

# New owners of Centaur Farms are granted liquor license

By MARY LUO CALLAWAY

The Detroit Curling Club has received West Bloomfield's approval for club and restaurant liquor license transfers.

"We have come practically a full circle since the first curling club in the United States. Our predecessor originated on Orchard Lake in 1831," says Tom Bowling, the club's treasurer.

The club started its search for a new clubhouse earlier this year when their rented Detroit facility on Forest Avenue was condemned. It ended when they bought the Centaur Ice Rink on Drake Road south of Walnut Lake Road for

\$410,000.

Plans are for a Nov. 1 opening.

"There is no problem with the two licenses as long as the (serving) areas are separate," explained Clerk Betty Sue Dupree.

Six curling members waited through a long agenda last week for the board's approval.

"We'd like to get under way by the middle of October," said Bowling.

CENTAUR'S RESTAURANT liquor license has been in escrow during bankruptcy proceedings pending completion of the ownership transfer to Michigan National Bank of Detroit (the receivers).

Bowling told the township board.

Centaur was originally a horse stable and restaurant. Later converted to an ice arena by local backers, it went bankrupt and has been closed for about two years.

Detroit Curling Club's 300 members expect to host the 94th Detroit International Bontsepp tournament in January.

Members hope the new location will attract new curlers to the sport which originated in Scotland in the 16th century.

It has been compared with shuffleboard played on ice. It is played with a minimum of 2,800 square-feet per home.

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beau to let the parks and recreation commission make an appointment of a park ranger for Bloomer Park under an independent contract.

Amended Ordinance 90A to regulate traffic and parking at West Bloomfield shopping centers, businesses and other buildings.

Trustee Raymond Holland particularly stressed the provisions that no vehicles are to be sold or offered for sale without the express consent of the owner of the parking area.

Holland complained that shopping center parking lots have been "turned into used car lots" on weekends.

compete for points as players sweep the ice with brooms to make the ice slippery for higher scores.

In approving the liquor license transfers, Trustee Weldon Yeager quipped: "I thought a curling club was a beauty parlor. Who has the broom concession?"

IN OTHER BUSINESS, the township board:

Approved a final plat for the 147-1st Maplewoods North subdivision on Maple Road, between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. The plan is for average sized lot with a minimum of 2,800 square-feet per home.

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The concert opens at 7:30 p.m. at the West Bloomfield High School with Symphony No. 4, the Piano Concerto No. 1 and ends with the 1812 Overture.

The world renowned pianist David Syne will be the featured guest artist.

Music selections for this year's concert schedule are a mixture of symphonic compositions plus pops since the West Bloomfield Symphony patterned itself after the famous Boston Pops.

Other concerts slated

for the 1979-80 season are Dec. 23, featuring a holiday delight — a complete performance of "The Nutcracker" along with the Contemporary Civic Ballet Company.

The Jan. 27 performance will include Richard Rodgers' unforgettable score of the NBC television documentary "Victory at Sea."

The March 9 concert will be filled with pop arrangements of music by Jerome Kern, Leonard Bernstein and ragtime king Scott Joplin.

Back by popular demand for the season finale May 11 will be piano sensation Flavia Vazani and saxophone virtuoso Don Sinla.

Season and individual

concert tickets are available by completing the order form appearing on page 3A of today's Eclectic.

Single concert tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students.

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## Egypt program centers on archaeology

William Peck, curator of ancient art at the Detroit Institute of Arts, will lecture on "Ancient Egypt: Excavations at Karnak" at Cranbrook Institute of Science at 7 and 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21.

Peck recently returned from his second season of archaeological research at Karnak, a large religious complex built by Theban rulers in the area of present-day Luxor, Egypt.

The 24-acre site contains the ruins of three

major temples, two chapels and a sacred lake. An avenue lined with sphinxes, which connects the temple of the goddess Mut with that of her consort Amun, by Tutankhamun.

Peck is part of the Brooklyn Museum Theban Expedition, which has been excavating the Karnak site for the last four seasons and which has uncovered foundations of walls and col-

nades, potsherds and sculpture.

An Egyptian tomb painting specialist and a member of the board of governors of Cranbrook Academy of Art, Peck traveled extensively in Egypt and participated in excavations at the ancient site of Mendes in the Nile Delta. He has contributed articles on ancient art and archaeology to numerous journals, including the recent National Geographic Society publication "Ancient

Egypt."

Lecture tickets — \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for students — are available at the Institute of Science museum. For more information, call 645-3225.

Cranbrook Institute of Science, 500 Lone Pine, is open daily except major holidays.

Those interested in having their name included on this list of available teachers, and those wishing to obtain a name from this list, should contact Mrs. Ted V. Lin-

bury at 852-8626.

Birmingham Musicale meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Community House, 300 S. Bates. For information call Mrs. Philip G. Whelan, president, 645-9312, or Mrs. Miner Mitchell, membership chairman, 647-8466.

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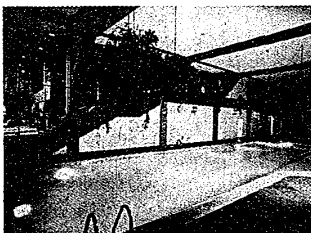





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