

Sun. 26-6-27.

## A Feast to the Villagers

At the successful termination of the "Septah" ceremony organized by the local villagers, today Baba invited all the inhabitants to a dinner. About 26 Pails of food sufficient for nearly 6 to 7 hundred people was prepared but in fact no less than 15 to 16 hundred persons took advantage of the feast to full satisfaction and yet strangely the same quantity was found to be more than sufficient!

In celebration of Vishnu's birthday milk tea was provided to the mandali this morning followed by a special Arti, Bhajans and distribution of sweets at eight o'clock.

Baba remained in the Ashram between two and four in the afternoon. He had also been over the hill and supervised the alteration work to the tank's premises for some time.

In the evening for about an hour and a half Shri played hockey with the Ashram boys.

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owing to the local elections there was much excitement and many visitors in the village most of whom also came for Baba's Darshans. The candidate Mr Thorat is popularly believed to be as the successful candidate. while Baba had long since assured Mr Chitlay of success.

The Kirtankari Dna had knowingly or unknowingly prejudiced Tukendarge against allowing his sons to remain under Baba's training in the Ashram. When Shri came to know of this he called for Tukendarge and warned him not to be misled by irresponsible people and their senseless prejudices and thus spoil the future of his own children. Concluding the explanations Baba added "Don't worry for the future of your boys. I will see to everything including the question of their marriages. Let people talk what they like. Don't pay any heed to them. They would talk a lot but will do nothing for you...."

Tues 28-6-27

Rustamji's birthday was celebrated this morning and the mandali were served with Rava and milk tea. Ho-Pale playing for an hour was also arranged but owing to wet ground through heavy rain last night the item was cancelled from the programme. For this very reason the school also was opened as late as at 8.30. AM.

A new class-7th Gnj- was arranged to be commenced from the 1st July for the boy who was admitted in the Ashram today, as well as some changes were made in the <sup>school</sup> time tables to come in force from the same day. Few books were received and distributed amongst the school boys today. There was also a parcel of books from Mr S. D. Desai of Tarsari as a present for the Ashram libraries. It is a fine collection. Some of the books from this lot were added to the school library.

The work of additions and alterations to the tank premises as well as erection of extra premises on the hill for the Ashram to be removed here is now very nearly completed. The stores and kitchen ~~has already~~ was removed today in the new quarters on the hill.

Baba played brilliantly in the cricket match held this evening. After the Arti sweets were distributed to <sup>all</sup> the mandali and Shri passed sometime amongst the mandali playing a few games of draughts as well as 'talking' on different subjects through his usual gestures. While doing so Shri showed much concern for the party of boys coming from Persia and the trouble and <sup>in</sup> convenience they might have been put to through the detention at Bushire.

Wed 29-6-27Foreign Propaganda.

The New York Times was sent ~~some~~ publication an article about the Ashram for publication.

Preparations for the removal of the Ashram over the hill are in full swing. Baba again played hockey with the boys. A quarrel took place amongst the Ashram boys and for the time being Baba drove them out from ~~the~~ Ashram to strike them home His displeasure.



Thur 30. 6. 27.

## Ashram Removed On The Hill.

The day was observed as a holiday in celebration of the removal of the Ashram on the hill. A few games of Ho-Pati were played the first thing in the morning near the school and then all went over the hill where milk tea was distributed. For sometime Sri conveyed interesting explanations on spiritual subjects when again a cricket match was played before dinner. In the afternoon all were provided with sweets and tea and Bhajan ~~was~~ was also recited over the hill.

It has been decided to approach the P.W. authorities to arrange a level crossing near the "Post office" building. An application was prepared today and Babaji intends taking the same personally to Dhond tomorrow.

Fri 1. 7. 27.

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High School.

Arrangements being completed to impart secondary education according to Bombay University Curriculum, the school was today named, Hazrat Babajan High School. Accordingly the final time-tables and ~~the~~ rearrangement of the classes in the school was carried out by Dhakay & Chanji under the personal supervision of Sri Baba.

### The Branch Ashram

Those boys who are not deemed fit at present to be admitted into the Ashram but all the same are allowed to attend the school and provided with free board and lodging, so long used to stay in the Makaan with the rest of the mandali. However today they were separated from the mandali and handed over in charge of Ravisahib and arrangements for their stay was made in the bungalow recently vacated by the Incher-bhram boys and staff. Excepting for food for which they have to come here and partake of it with the mandali ~~some~~ separate arrangements have been made for their bathing washing playing study etc according to fixed rules and time table very much like those in force in the Ashram ~~is~~ proper.

Besides looking after the various arrangements that had to be made in ~~view~~ view of all these changes Shri also participated in a game of hockey that was played by the Ashram boys.

A party of four pilgrims on their way to Pandharpur stopped at Meherabad for the day. They were provided with board and lodging.

The usual Arti was recited at 8.45 tonight when Baba distributed freshly prepared Rava to the mandali. Before all retired for the night at 10. P.M. Shri played a few games of draught.