

**Phyllis E. MacAllen**, only child of John McLeod (1895-1986) and Lora M. (Snore) (1904-1977) MacAllen, was born 18 March 1928, Michigan. Mr.

[Lansing State Journal, December 12, 1958](#)

MacAllen, a native of Scotland, was the Master Blacksmith for many years at Michigan State College. Phyllis graduated in 1946 from Okemos High School. During the 1945-1946 school year she served as President of the School Band and President of the Glee Club.

[Lansing State Journal \(Lansing, Michigan\) Thursday 17 April 1941](#)

The master blacksmith at M. S. U. is Jack MacAllen, who learned the trade from his grandfather in Scotland. A resident of 2126 Forest rd., he starts the young blacksmiths out with a study of the anatomy and care of horses.

Then they learn how to operate a forge and practice on the feet of dead horses. After mastering basics of the trade they graduate to shoeing live horses.

## **OKEMOS SCHOOL NEWS**

The novelty band, consisting of James Potier, Tom Paton, Temple Tenney, Douglas Lewsader and Dick Webb, played at the assembly during the second and third periods Tuesday. Renee and Deirdre Scott gave readings.

**Phyllis MacAllen** played the accordion and Carl LaFarge played the guitar.

Phyllis furthered her education with a 4 year degree from Michigan State College (now Michigan State University). She also continued to play her accordion.

[Lansing State Journal \(Lansing, Michigan\) Sunday 23 January 1949](#)

## **OKEMOS MUSICALE GROUP TO HOLD MEETING TUESDAY**

Okemos Junior Matinee Musicale will meet Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Community church parlors. Cynthia Drew, leader, will present the life story of John Philip Sousa, topic for the day.

**Phyllis MacAllen** will play numbers on the accordion from this composer. Hostesses are to be Mrs. Lee Bell, Mrs. D. W. Voss and Mrs. R. D. McDonald.

[Lansing State Journal \(Lansing, Michigan\) Sunday 1 June 1952](#)

A July 5 wedding is being planned by Miss Phyllis E. MacAllen and Bernard C. Easterday whose engagement was revealed recently by Miss McAllen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John MacAllen, 2126 Forest rd. She is a graduate of Michigan state college and her fiancé will be graduated from there this month as a doctor of veterinary medicine. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Easterday of Hillsdale.

"Barney" Easterday, born 16 September 1929, Hillsdale County, Michigan, entered the US Army Veterinary Corps and served from 1952-1954. Honorably discharged he returned to school and completed a M.S. degree and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. In 1958 the Easterday's moved to Maryland where Dr. Easterday was employed as a research veterinarian "investigating the pathogenesis of Rift Valley fever in lambs and the nature of the biological transmission of the virus in mosquitoes." He moved his family back to Wisconsin in 1961 where he served as an Associate Professor of Veterinary Science and in 1966 became a full professor at UW. By 1979 he was appointed Dean of the University of Wisconsin, School of Veterinary Medicine.

The Easterday's had one son, Geoffrey "Geoff". They divorced in 1975, Dane County, Wisconsin. Phyllis never remarried. She continues to live in the city of Madison Wisconsin. Barney remarried and retired in 1994 and he was designated Dean and Professor Emeritus. He lives in Brooklyn, Wisconsin.