

# For And About You

By Harriett Muhammad

**DEAR HARRIETT:** I live in a five room house with my year-old son and an old man who is no relation to me, but who I just felt sorry for and took in. Now, he's about to run me out of my mind—he's nothing but trouble.

He has ten grown children, but he can't stay with any of them. He doesn't do anything but run from house to house and tell a lot of lies. I have asked him to move, but he just won't get out. He will go off and stay two or three days and then come back.

When he's gone, I feel fine, but the minute he comes through the door I feel pestered and don't have the mind to do anything. Can you tell me what I can do to get this pest out of my house and keep him out? I don't want to hurt him, and I don't want you to think I'm crazy, but I will be if I don't get him out of here.—MRS. A. M. S., Gary, Ind.

**DEAR MRS. A. M. S.:** If this old man has ten children who don't want to be bothered with him, then this should have been a clue from the beginning that you may have trouble also.

Ideally, we would expect an old parent, whether or not he is a pest and a burden, to be cared for, if he has ten grown children. They should have made some kind of arrangements between themselves as to where he can stay.

In order for you to be rid of him without just locking him out, you have two alternatives. If you are able to

contact his children, see if you can meet with them and discuss what can be done about their father.

If this is not possible or doesn't work out, look in your phone book or ask your operator for a Legal Aid Society or a similar agency in your city. You can go to their office, pay a small registration fee (about two dollars) and receive the information that you need. Find out what facilities are available in your city for dependent mature citizens.

In some areas, there are communities for the aged, rooms and low rent apartments, or homes. Give this information to this man and tell him to make up his mind where he wants to live

because you are no longer able to accommodate him.

If he is stubborn, deliver his personal belongings to one of his children and leave this problem with them where it should have been all along.

Something on your mind? Write and tell me about it.

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