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DEAR GODBROTHERS,

Please accept our most humble obeisances at your feet, under whose step we eternally wish to remain. All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, who is the ocean

of mercy come here just to engage us most fallen souls.

This issue of The Brijbasi Spirit these pages include a number of really nectarean items, including an enlivening report from Africa on ISKCON varnasrama progress from Chayavana Swami, a sankirtan report from His Grace Dharmatma dasa Adhikari and his TSKP crew, and an old BTG reprint on New Vrindaban when our community was still in its formative stages.

We hope this issue of The Brijbasi Spirit meets all the Brijabasis in ever-increasing serving mood and simply pray for the continued mercy of Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Candra, Srila Prabhupada, and His Holiness Kirtanananda Swami. Hari Boll!

Your eternal servants,
the staff

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VAISNAVA CALENDAR

Dec. 19, Thur.: Odana-Sasthi of Lord Jagannath
Dec. 22, Sun.: Dis. of Srila Madhusudana-
dasa Babaji Maharaja

NEW VRINDABAN PERSPECTIVE

About 2 years ago BACK TO GODHEAD published a very nice article by Hayagriva dasa about New Vrindaban. The article presents the founding basis of our community and explains very nicely why we are surviving while most other attempts at "independent" or "alternate" communities have long past failed. So here is part 1 out of 2 parts of NEW VRINDABAN: THE WEST'S FIRST KRNSA CONSCIOUS COMMUNITY.

"You have New York, New England, and so many 'New' duplicates of European countries in the USA--why not import New Vrindavana in your country?" (Srila Prabhupada, Letter, 3/17/68)

Within the past three years communes have been popping up throughout America. They tend to sprout in the unlikeliest places, and they are conceived and nourished by the most diverse people. Practically all of them have "hippy" images and are inspired by current concern over ecology (O for a breath of-gasp-air!) and a semi-Thoreauesque "let's-get-back-to-the-earth-and-live-cheaply-and-simply" longing. Many of the members are just tired of "hassling" with urban culture--too many peace marches, too many drug busts--and many are just tired of their own image as underground culture freaks. Most of them inspire one another and, ironically enough, manage to superimpose their urban life-style upon the country.

The hills of West Virginia, however, are a tough and tender cradle for a different type of communal project. Although New Vrindaban is not yet three years old, it is one of the oldest and largest communes of the crop which arose in the last half of the Sixties. As fate has it, "hippy" communes sprout and die quickly--discouraged by the first winter, diversity of interests, drug and sex confusion, local inhabitants--but New Vrindaban, unique in conception and purpose, is expanding with a view to solidly establishing a genuine Vedic culture in America.

The 'seed-giving father' is His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, founder-acarya of the Hare Krsna movement in the West, who conceived of New Vrindaban before coming to America from India in 1965. In his prospectus for the movement printed in 1966, Srila Prabhupada wrote that one of the five purposes of the International Society for Krsna Consciousness is: "To erect for the members, and for society at large, a holy place of transcendental pastimes dedicated to the Personality Krsna."

Vrindavana is the forest where Lord Sri Krsna sported as a boy and is also the name of the supreme planet in which the Personality of Godhead eternally abides. New Vrindavana is an implantation in the Western world of the ideals established five thousand years ago in Vrindavana, India, by Lord Sri Krsna. The roots are ancient, but the fruits of the tree are ever new.

The integral or Etopian community is not new in American history. Indeed, it has been a most basic part of our history from the Puritan experiment at Mass. Bay in the 1630's to this New Vrindavana experiment today. Despite differences of dress and circumstance, the aim of most of these communal experiences has been basically the same: to find a setting in which God consciousness can be pursued so that man's journey through this temporary sphere of material existence can be successfully completed to transfer his consciousness to the Absolute or to the realms of eternality. The conception of a community of souls is founded on the premise that such a transferral is easier collectively than individually.

Different experimenters have expressed the ideal community in different ways. Some have been more successful than others, largely depending on the authority on which the community is based. Some have been based upon a strong personal authority (Brigham Young or John Smith and the Mormons or Humphrey Knolls and the Socialist Community at Oneida). New Vrindaban is different in that it is based on perfect authority. If one analyzes the various communities of the past, he can see that they have fallen apart because they could not agree as to what was the center of the community, what was its aim, what was its unifying point. The most successful communities tended to be those that were strongly religious. They could unify on the basis of the worship of God. And obviously where the concept of God is most agreed upon, the community will be most united and most harmonious. New Vrindaban is based on God, or Krsna, as revealed by the Spiritual Master and the information given by God

Himself in the Vedic scripture Bhagavad-gita. It is because these authorities are agreed upon that there is unity of purpose at New Vrindaban.

Communal living has currently provoked many articles by journalists and many essays by students. In a recent survey, one graduate student asked one of the New Vrindaban leaders: "What is your advice to beginning communes?" The reply was instant: "Don't try to start one without Krsna." It was pointed out that the commune wouldn't have lasted its first winter without faith in the instructions of the Spiritual Master Srila Prabhupada and a lot of Hare Krsna chanting. Communal living isn't all honey and wild-flowers, though there are plenty of both. First there is the seemingly eternal problem of finances, then manpower. There must be money to buy property and building materials; then the building must be carried out by members who know more about construction than just nailing. Thus far New Vrindaban has twelve cottages and one main farmhouse, barn and pavilion constructed. Wells must be dug, sewage disposed, roads built, land plowed, supplies brought in. Then there must be heat for the winter--stoves, firewood or oil--and hay and grain for the cows and horses, which are quite expensive for the winter when there're a dozen cows. And there's more to crops than just throwing in seeds. In brief, there is so much involved in getting a commune functioning that it is no wonder that most of them fold and die before the first spring flowers bud. The advice: don't try to start one without Krsna.

When Krsna descended from the spiritual sky 5,000 years ago, He gave a practical example of the ideal life when He sported as a cowherd's boy. He showed that man can live properly, very simply and reserve his main energies for what Emerson called "plain living and high thinking" by protecting and cultivating the cow. So one of the aims of New Vrindaban is protecting the cow and demonstrating the value of the cow in providing for the sustenance of man. At New Vrindavana the cow is more than just an ordinary animal. Aside from the fact that Krsna was very fond of cows and that the cow is considered man's second mother in the Vedas (dhenu mata), the cow represents man's religion or man's yearning and love for God. When such yearning and love are slaughtered, then man is left with the empty shell of materialism, or life without principle and meaning. So one of the main functions of New Vrindaban is to demonstrate

the humane practicality of cow protection.

THE PERFECT SOCIETY

Most of the full time members at New Vrindaban come from the big cities--New York, Los Angeles, etc. Although most come direct from the Krsna temples, the only requirement for entrance is sincerity. The community serves as a training camp in Krsna consciousness and, ideally, as an example of a perfect Krsna conscious community to show the practicality and applicability of the philosophy to communal living. The temples established in various cities are able to work very effectively to a certain degree, but they are not able under the present situation to exhibit what a perfect society is like. For that reason New Vrindaban is envisioned as a society where all the residents are Krsna conscious and where all of the activities are directed toward the ultimate goal. It is not that Krsna consciousness is inactive in any sense. The practitioners engage in work which may appear to be ordinary work but is in fact devotional service due to the change in consciousness. Everyone in New Vrindaban is aware that his work is devotional in character and is directed to the Supreme Lord because the factual proprietor of the land, of the buildings, of the temples, of the food, of the vehicles, tools and all the varied paraphernalia is Krsna. The awareness of Krsna's proprietorship enables the devotee to advance in Krsna consciousness while executing his daily chores.

In New Vrindavana this remembrance of the Supreme's proprietorship is facilitated because the atmosphere has been Krsna-ized: by the mere touch of sound--Hare Krsna--the hills, pastures, forests and streams are transported out of the State of West Virginia into the spiritual sky of Vaikuntha. As the Spiritual Master, Srila Prabhupada, writes: "We can remember Krsna in every moment. We can remember Krsna while taking a glass of water because the taste of water is Krsna. We can remember Krsna as soon as we see the sunlight in the morning, because the sunlight is a reflection of Krsna's bodily effulgence. And as soon as we see moonlight in the evening we remember Krsna because moonlight is the reflection of sunlight. Similarly, when we hear any sound we can remember Krsna because sound is Krsna, and the most perfect sound, transcendental, is Hare Krsna, which we have to chant 24 hours. So there is no scope of forgetting Krsna at any moment of our life provided we practice in that way." (Srila Prabhupada, Letter, 1/15/68)

The atmosphere of New Vrindaban is suitable for such remembrance process--it is cosmic, rural, woodsy. Under the Milky Way, kirtana expands. Orion, the Pleiades, Sagittarius, Virgo--all vibrate to the cymbal rhythm, the chants broadcast from the mountains of planet earth. The firmament revolves about the mahamantra, the chanting of Hare Krsna. There is kirtana, group chanting, every morning and evening. Offerings to the Deity are performed before dawn and five times throughout the day. The morning kirtana is usually over before sunrise. Then morning prasadam is taken, usually cereal, and the day's chores begin. There is much to do at New Vrindaban, and all participate.

The conception and purpose of New Vrindaban are best set forth specifically in the letters of the Spiritual Master.

"Vrindavana conception is that of a transcendental village, without any brotheration of the modern industrial atmosphere. My idea of developing New Vrindaban is to create an atmosphere of spiritual life where people in the bona fide orders of social divisions, namely, brahmacaris, grhasthas, vanaprasthas, sannyasis, or specifically brahmacaris and sannyasis and vanaprasthas, will live there independently, completely depending on agricultural produce and milk from the cows." (Srla Prabhupada, Letter, 8/17/68)

"To retire from activities is not a very good idea for the conditioned soul. I have very good experience, not only in our country, but also in your country, that this tendency of retiring from activities pushes one down to the platform of laziness, and gradually to ideas of the hippies. One should always remain active in Krsna's service, otherwise strong maya will catch him and engage him in her service. Our constitutional position is in rendering service; we cannot stop activity. So New Vrindaban may not be turned into a place of retirement, but some sort of activities must go on there. If there is good prospective land, we should produce some grains, flours and fruits and keep cows, so that those living there may have sufficient work and facility for advancing in Krsna consciousness. In India actually Vrindavana has now become a place of the unemployed and beggars. Kirtanananda has already seen it. And so there is always a tendency toward such degradation if there is no sufficient work for service to Krsna." (Srla Prabhupada, Letter, 7/14/68)

Next week: Part 2.

MADHUBAN DIARY

Last week we mentioned that by the mercy of Kirtanananda Maharaja so many Deities have been installed at Madhuban...and now he has sent someone who can teach us how to serve the Deities--Kuladri dasa has begun managing Madhuban temple.

Monday night Kuladri introduced himself at an Istagosti. As manager he said he was dependent on all of the devotees at Madhuban. "There is no 'They'--whatever happens here is up to us." To create an atmosphere for developing Krsna Consciousness, he explained, is the goal of the temple.

He disqualified himself as a manager and householder. But he qualified himself in that by rendering devotional service and putting Krsna first then managerial and householder duties will automatically be fulfilled.

"I don't know how I am going to take care of my daughter, but if I am serving Krsna, then He has to pay my bills." He presented everything on a spiritual platform. There was no material situation. The process is not new--he repeated the message that Kirtanananda Maharaja has always repeated--that is to increase Krsna Consciousness and decrease sense gratification. He presented this with an air of patience, humility and determination that comes from following the order of the spiritual master--that is bhakti yoga and is very rarely achieved.

There was no force involved but the seriousness of becoming Krsna Conscious permeated each and every individual. "That Absolute Truth is realized by the seriously inquisitive student..."

We feel ourselves very fortunate to have this association because he is so closely associated with Kirtanananda Maharaja who is so closely associated with Srla Prabhupada "Who is very dear to Krsna, having taken shelter of His lotus feet."

--- Mother Kunti
Madhuban Farm

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VARNASRAMA PROGRESS

Here is the latest report from His Holiness Chayavana Swami, who is serving Srila Prabhupada extensively in Africa--establishing centers, touring, meeting with influential individuals; carrying out Lord Caitanya's mission in the "dark continent".

Here in Nairobi we have begun Africa's first GURUKULA School for Children with six children living in the Temple now and others coming daily. One African teacher has joined us and we expect that we will soon be an accredited primary school. Prasadam distribution has jumped to a large scale... every day the devotees go out in the new one ton pick up truck and distribute BARRELS of prasadam to needy people throughout Kenya. Just arrived from India, Sriman Dinanath dasa Brahmachari and his TRAVELLING SANKIRTANA PARTY is now moving throughout East Africa distributing books, holding programs, and making Life Members at a fantastic rate.

In Zambia a new center has been opened on a small farm just outside of the capital city of Lusaka. The VARNA ASHRAMA COLLEGE PROJECT is underway and recently we have plowed and planted five acres of vegetables to be used in the food distribution program. A Gurukul Boys Club for young Hindu boys is now in progress and our TRAVELLING SAFARI TEAM in Zambia has reported outstanding book distribution to Africans and a record eighty Life Members enrolled in less than five weeks time.

On a recent tour by Chayavana Swami and his party several new territories have been opened up. In Blantyre, Malawi programs were held and new Life Members enrolled, and in Port Louis, Mauritius capacity crowds packed the halls to see the Hare Krsna film and to buy our books. In Mauritius also we were well received by the Prime Minister, Honorable Sri Ramgoolam. Groundwork for new centers in Blantyre, Salisbury, Rhodesia, and Port Louis is now underway. In Johannesburg, South Africa a new center has been fully established and eight South African devotees

are presently living there.

The new address for Zambia is ISKCON, TWIN PALMS ROAD, P.O. BOX 971, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA and for South Africa, ISKCON, 59 MULLER STREET, YEOVILLE, JOHANNESBURG, S.A.

In an accompanying note, Chayavana Swami related how there were unlimited receptive people for varnasrama and gurukula programs, but that presently, qualified devotees are needed: "...again we need good men here so you could mention that in the next paper." All Glories to the service of our African-based prabhus.

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IN THE WOODS

Krsna says that you shouldn't become attached to this material energy because one minute it's this way and the next minute it's that way. Well, that's about how it's been this week. We were land clearing at the first of the week then Samba got his bull-dozer stuck real good so that stopped the land clearing and it's still stuck (The bull-dozer, which was stuck in the mud at Guruban, has been extricated and is now running very nicely--ed.). Then I sent Gadai dasa, a new brahmachari to Vrindaban to be the wood sup. there. He is gathering all the wood with just hand tools for Vrindaban. Just like we did here for 2½ years. Gadai is a good woodsman. He already knew about trees when he came here. Now he's getting a chance to become expert.

Then Schubie showed up. Schubie's been working in the wood shed with us for 2 weeks now. He's trained-up on the buck saw already and is our study sawyer down there now. He looks to me like a sincere devotee. So this way or that, you can't be attached. Just always hold to Krsna's lotus toes and He'll take you back to Home.

By the way, Bahulaban uses 2,500 lb. of wood daily.

Your servant in the woods,
Romharsan dasa

Printed as submitted by Romharsan dasa.

DEITIES AND COOKING

Here are a few items this week. Mother Isani is making exquisite jewelry for Their Lordships Sri Sri Rukmini Dvarakadisha, Los Angeles's Deities. Also, the sewing department, specifically Mother Gomata, is finishing a new night outfit for Sri Sri Radha Vrindavana Nath which should be ready today.

A report from our miller, Parambrahma dasa Brahmachari--New Vrindaban is currently grinding 2 huge pickle barrels full of wheat weekly.

Gopinath dasa has compiled a complete menu of what all the Deities of New Vrindaban (except the Varnasrama College's Gour-Nitai Deities) are offered. Here it is in full.

RADHA VRINDAVANA CANDRA -- Bahulaban

<u>Mangala</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>
Yogurt	
Sweet rice	Parathas
Burfi	Fruit salad
Sandesh	Pera
Rasgulla	Malpouira
Cereal	Milk
Milk	
<u>Noon</u>	<u>4:00</u>
Puspanna rice	Cheesecake
Plain rice	Cookies
Rice & peas	Fried cheese curd
Kittrie	Fruit salad
Steamed veg.	Cream drink
Deep fried veg.	Shirkhand
Dry veg.	Milk
Stuffed veg.	
Chutney 1	<u>6:00</u>
Chutney 2	Khoa
Chutney 3	Puris
Pappadoms	Steamed veg.
Laddus	Milk
Sweet rice	
Khoa	<u>Sundara</u>
Salad	Barats
Chappatis	Samosa
Dahl	Pakora
Tamarind water	Veg.
Milk	Gulabjamons
	Milk sweet
	Milk

RADHA VRINDAVANA NATH -- Vrindaban

<u>Mangala</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>
Sweet Rice	Pera
Burfi	Cereal
Sandesh	Condensed Milk
Cream	Fruit
Milk	Milk
<u>Noon</u>	<u>4:00</u>
Sweet balls	Khoa
Burfi	Fried cheese curd
Chutney	Fruit
Rice	Cheesecake
Kittrie	Malpouira
Veg.	Milk
Dahl	
Chappatis	
Condensed milk	
<u>6:00</u>	<u>Sundara</u>
Parathas	Sweet rice
Halavah	Chutney
Veg.	Puris
Sweet balls	Veg.
Milk	Sweet balls
	Milk

RADHA MADHAVA -- Madhuban

<u>Mangala</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>
Sweet Rice	Pera
Burfi	Pancakes
Sandesh	Cereal
Milk	Fruit
	Milk
<u>Noon</u>	<u>4:00</u>
Milk sweet	Cheesecake
Veg.	Fruit salad
Rice	Fried cheese curd
Dahl	Cookies
Chappatis	Khoa
Pappadoms	Milk
Ladu or curd ball	
<u>6:00</u>	<u>Sundara</u>
Halavah	Milk sweet
Veg.	Veg.
Milk	Puris
	Milk

All Glories to Their Lordships!

NEW VRINDABAN TSKP

DEAREST RADHA VRNDAVANA CANDRA-----

Kirtanananda Maharaja and fellow inmates of New Vrindaban. Please be so kind to accept our most worthless obeisances at Your Lotus Feet and the lotus-like feet of Your wonderful devotees. All Glories to Your purest devotee, Srila Prabhupada, who is so mercifully engaging us in Your devotional service, which is the only way to become free from the blazing fire of material existence in this world. In Bhagavad-gita You say to Arjuna:

tesam sattata yuktanam
bhajatam priti purvalam
dadami buddhi-yogani tam
yena mam upayanti te

"To those who are constantly devoted and worship Me in loving service, I give the understanding by which they can come to Me."

So we beg to remain constantly in the service of Your devotees and in this way become purified so we may one day render unmotivated (abaituki) and uninterrupted (a-pratihato) service to Your Lordships.

During the month of November, with Your grace, we were able to distribute 11,000 pieces of literature and collect laxsmi for Maharaja to use in Your service and the service of Your devotees and cows.

We humbly beg to remain Your servants in New Vrindaban and to Your most intimate associates, the devotees of Srila Prabhupada.

All Glories to Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Candra!

Your worthless servants,
Mothers Mahara, Nirmala,
Suksmarupini, Mira Bai,
Mankumara and Dharmatma
dasa Adhikari
New Vrindaban TSKP.

THE HARRISON LILA

We offer our most respectful obeisances at the feet of all the Vaisnavas in that transcendental land of New Vrindaban, where cows are seen amidst field and pasture, and devotees are seen running from one service to another. We, the members of Kirtanananda

Maharaja's Sankirtan Party, would certainly like to share with you the nectar that we have come to experience, by the mercy of Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

As you may know, George Harrison is presently on a tour of the United States, and is providing an excellent opportunity for devotees to distribute large quantities of Srila Prabhupada's books, using his name. We were fortunate enough to hit four of these concerts--Tulsa, Dallas, Baton Rouge, and Memphis. Tulsa being our very first run-in with Harrison and his sell-out crowds, we were each experiencing fears and doubts about the reception the concert goers would give to Srila Prabhupada's transcendental literature. To alleviate such nervous condition, we had kartalas clashing and mrdanga beating in our most ecstatic kirtan ever. "govinda jaya jaya, gopala jaya jaya" This brought our spiritual strength up to where we could freely run from person to person, book bags filled with Krsna Trilogies and Bhagavatams, showing them the introduction by Harrison and the incredible, brilliant transcendental illustrations--windows to the Spiritual Sky, in each book. The crowd was sweet, and as they sat or stood inside waiting for the auditorium doors to open, each individual or group took one or more trilogies, gladly handing over a dollar or more for each. Also, Mother Mankumari had spent the entire day cooking up fried cheese curd, strawberry cheese cake, burfi, pera, khoa and sweet rice, arranged it beautifully in a big box with flower garlands and a picture of Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Candra in a frame right in the middle, and Dharmatma expertly got it transported back stage, hopefully to George's hands.

The next night found us in Dallas, this time with a large number of other devotees, with much less profitable results. Two nights following that in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, we were amidst many other devotees, in a sort of transcendental competition, and a crowd that was nothing to praise. Nonetheless, at both these concerts, incense, trilogies, and Srimad Bhagavatams left with many an agreeable soul. As we worked in New Orleans on the days previous to the concert we clearly saw the pages of the Bhagavatam before our eyes. Even young "far-out" looking people exhibited their snake-like qualities as they hissed at us to

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NEW VRINDABAN TSKP (Continued)---

get away. These new styles that these karmis have devised are enough to make one realize that truly this material world is uninhabitable for the saner class of men: silver glitter heels on men & women, faces painted with black stripes and geometric designs, stars pasted on faces, men with blue eye shadow, and precisely as predicted in the beautiful Bhagavatam, men look more and more like women and vice versa.

The big bliss-out took place in Memphis, with Sriman Dharmatma dasa getting backstage, just long enough to say "All Glories to Sri-la Prabhupada" to Harrison who, walking by, flashed a smile back. The audience came out, somewhat Krsna Conscious, because Harrison had shouted "chant any name of God" but emphasizing Krsna, Krsna, Krsna, Krsna. The purity of transcendental sound enlivened them and made them more receptive to Krsna, His devotees and His literature. So more and more seeds are being planted that will soon fructify into devotees engaged in the loving service of the Lord.

This material world is definitely not for sane men but since devotees are not of this material world they can rescue those entrapped in it and bring them back to Vrndavana, where Krsna lives with His beloved consort Srimati Radharani.

All Glories to Radha Vrndavana Candra!

Your worthless servant,
Mother Suksmarupini

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CONSTRUCTION

The construction crew has divided their center of operations. Now they are working on Srila Prabhupada's Palace during the day and in the late afternoon they come up to Vrindaban Farm (the crew is all brahmachari) to work on Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Nath's marble altar.

At the palace site the roofing over the living quarters is going up and a temporary roof is being put up over the temple room, where later a tower will be situated. This will allow the crew to heat the inside and thus marble the floors, walls and ceilings! Gostavihari dasa Brahmachari noted that the

marble inlay work will be "incredible", as Bhagavatananda Prabhu has been working on the designs for the last 2 years now.

Now that Radha Vrndavana Nath's altar is again taking shape, the Deities and brahmacharis are in ecstasy. The crew has been working on it diligently during the late afternoon and evening hours and it should be ready for Their Lordships' pleasure within a short time. Jai!

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PERSONNEL

Sudanu dasa Adhikari, who has been "laid up" for the past 3 months with an odd disease fondly called "Taru's disease" (named after Taru dasa Adhikari, who first contracted it here in New Vrindaban), is definitely not taking things lying down. While baffling 3 doctors at a clinic (Sudanu: It's due to past sinful activities. Doctors: That may be all right for your religion but there's a medical cause for this. Sudanu: Yeh, it's reaction from past sinful activities manifesting as a medical disease.), he stayed for a while at the Pittsburgh temple and cooked for their Deities. He has also been cooking for the Sunday feasts here and this week will head up the Deities' feast. He has also recently come back from a 3 week trip on the road, assisting Spiritual Sky Scented Products and distributing some of Srila Prabhupada's literature. Kirtanananda Maharaja has just asked him to make a breeding chart for the cow department.

Krpacharya dasa Adhikari has been doing a lot of metal welding this week. He fixed the grates on the boiler at the New Barn. In conjunction with that project he also made a wood-burning stove for the new men's bath house. And he has been training Bhakta Bill to take over the wood department at Madhuban.

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NEW VRINDABAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes for 12/15/74

Attendance: His Holiness Kirtanananda Swami Maharaja, Daivata dasa, Amburish dasa, Kasyapa dasa, Madhava Ghosa dasa, Gajendra dasa, Tapapunja dasa, Bhagavanacarya dasa, Parambrahma dasa, Kuladri dasa. Late: Adi Pati dasa.

DEPARTMENTS Kasyapa dasa & Madhava Ghosa dasa / Fields & Crops
 --Corn harvesting all finished this week as well as reconstituting all of the hay on hand.
 --Both tractors got stuck this week simultaneously; Krsna's Mercy, right Raghunath?
 --Otherwise routine maintenance and cow protection.

Adi Pati dasa & Tapapunja dasa / Gardens
 --Adi Pati has begun surveying all New Vrindaban land for future planning for land use and development.
 --Dead, dry wood is becoming quite scarce, plans are being adopted and developed for building a winch for hauling wood out of the hollows.
 --Greenhouse construction is plodding right along--heating fuel and soil composition are the major slow-ups.
 --The old International Pick-up is being repaired for use by the garden crew.
 --Tapapunja dasa and Bhakta Nick are organizing a mechanical repair shop in the old barn and the project seems very encouraging for better vehicle maintenance and machinery maintenance.
 --Bhakta Carlos is working on wheat sprouts for use in the daily diet as a good source of vitamin C and protein. They are going to be offered for noon prasadam daily.
 --A bridge is needed over the creek between the horse barn and the new garden plot for hauling supplies to the new garden; this will be done by installing a culvert and filling in with rock and gravel.

Amburish dasa / Cows
 --The Harvestore silo unloader was re-adjusted for faster unloading and is working very nicely--better than ever.
 --Mother Rocana fell in the loafing shed twice this week and part of the wall had to be taken out to free her. She later fell down over the bank onto the road and had to be placed on a sled which was pulled up to the barn--she eats good but seems to be completely lame. Rex Woodruff, cow specialist around these parts, will be coming out to look her over.
 --Most of the heifers have been moved to their winter quarters at Madhuban.
 --The new loafing shed is working nicely along with the new milking schedule, but the mothers seem to get dirtier than usual with the new housing system. An increase of bedding will be started in an attempt to correct this problem.

Bhagavatananda dasa / Construction
 --The roof and windows are being put in at Prabhupada's palace to make it practical for the winter construction work on the Palace.
 --The marble polishing machine has been assembled and the marble workshop is nearly ready for action!
 --Work has been begun to complete the new altar for Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Vrndavana Nath at Vrindaban Brahmachari Farm.

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Gajendra dasa / Maintenance

- New grates were installed on the New Goshalla boiler and it is working first class.
- Lights and receptacles were installed in the Bahulaban sewing room.
- The starter was overhauled on the Brown International Pick-up.
- Wire was salvaged from Adi Pati's old house that burned down last spring.
- Repair work was done on the Deities' silver plating equipment.
- Gajendra dasa and Bhakta Shube went to Elkins, W. Va. to pick up Bhakta Shube's woodworking equipment. Shube is a skilled wood craftsman and will hopefully be able to assist on the wood work at Prabhupada's palace.

Kuladri dasa / Deities and Cooking

- Just trying to maintain, keeping up with the changes.
- The brahmacharinis are very irregular at Madhuban and hopefully an exchange program can be worked out between Madhuban and Bahulaban.

Bhagavanacarya dasa / Guards, Medical, New Barn Managerial

- New barn apartment ceilings are being finished.
- Insulation all put up on the third floor of Bahulaban temple's men's ashram; it is now very warm up there.
- The walls are being made for the new bhoga room beneath the temple, hopefully to be completed this week.
- New guard schedule has been instituted using reserves on the first and last shifts.

OLD BUSINESS

- Men's urinal needs repair--General Maintenance Dept. Head Bhagavanacarya dasa will see to it.
- The Sankirtan party will be going out this week; volunteers see Kuladri Prabhu.
- Hay is needed at Nandagram for the heifers; hay runs will start Monday
- Tamal the ox needs a nose ring. Amburish will see to it this week.
- New holes will be dug for the Goshalla outhouses, which will be moved across the run to the edge of the hayfield.

NEW BUSINESS

- Kuladri dasa has been appointed head of the new Child Welfare Committee. He will be assisted by Bhagavatananda dasa and any men who would like to volunteer their services with this connection should see Kuladri Prabhu.

Meeting adjourned.

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LAST MINUTE NOTES

FROM THE GARDENS: 2½ bushels black radishes, 4 bushels cabbage greens, 4 bushels Swiss chard, 1 bushel rutabegas and 4 bushels of broccoli greens were picked from the gardens last week.

WOOD DEPARTMENT: There is no more available locust in the forests of Bahulaban and Madhuban.

Beware kitchens--here comes the green cherry!

A program has been proposed for Romharsan to go out with a gasoline driven winch on a sled pulled by oxen--Maharaja gave Romharsan the old baler motor and woodsman is to go to Nandagram and get the wood; the bulldozer can't make it in those steep, soft slopes and valleys.

INITIATIONS LAST WEEK (SUNDAY): Bhakta Chris -- Kripamaya dasa Brahmachari
Bhakta Jerry -- Janakisha dasa Brahmachari