

Fortuneteller Makes House Calls

by John DeMont

Approximately two miles down Herring Cove Road, sandwiched unobtrusively between an I.G.A. and a Green Gables store is the office of the "Baroness". Here Rosalie Von Schroder practices her unique trade—predicting the future by means of Tarot cards and palm and astrological readings, skills which have been obtained through years of self study and sharpened to such a degree that she is the only registered fortune teller ever to exist in Nova Scotia.

Five years ago Mrs. Von Schroder began to read for friends and neighbors just as a hobby, "but when things started to work out I thought that this was the thing which I was meant to do". She contends that through the cards and in the palms, she can predict health, career, marriages, children, past, present and future. "As soon as you shuffle through the cards I can tell what is on your mind, your past and your future. It comes out 100%."

Whether or not the above is true is uncertain but if her clientele is any indication she must be doing something right. Even such an inappropriate setting as Spryfield has not hampered her business. "My people come from everywhere, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick. No matter where I was they would find me." Her "people" include doctors, lawyers, bankers, businessmen, people from all walks of life, many of whom go for regular readings.

She also, unlike many of her doctor clients, makes house calls, visiting sick

people and invalids as well as displaying her skills before groups such as women's clubs and high school students.

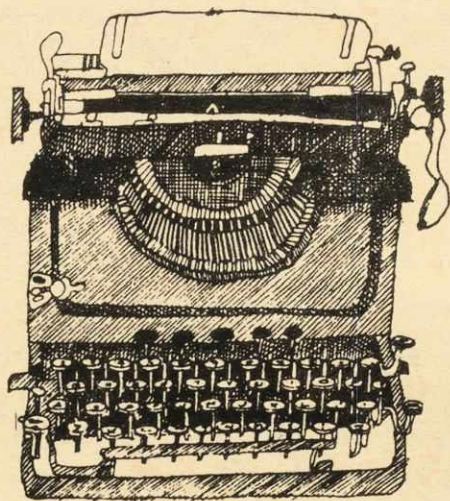
Most of the people who visit her have some reason for seeking out her assistance. To them, fortune telling can be a blessing. "It makes people more aware of certain problems which could exist and allows them to change as well as know the outcome. It is something a doctor or lawyer couldn't tell you."

She is quick to point out however that her gifts have nothing to do with witchcraft. "People have come to me under the mistaken impression that I can take away evil spells. I don't know anything about that. I don't take spells away and, contrary to some people's beliefs, I certainly don't cast them."

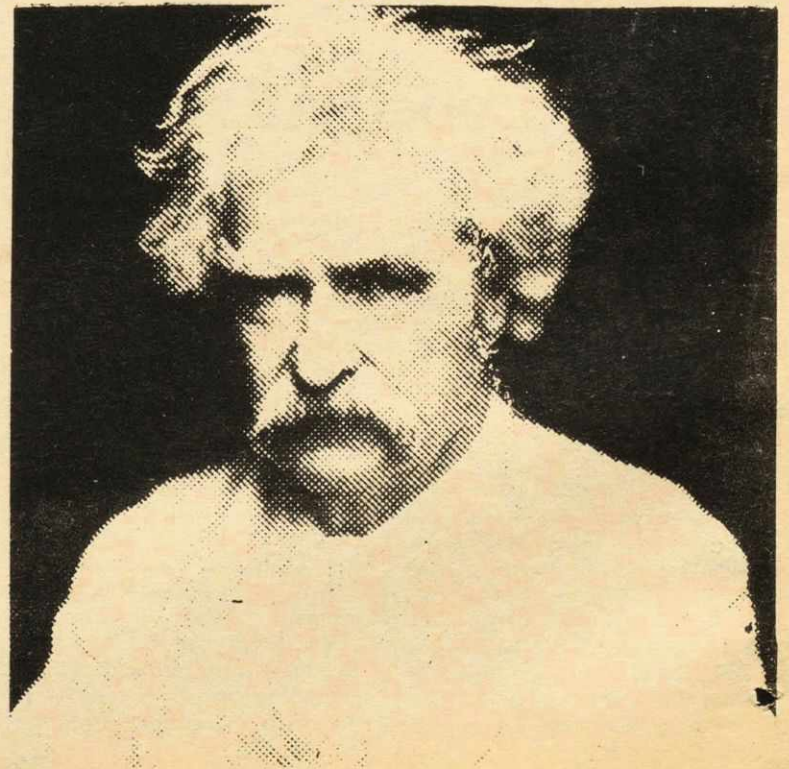
While I was visiting Mrs. Von Schroder she agreed to read my cards and my palm. I soon found out that although my birthday made me a Taurus I was probably something called a rising Gemini because, she assured me, "Most Taurus's are short, uncreative and not very versatile, while Gemini's tend to be quick minded. I also learned that I would move around a lot in my life, marry twice, father one child, have a lot of money go through my hands and that my next romance will be with someone from out of my past. So if you don't see my byline next issue I am either shackled up with Trudy Wittershoven (who used to steal my baby formula) or working for the Bank of Montreal in Lower Mabou.



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