All in the Family By NANCY WEST

The parent-child relationship has received a one-sided treatment om writers. Most attention has been devoted to what parents ach children, little to what children teach their parents.

Every mother knows the complete surrender of self which cours when her first-born is placed in her arms. Her former ego is ermanently shrunk, her prayer life permanently revived.

Even though Baby may sleep all night from the beginning, its other never does again. She has advanced in will power, thanks him, to Night Tension, a condition outwardly resembling sleep ut from which she can leap upright and land with her head on her nfant's chest. The N.T. reaction is often triggered by quiet breathing a small snort.

Both parents benefit character-wise from the first child, of ourse, but too much notice has been taken of poor New Father and is sufferings while New Mother hovers over the bassinet. Has Irma litched Gerald for Junior? Don't Irma and Gerald go dancing anymore? Has anyone realized how much Gerald is profiting from this pheaval of his domestic universe? Let him suffer a little if he wants but most new dads have little time to stand watching their wives atch the baby. Dad is either outside hanging up diapers or downtown naking enough money to meet education policy payments.

Dancing? Now Baby has taught his parents a new concept of pleasure: serving his needs. His crooked, tentative smile at four eeks (yes, he is precocious) sends these two soaring to new heights of joy.

All the conquests of muscle and mind that Baby makes in his irst year fill his parents with pride, but it is not the same pride tripped from them in suffering at his advent. It is pride in him, and it is founded on wide-eyed awareness of the goodness of God in rusting them with such a treasure.

When Baby is two years old, his parents' humility and trust row through exercise. They are often heard praying aloud, "Give me strength," and "O Lord, help us!" Their heartfelt cries may follow he 49th replacing of all the pots and pans or a fruitless search for the ar keys.

Parental suffering is usually minimal when the child leaves for first day of school. Real suffering begins on their first night of P.T.A. Vast opportunities lie before them for putting aside selfish inerests in favor of Group Purpose. Through the school years they are lated to follow their children, a sort of protective rear guard given to nel discussions, cake sales, workshops on nutrition, and other enshling good works.

The tendency of children to get older and older is a deterrent to heir parents' vanity. "Only her hairdresser knows for sure," cannot be said of the bottle blonde in the company of young Gerald who has ust registered Democratic.

When, then, aren't most parents quite saintly? Is it perhaps beause after all these years of growth and humility, parents become randparents? And there is no help for pride in grandchildren. It is pure deep, and incorruptible because any flaw in the little darlings a naturally attributable to the other side of the family.

* * * Reader, dear, when are you going to write? 3352 Willow Oak Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28209

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The cities where the advertising will be placed are: Albermarle, Elkin, Wallace, Hendersonville, Elkin, Morehead Ahoskie, Lillington City and Shelby. William W. Scott, State Warden, will continue for the third year as State Catholic Advertising Chairman.



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The twenty-four diocesan seminarians have just completed a two week Latin Clinic under the direction of Mr. Louis Palanca, Chairman of the Department of Classics at the University of North Dakota. Fifteen of the twenty-five seminarians are residents of North Carolina.

Msgr. Stack of Extension Speaks At St. Raphael Dedication

brook, N.C. will be blessed and Rev. John Richardson installed as first pastor on Sunday, July 10th. Bishop Vincent S. Waters will preside at the blessing and installation at the new parish seven miles north of Raleigh.

Monsignor Kenneth G. Stack, Acting President of the Church Extension Society of America will deliver the sermon at the cere-monies which will take place at the 11:00 A.M. Sunday Mass. The Extension Society has been instrumental in providing contributions to the new Church. Mrs. Joseph Hartnett of New York has contributed \$20,000 to the modern Church which was designed by the firm of Holloway-Reeves.

The Church is set in a property comprising thirty-five acres. building dating back to 1820, which once served as a roadside tavern, has been refurnished and will serve as a rectory. The parish will serve some two hundred families, most of whom have come into the State over the past five years. The cost of the new Church was \$150,000.

Monsignor Stack, head of the Extension Society will be a guest of the Bishop for a few days. The

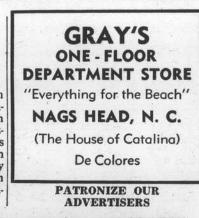
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