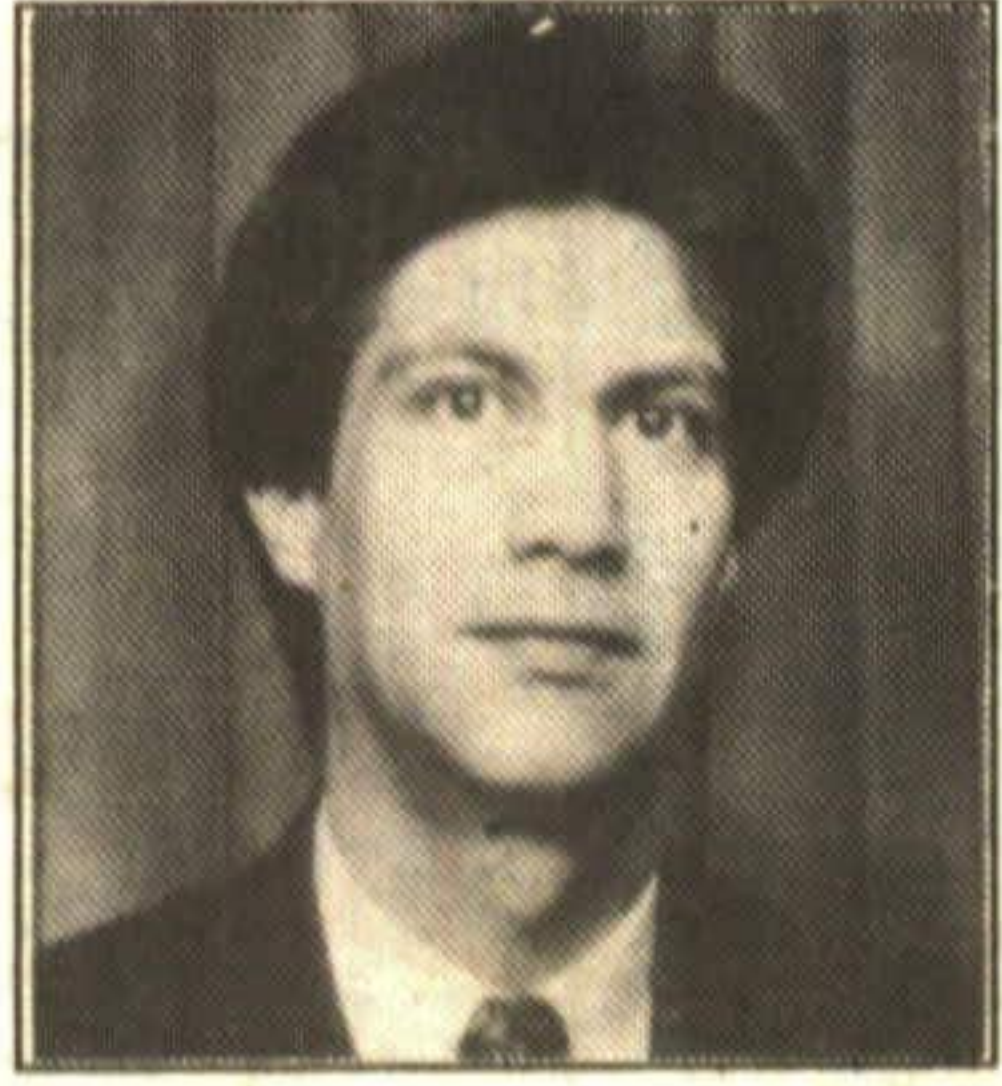


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# Minister doubles as 'Plunker the Clown'

By **JANET BAINE**  
Staff writer

Rev. Andrew Asbil, the minister at St. Alban's Church in Acton, is often called by another name: Plunker.

It's not a name you'd normally associate with a minister, but then not many ministers are clowns.

Surprisingly, Asbil says clowning fits in very well with his vocation.

"Clowns have been a part of the church for a long time. It's not new, it's very, very old," he says. "Primitive societies, like the Hopi Indians, had clowns which were called mud heads. They brought joy, and they also brought the chiefs back down to earth."

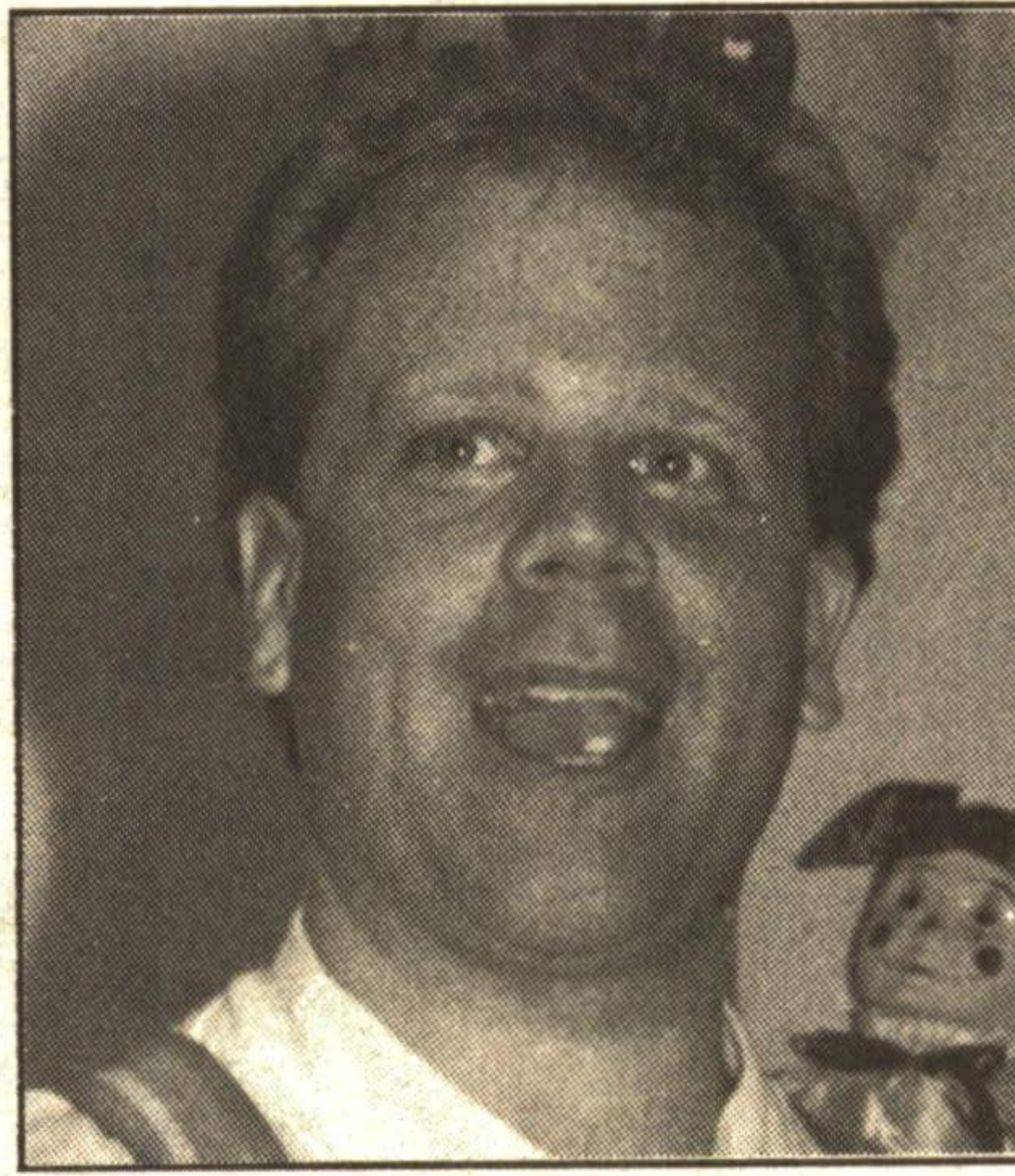
In the Middle Ages, clowns were called holy interrupters. The literacy rate was low at that time, and clowns dramatized stories and woke people up in the huge churches, where they were often very far away from the action, and prone to nodding off. But then, according to Asbil, the Bishops didn't like the way the clowns criticized them, and ran them out of the church. The clowns then joined the gypsies roaming the countryside, and the first circuses were formed.

"In the 60s, we began to recover the clown and find a new place for it. It's received well in some congregations and not in others," Asbil says. He belongs to the Creative

Ministries Network, a group of church people who are mimes, storytellers, dancers and clowns who use these skills for liturgical purposes. Asbil hasn't used clowning very much in St. Alban's church yet, because people aren't used to clowns anymore, and need to be educated about them.

"I have only done it twice here. It grows on you gradually, and maybe later I'll do it more," he says. "I have to do some education around the clown, teaching people about it, so that folks don't see it as just another gimmick."

A clown helps people to use their imagination, to transform objects and to overcome obstacles. For instance, Asbil often asks people to take a large peacock feather and make it stand up straight in their hand. People enjoy dancing



Rev. Andrew Asbil made a presentation to ASSIC on clowning recently.

around as they eventually manage to balance the feather.

"The clown taps the child within for all of us. The joy, the innocence and the silliness that are innate to all of us," Asbil says. A bad clown will make fun of people, but good clowning means being sensitive to people,

respectful and setting up clear parameters.

"The clown likes to touch people, not just physically, but emotionally and spiritually. When I'm a clown, I'm not just an entertainer," he says.

Asbil graduated from theological school at the University of Western Ontario in 1988. He was an assistant priest at St. George's Church in Guelph before he came to St. Alban's Church in Acton two years ago. He is married with no children.

Asbil finds time to do clowning

outside of his church. For instance, he helped students and teachers with the production of The Clowns at Robert Little School this year. He was meeting and greeting people at the Robert Little School carnival May 29 and will be clowning around once again at the Seniors Fair on June 12. Asbil also made a presentation on clowning to Acton Social Services and Information Centre (ASSIC) at the annual general meeting last month.

Asbil first tried clowning when he was in theological school. He and another student, who had already done some clowning, did it for a presentation.

Asbil's clown didn't have a name for two or three years, but gradually he evolved. Asbil says he had a cat, named Plunker, who would keep plunking itself down as if to say, "notice me, notice me, notice me", and Plunker the Clown is the same way. When Asbil puts on his make-up (the white face symbolizes death, and the color is symbolic of the resurrection), he is transformed.

"You're hiding behind that mask, it's another part of your personality. It's wonderful to dance around and act like a complete fool," he says.

"I see the clown as a symbol of joy, and the child-like part of us we often forget is there, because we live in an adult world."



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