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"There's one 12-year-old boy there who is deaf. He can't hear the music but he comes over and puts his head on the accordion to feel the vibrations. They wanted to pull him off, but I said to leave him alone. It's



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You may have said some of your college instructors were clowns, but it's a guarantee they weren't as good as Stan. At left, Stan says too much makeup hides facial expressions, so he only goes with partial whiteness.



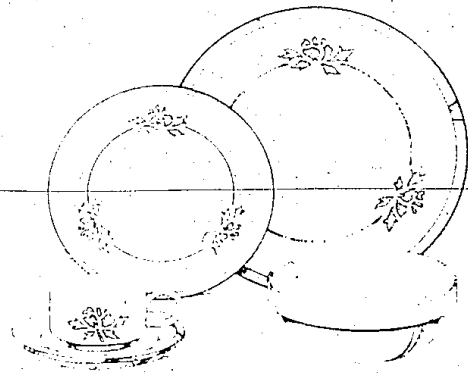
Clowns have an obligation to play the straight and narrow while in costume, Stan says. It helps uphold the image of clowns.

'When I walk away from a crowd of people and see a lot of smiles, I feel good.'

At the other end of the spectrum, Tokarz performs before his favorite audience: older people. "I'm 66 years old and I feel that people my age need to be entertained," Tokarz visits about 12 nursing homes a month. He especially enjoys playing polkas and other ethnic favorites on his accordion. He tops off his performance

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