrel storage.

## Amburish dasa - Cows

- The Harvestore unloader was removed and readjusted for refilling the silos. We will be blowing up "reconstituted" hay (hay with a small amount of water added) as the haylage supply is running low.
- Sanatan, our recently purchased Brown Swiss bull, died in a freak accident this week.
- The Madhuban pasture and barn will be used for the bred heifers this winter so they can be closely observed for heat and given proper care.

## Gajendra dasa - Maintenance

- A new plumber is needed.
- The wooden water storage tank has been drained for the winter and the main spring catch has been lined with plastic and should provide for most of Bahulaban's water needs.
- Electrical wiring is being done at Madhuban and this project should be completed within a week.
- The new barn boiler pump is throwing its bearings so a new pump will be purchased along with a stand-by pump.
- The Toyota automobile was repaired this week for use on travelling sankirtan, etc.
- Plans are to improve the insulation at the new barn by putting up sheet rock on the ground floor ceiling.

## Bhagavatananda dasa - Construction &amp; Madhuban

- The walls are going up in the interior of the concrete marble shop building. The walls will separate the interior into a woodshop (Parasara is already moved in), bath house (with marble floor) and the celebrated marble shop for carving and re-finishing marble for Srila Prabhupada's Palace.
- The trench for the waterline crossing the road at Madhuban will be dug and installed this Wednesday.
- Marionettes are being carved from wood by Kiranasa dasa and painted and dressed by the Madhuban Mothers--soon: a Krsna Conscious Marionette puppet show!

## Kasyapa dasa - Madhava Gosha dasa -- Fields and Crops

- The new loafing shed (ex-equipment storage pavilion) has been cleaned out and the equipment was moved to different pavilions.
- Wood was hauled in Saturday at Vrindaban.
- Manure was hauled from Nandagram to Bahulaban and all other duties went on as usual.



## Kuladri dasa - Deities &amp; Cooking

- The women finished 7 outfits for Vrindaban's Deities this week; they are also cleaning and repairing all the Deity clothes.
- Mother Kutila moved to Madhuban to help with pujari and cooking duties there.
- Some new Deity procedures will be adapted at Bahulaban. Kuladri Prabhu will be dressing both Srimate Radharani and Vrindavana Candra.

## Parambrahma dasa

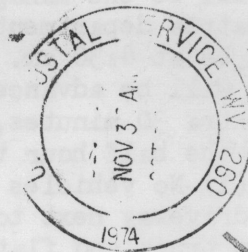
- Vrindaban--Radhanath dasa is the new Vrindaban farm head pujari and is reorganizing the entire worship program.
- Tulasi devi is sick at Vrindaban farm, so Candramauli dasa will be coming up tonight to try to set up a special care program for her.
  - Radhanath dasa prepared a new milksweet for Their Lordships' pleasure. It is layers of koah filled with a layer of sandesh--all in different complimentary flavors. He got the recipe from Dhira Krsna dasa (TSKP BBT Library party) who just recently returned from Bengal, India.
  - There will be a daily cabin check at Vrindaban at 6:30 am. The cabins must be neat, swept, floors washed and clothes folded and stored in a clean condition (current washed clothes excluded).
- Bahulaban--Plastic insulation wind barriers are being put up on the temple porch this week.
- 100 lbs. of whole wheat flour was ground for kitchen use on our stone grinding mill
  - A loafing shed for our cows is under construction by Damodara Pandita dasa and Ajeya dasa for the planned increase in Vrindavana Candra's milking herd. The shed will make a space for an additional 24 cows.

- OLD BUSINESS
- The pot room and kitchen waste and compost systems are to be organized by Kuladri dasa and Tapapunja dasa.
  - The welder is malfunctioning due to poor arc, so Gajendra will check it out and decide if more extensive repairs are needed.
  - Bhagavanacarya dasa will be the manager for the New Barn Apartments and also will be heading up the Ksyatria department.
  - Mangala arotrika will be at 4:30 am. starting tomorrow, Monday, Nov. 25. Thus the whole morning program will be advanced  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour. This does not mean that devotees should sleep for an extra 30 minutes, but instead should continue to rise at their regulated time and use the half hour to chant more japa before Mangala arotrika.
  - PARKING REGULATIONS: (1) No vehicles will be allowed to park in the driveway past the kitchen, (2) the driveway next to the flower garden is reserved for the Redi-Haul, (3) trucks (dump truck and flatbed) must be parked at the new barn along with vehicles needing repair, (4) no vehicles are to block the driveway at the Bahulaban parking lot, (5) The ksatriyas will enforce this regulations and issue tickets if there are violations.

Meeting adjourned.

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