

Couple decided to take oath after 14 years

By Judith Berne
staff writer

They've lived in the United States 14 years. But Memorial Day will be the first American holiday Peter and Beryl Beardmore can fully celebrate. That's because the British-born West

Bloomfield couple became American citizens May 6. They promptly went out and bought a flag, which they intend to raise for Monday's holiday. "It was more of an event than I realized," Beardmore, a metallurgist with Ford Research, said of the federal dis-

trict court ceremony. "They do it rather nicely." "I actually know the American Constitution better than the English equivalent," said Mrs. Beardmore, a part-time secretary for Detroit Country Day school. The Beardmores first came to the United States from the English mid-

lands 150 miles north of London in 1960. Beardmore had a three-year Fulbright Scholarship to MIT. They returned to England before settling in the United States in 1966 where their daughter Kim, now 10, was born.

WHY DID THEY wait so many years to become citizens?

"It just damned on us we're going to be here the rest of our lives," Beardmore, said, jokingly. "Actually we meant to apply the last few years." "We got the book (to study for the citizenship exam) and Kimmie told us the rest," he said.

She taught us the allegiance to the flag," Mrs. Beardmore added. Both say it was partly for Kim, a fifth-grader at Brookside School, that they took out citizenship. "It was to make her feel we were really behind her," Beardmore said.

Coming home in the car after the swearing-in ceremony, Kim advised "Now you'll be able to talk properly, Dad." Returning to their home in Old Farm subdivision, they found neighbors had hung a flag in celebration.

BEARDMORE looks forward to exercising his new right to vote, particularly in local elections, although his citizenship papers came too late to allow

him to register to vote on Tuesday's tax proposal.

"I am really interested in local voting. I'm not sure I can make any difference nationally," he said. Mrs. Beardmore had mixed feelings as she stood among the 50 persons being sworn in as American citizens. They ranged from a Vietnamese child to an 80-year-old woman. The Beardmores were apparently the only couple.

"When you're taking all those vows and you divorce your country, it makes you have mixed feelings," she said. "I always felt American because I enjoy the American way of life. I could never go back to live in England. It's just a much more exciting life — both the weather and the fiscal climate." Beardmore views life as a compromise with advantages of living here overpowering those involved in returning to England. "Life is more stimulating. The facilities, the environment, the mobility — it's a big package," he said.

Trail residents want road closed

By Mary Lou Callaway
special writer

A request to close Indian Trail on weekends during the summer was rejected Monday by the Orchard Lake City Council.

Roberta Blaize represented the homeowners on the less than one-mile scenic route meandering along the eastern shore of Orchard Lake. Cars race down the street, riding over lawns, discarding beer cans and trash on residents' waterfront property, she said.

"At least on weekends, we should be able to be down there by the lake without being shouted at or garbage thrown," said Mrs. Blaize. "I don't see how a public road can be closed. Old Orchard Trail is just as heavily traveled. It's not practical or feasible," said Councilman Frank Barciwicz.

Police Chief Jack Nicholson said his radar surveys showed there is no basis for charges that there is more speeding or accidents on Indian Trail than any other city road. "When we closed it off (partially) two years ago, 90 percent of our citizens going north went up the ceiling," Nicholson said.

Mrs. Blaize said two cars cannot pass on the road without driving over the lawns.

BUT NICHOLSON replied the court set the 14-foot width. "Two cars can pass. This has been a controversy for 35 years. The lowest speed limit which can be set is 25 miles per hour."

The request for the closing from midnight Fridays to midnight Sundays from Memorial Day to Labor Day was denied 6-0.

"We've spent more time on this road in the past few years than any other subject," Mayor Richard Grout told the audience. The court ordered curbing removed in front of two Indian Trail homes at city expense, Nicholson said.

In a separate vote, the council denied 6-0 extending the time Orchard Lake Boat Livery can operate a rowboat and sail rental business. Michael Connor asked for an extension to 1984 of a March decision to allow the livery to operate until 1985.

"I'm in the middle between the council and my family," said Connor, who was representing his mother, property owner Dorothy Connor.

Memorial Day services slated

The Department of Michigan Jewish War Veterans and its Ladies Auxiliary will conduct memorial services for veterans at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 24.

Services are scheduled for the Macphail Cemetery on Woodward Avenue. The public may attend.

Additional services are planned for the Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery in Mount Clemens at noon the same day.

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