

# Psychic had to learn not to deny her talent

By SUSAN TAUBER

"I've been called a liar more times than I have fingers and toes. I'm not a witch. I don't know anything about white or black magic."

The woman talking is a psychic. After living 40 years denying her powers, Frances Thompson is now lifting the cloak of silence and talking of her abilities.

"I was born with psychic abilities. They are hereditary in my family," said the Welsh descendant.

Mrs. Thompson lives an ordinary life. She takes care of her house in Oakland County where she and her husband live. She enjoys talking about her two sons, Duane and David, both in their 40s, who are members of the Mormon church and talented actors and musicians in their free time.

David is a trained actor and singer. Duane, who lives in Rochester, plays bass viol with the Rochester Symphony. She also likes talking about her own musical background—that of a serious musician who sang opera, oratorios and religious music with churches.

BUT HER PSYCHIC abilities are something that have always invaded her life and are powers she is uncomfortable discussing.

"I'm not interested in curiosity seekers," said Mrs. Thompson. "I know when people are uncomfortable with me."

When Mrs. Thompson was growing up, her family told her to be discreet about her powers to see into the future and communicate with spirits.

"When I was about eight years old, I was reading the Bible to my grandparents. I came to the part about a woman who was a prophetess had been thanked and blessed for her words of advice to the Hebrews. I had an insight into my powers then and told my grandparents that's the kind of person I'm going to be when I grow up. I was told to be careful," she said. It wasn't until Mrs. Thompson became an adult that she began using the talent that was "given to me on a silver platter."

She now reads for people individually or in large groups. She likes to hold a piece of jewelry from the person clasped in her hands up to her forehead. With her eyes closed and with the help of the vibrations from the personal item, she receives visions, often of spirits.

"ONCE THERE WERE two sisters who came to two different group read-

ings. Their father, who was deceased, appeared in spirit singing. I've got a lovely bunch of coconuts. I told them their mother was insane and I was right."

The second time I read for them their father showed me an ivory tower. He's singing away and there aren't any stairs to the tower. This meant the mother couldn't get out of the sanitarium where she was. I was right again."

If Mrs. Thompson sees a vision concerning friends, she calls to tell them. Twice she has been horrified at what she saw.

"I was present at the tidal wave of Bangladesh. I was sitting in my living room with four friends and I saw this. I knew it was astro travel. I was suspended in air. On one side I saw the tidal wave; on the other side—people. I saw boats coming and knew they were useless."

While Mrs. Thompson was having this vision, one of her friends took notes of her descriptions. The next morning, the tidal wave was announced on the 7 a.m. news.

One of her first visions is on tape. It concerns Henry Kissinger. He appeared to her in a vision as a young Jewish man, rolling out a scroll on which was inscribed his family background. He had qualified for a high priest, according to Mrs. Thompson. Kissinger was Secretary of State from Aug. 22, 1973 until the Carter Administration took over Jan. 20, 1977.

Mrs. Thompson is a religious woman. She's been active with the

Lutheran church and sang in various spiritualist churches.

"There is an association of spiritualists with ordained ministers," she said, in her soft spoken voice.

She prays for guidance with her readings and believes in healing prayers.

"The person doesn't heal, God heals. I respect psychic spiritual healing. If I know it will be given to me, I will try."

Mrs. Thompson explained the healing comes through a physician who instructs her when to try to use what he and other doctors in the spirit world give her.

"Religion is the only way our world will come into its own blessings," Mrs. Thompson said.

Though born with her psychic abilities, Mrs. Thompson trained to use her powers to the utmost. As a teenager, ahead of other students her age in school, she read books on parapsychology. She's taken classes with mentalists.

"You don't learn this quickly," she said. "You must be patient and let it happen."

MRS. THOMPSON can sense when another person has psychic powers. She encourages those persons to use their abilities. But she knows about the scorn and skepticism they'll encounter from others.

A grandmother, Mrs. Thompson is a soft spoken woman who laughs easily and answers questions directly. She doesn't own a crystal ball. "I'd like one though," she said.



"I'm not interested in curiosity seekers. I know when people are uncomfortable with me," said Frances Thompson, who was born a psychic, a trait that's hereditary in her family. (Staff photo by Doug Bauman.)

## Farmington Calendar

### DISCO DANCE

Friday, July 6: Disco Dance opens new Youth Activity Center, from 6-11 p.m. in William Grace Elementary School on Shawwassee between Inkster and Middlebelt, for teens 13-17 years old. Dance will be accompanied by program which outlines the teen offerings through the six weeks the center is open this summer with director Jerry Young. No charge.

### SUMMER IN THE PARK

Sunday, July 9: Farmington Community Concert Band continues "Summer in the Park" concert series at 7 p.m., Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. Concert is sponsored by Farmington Area Arts Commission through a grant from Michigan Council of the Arts. No charge.

### KYAKING

Monday, July 10: Kyaking classes for all persons over the age of 14 begins this date and winds up with an all-day trip Aug. 5. Inquiries and registrations taken by calling Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department, 474-6115.

### BABY SITTING

Monday, July 10: Babysitting instructions offered to 11-15-year olds, given by American National Red Cross personnel, at 2 p.m. in Farmington Hills Community Library, continues for four Mondays. Participants will be expected to attend all four sessions. Registrations are taken by calling the library. No charge.

### HUCKLEBERRY FINN

Monday, July 10: "Huckleberry Finn," film based on the epic novel by Mark Twain, at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills Community Library on Twelve Mile. No charge.

### IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Thursday, July 13: Free immunization clinic, sponsored by Oakland County Health Department, offers oral and booster shots for polio, shots for measles, rubella, mumps, and TB tests for all persons under the age of

17 from 9 a.m. to noon in First United Methodist Church of Farmington, Grand River and Warner.

### SILK FLOWERS

Thursday, July 13: Two-session workshop teaches the art of creating silk flowers with instructor Mary Foran at 9:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center. Registration is necessary by calling the center, 477-8404.

### THE FABULOUS FOURS

Friday, July 14: The Community House, in Birmingham, offers package-priced tickets, which include transportation and a reserved pavilion seat for Meadow Brook concert featuring the Four Freshmen, the Ink Spots, the Four Lads and The Pied Pipers. Inquiries taken by calling the Community House, 644-5832.

### BASIC SAILING

Monday and Wednesday, July 17 and 19: Basic sailing classes leads up to a Red Cross certification with classes on Mondays or Wednesdays and continuing for six weeks. Registration and inquiries taken by calling Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department, 474-6115.

### STAR TREK

Tuesday, July 18: Star Trek story sessions for preschoolers only includes films, fancies, story, songs and finger play at 10 a.m. in Farmington Community Library on Liberty and at 2:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Community Library on Twelve Mile. Pre-registration is not necessary. No charge.

### MACHINE QUILTING

Wednesday, July 19: Two sessions on machine quilting teaches a fast and easy way to quilt using the sewing machine with Peggy Freeman at 9:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center. Registration is necessary by calling the center, 477-8404.

### ANN ARBOR ART FAIR

Thursday, July 20: Bus leaves the Farmington Community Center at 9 a.m. for all-day trip to Ann Arbor's

Art Fair with guidance from a member of Michigan University Artists and Craftsmen's Guild. Fee is \$7, which does not include lunch. Early reservations are suggested, through the center, 477-8404.

### TO THE LIGHTHOUSE

Thursday, July 20: "To the Lighthouse," by Virginia Woolf, continues informal adult book discussion at 7 p.m. in Farmington Community Library on Liberty. No charge. Information on book scheduled for next discussion available by calling Roz Narbutas, 474-7770.

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