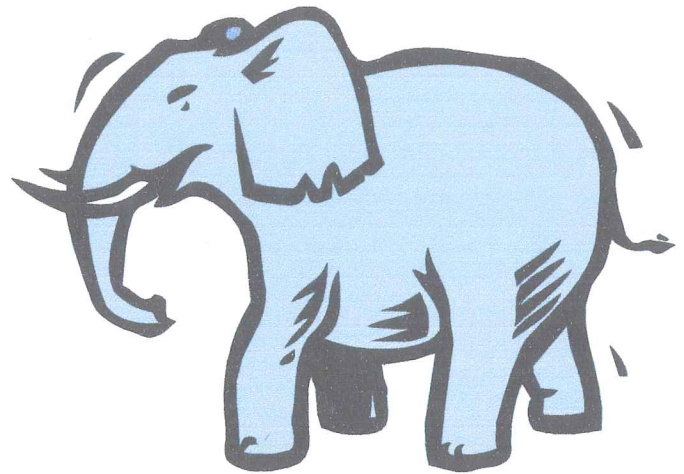


## The Smiths Buy Biggy

One year, the circus came to Flint. There were five elephants that were part of the circus. Herby Smith took his family to see the circus. The family fell in love with the oldest elephant named Biggy. They thought Biggy looked very sad to be part of the circus. Mr. Smith talked the circus owner into letting him buy Biggy.



The family took their new elephant home. They cleared out their garage and made Biggy a home in it. Unfortunately, Biggy barely fit in the garage.

Each day they tied Biggy in their back yard. There was hardly enough room for Biggy to walk around.

The neighbors began to complain about Biggy. He made a lot of loud noises. Twice he stomped on the fence between the Smith family and their neighbors.

Once he got loose. He stomped on most of the bushes in the neighborhood before the Smith family could catch him. He scared a lot of people. The neighbors had had enough. They wanted the city government to do something about this problem.