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## ...blindfolded kids (continued)

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would be great fun to be led around by their classmates and bump into things.  
"The day before, it was 'Oh Goody,'" Cindy says. But by afternoon, one of the five blindfolded kids

was so tired of her handicap, that she asked Miss Hirneisen if she could take the blindfold off. (Permission was given, but the girl took courage and left it on all day).  
Not being able to see,

learned something—as she herself did.

"I learned a lot too," she explains. "Boy, having five blind kids in my class was hard. I couldn't use any visual aids at all."

Cindy graduated from Millersville State last spring, and now lives in Mount Joy. Of her new job, she says, "I like it. It's rewarding to see the kids learning."



Students in the partially blindfolded class are, from left to right; front row— Brian Hess, Krissy Wolgemuth, Donna Miller, Kandy Bartch, Todd Witmer, and Glen Lapp back row—Rebecca Miller, Tina Becker, Alice Thompson, Philip Nye, Wanda Miller, Ben Lustig,

Margorie Russell, Jenny Schultz, Gilbert Breneman, Ross Olweiler and Steven Nissley. Quentin Miller (not in photo) was also blindfolded.

## MS Society announces new service

Mr. Samuel S. Harnish, Lancaster County Chapter Chairman, National Multiple Sclerosis Society announced today a new service for families and other persons who care for MS patients.

Mr. Harnish noted the MS Home Care Course is a joint effort of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and American Red Cross. He said, "This is a new program directed to one of the most crucial areas of service". MS is a progressive disease of the central nervous system with no known cause or cure. MS usually strikes between the ages of 20 and 40 and it continues through a life-time. The stress causes physical, emotional and financial burdens not only for the patient, but for the family and community as well. Extended periods of remission occur. MS causes varying degrees of loss of motor ability and sensory function.

Families of MS patients may lack the skills and confidence required to care for these patients at home and may face the additional strain of placing patients in nursing homes which can lead to economic and emotional suffering for all concerned.

Al Ritter has been appointed organizing and coordinating director of the MS Home Care Course. He will contact volunteer instructors, develop public relations and contact patient's families who are registered with the local MS Chapter.

Any family member, or persons who care for MS patients are eligible to enroll in the course which will offer a certificate on completion of the course.

Mr. Ritter has scheduled classes at The American Red Cross building at 430 W. Orange St., Lancaster, beginning October 9 and continuing each Monday evening until November 16.

Mr. Harnish said "We are tremendously proud of our association with the Red Cross in developing this program to provide enormous benefits to MS patients and their families. MS is a family affair, and teaching family members how to care for the disabled will help our MS patients lead more meaningful lives despite their disease."

To register for this popular course, phone the MS Society at 397-1481.

Mr. Harnish, a Mount Joy resident, was formerly principal of Beahm Junior High School.

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