

Doors are a key to home security

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Farmington Hills year-end statistics reflect that in nearly 50 percent of all 1985 residential burglaries, entry was gained through an exterior door.

Because the door is one of the most vulnerable points of access into the home, it is important that residents fully consider all doors and locks when assessing their security needs.

Ideally, a bolt-core wood door, or one with decorative wood panels or glass inserts, should never be used as an exterior door.

These doors are not recommended because both are easy to penetrate with tools and neither will strongly support heavy-duty locking hardware. The best door for this purpose is made of metal or solid wood construction. After the door, the next important consideration is the lock.

Although a majority of homes utilize

crime watch

the common key-in-knob lock, many other homes still use the better and older style mortise lock. This type of lock normally includes a separate deadbolt in addition to a spring latch lock and is designed to set into a large rectangular pocket cut out of the edge of the door.

EVEN THOUGH the physical strength of the mortise lock is generally the greatest of all locks, a large measure of its ability to resist force depends on the strength of the door in which it is mounted and the stability of the door frame.

In many cases, the amount that is cut out of the door to accommodate the mortise lock may actually weaken the

entire structure of the door.

This is particularly true near the high-stressed area of the lock where the door could be splintered or broken apart during a kicking assault or barrage of blows. While this problem is more acute in wood doors, it occasionally creates a security risk in metal doors as well.

Another weakness of the mortise lock can be found in the deadbolt portion where, in many older units, the bolt does not protrude the recommended one-inch into the strike plate of the door frame. This reduces protection and allows for easier manipulation of the deadbolt with a prying device.

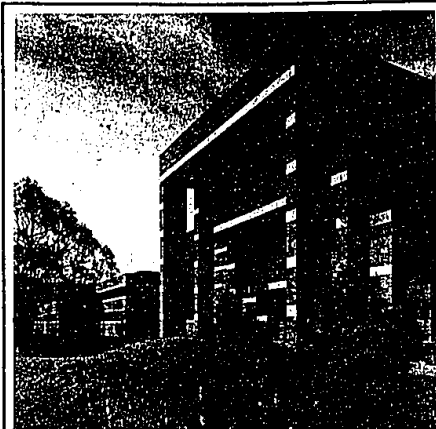
SINCE IT IS difficult to replace the

mortise lock with a better type of locking device (there is no other type of lock that will fill the large hole that remains when the mortise lock is removed), owners of older style mortise locks are wise to leave the lock in place and compensate for its vulnerability by installing additional protection.

Although protective door lock guards can be installed around the lock area, it is recommended that a mortise lock be supplemented with a good quality, single-cylinder deadbolt lock.

This lock can be installed on your door, above the existing mortise lock. (Check with the Farmington Hills Crime Prevention Section for tips on how to choose a deadbolt lock.)

A good door can be one of the strongest deterrents to an intruder. Not only does it act as a psychological barrier but also, if secured with a good lock, it can ward off a potential thief.



Northwestern Financial Center, the design of which recently was honored by the Masonry Institute of Michigan.

Alleged discrimination case continues

A Michigan Department of Civil Rights discrimination hearing against a Farmington Hills nightclub will be continued, an official in the department's Detroit office said.

Civil rights charges were brought last November following two com-

plaints filed against Mr. Laff's Nightclub in Farmington Hills. The hearing was originally scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 5-6, in the Detroit office, according to Roland Baldwin, assistant director of the department's conciliation and hearing di-

vision in Detroit.

No information was available about the hearing, conducted before a department referee. The hearing could be continued indefinitely, because of various appeals processes, Baldwin added. The matter could also be settled at any time.

The nightclub is charged with unlawful discrimination because of race and national origin in two incidents occurring in December 1983 and March 1984.

In 1984, two men of Arab descent, Elias Katoeh of Taylor and Samir Mashal of Dearborn, were allegedly denied entry to the nightclub. In 1983, Christine Forrester of Livonia charged she and a black male companion were denied admission.

Management from the nightclub has denied the charges.

Building design honored

A Farmington Hills building project is one of eight recognized for masonry design excellence in the 11th annual M Awards Program, sponsored by the Masonry Institute of Michigan, in cooperation with the Michigan Society of Architects.

Fourteen entries included the Northwestern Financial Center in Farmington Hills — Kenneth Neumann/Robert Grenger & Associates, Southfield, architect, and Edward E. Singer & Son Building Co., Farmington Hills, owner.

The project is an office building

with an exterior made up of alternating bands of red brick and limestone. The materials continue on the interiors with brick and limestone contributing to the palette.

Michigan Society of Architects members selected M Award recipients from 45 entries.

The judges said of the Northwestern Financial Center: "Makes a lot of the very interesting juxtapositions of voids and solids. Stimulating juxtapositions of contrasts; sophisticated expression of surface and space."

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