Psychic's spirit guide is Tuscarora Indian

By Barbara Reed Day Staff Writer

MONTVILLE — "Sometimes, I feel his presence. Not always do I see him."

That's the way Carl Hewitt, a psychic, describes his awareness of a Tuscarora Indian who has been his spirit guide since he was a boy.

The Indian lived about 300 years ago on the shores of the Shallotte River in southeastern North Carolina, not far from where Hewitt lived until he was 17.

Those years were marked with loneliness for Hewitt who was unable to explain the strange people and messages he received.

Others, including his family, thought he was cursed. It was the work of the devil, they said.

Not funny then

"I was the black sheep of the family. No one understood me." He laughs about it now, but it hurt then, he says.

It wasn't until he was 23 that he met someone else who heard other voices and saw other people and yet was not considered strange — a psychic medi-

He had taken a friend to a church meeting in Willimantic. And, as the medium talked, he realized that her experiences matched his. He could also hear the spirit messages she was receiving.

She singled him out, he recalls, and described his Indian. She also predicted he would attract wide media coverage, eventually be proud of his ability and that she and he would one day be on the same stage together because of the psychic

Predictions correct

"All of it has happened — the last just a few years ago when we were on the stage together in Storrs. Neither of us knew the other was there. We were part of a large program about the psychic



Carl Hewitt (Day Photo by Robert Patterson)

field," says Hewitt.

A soft-spoken man, whom many know as a hairdresser, Hewitt smiles easily.

He speaks candidly about his gifts of clairvoyance, clairaudience and healing. He has stacks of letters because of them.

In one, a Mystic man admitted he had scoffed when his wife decided to consult Hewitt about a midsing member of the family.

His opinion, however, changed when Hewitt's prediction to the wife later came true.

Hewitt is accustomed now to praise, unlike the criticism of his early years.

But, he warns, it is not to be interpreted as his ability.

"I am only an instrument. It is a gift.

His office is decorated with several Indian figures, symbolic of his guide who speak through him, and Bibles of every description. All were gifts.

Hewitt cited I Corinthians, Chapter 12, and John, Chapter 4, in the Bible as a few of many sections describing mediums.

"The gifts of spirit are recorded in the Bible from beginning to end. And, if they took the psychic phenomenon out, there would be nothing left in the Bible but a history book," said Hewitt.

He said the fourth chapter in John shows that Jesus was giving what would be called a reading today when he talked to the woman at the well in Samaria.

"It's all there — right in the Bible. But, it's unfortunate that after all this time orthodox religion has really not fully accepted it," said Hewitt.

But people in general have accepted. It's part of the wave of interest in spirit which he says he predicted on television in 1969 would begin in the mid-70's.

He says the interest that he encounters daily is staggering. People from all walks of life come from as far away as California for readings, to learn about the gifts and seeking information.

Hewitt was ordained as a minister for the National Spiritualist Association of Churches in 1972.

Beginning in May, he will devote all his time toward building a new church—to be called Gifts of Spirit—on three acres on Sunrise Hill in Salem and toward opening a new psychic research center in the basement of his shop at 1595 Rt. 85 in Chesterfield.

His awareness classes, open to selected students, will also be expanded.

Hewitt left Wednesday for a six-week tour in the South. He also plans to meet with Ruth Stapleton, President Jimmy Carter's sister and psychic healer.

Only one out of 24 are actually born with the gift of spirit, Hewitt says. "All others at times are quite gifted but mentally shut themselves off."

The earth plane," he asserts, "is the

kindergarten of our life."

About death, he says people go from the earthly existence to another as easily as going through a door. "And everybody, regardless of who they are, becomes clairvoyant and claiaudient just before they die. You do not die alone because you see those waiting to guide you," he says.