THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

GIANT
THE QUALITY FOOD PEOPLE

PLUS DOUBLE COUPONS... see store for details Please, No Coupon Clubs

Assorted Flavors
100% Natural La Yogurt
2 6-oz. cups 89¢

USDA Grade A Fresh
Pick of the Chix
1 lb. 29
Perdue Pick of the Chix lb. 1 39

Whole, 18 to 30 lbs.
Boneless Beef Bottom Rounds
Can Be Custom Cut at No Extra Charge
Giant Lean lb. 1 59
USDA Choice lb. 1 79

Eastern Apples
Red Delicious
3-lb. bag 99¢

California Seedless
Ruby Red Grapes
lb. 79¢

Genuine Loose Idaho
Baking Potatoes
3 lbs. $1

Del Monte Assorted
Vegetable Classics
10-oz. pkg. 99¢

Hudson
Flair Napkins
pkg. of 120 59¢

Regular or Caffeine Free Diet Coke or
Classic Coke
12-pack 12-oz. cans 2 89

1/2 PRICE SPECIALS

Piñata Assorted Varieties
Supreme Burritos
Reg. 93¢

Fresh Baked
Giant Wheat Bread
Reg. 77¢
38¢

Cat Litter
Multi Cat Litter
Reg. 2.59
1 29

Swiss Miss
Instant Hot Cocoa Mix
Milk Chocolate, Double Rich, with Mini-Marshmallows or Lite (6-oz.)
Reg. 1.73
86¢

Assorted
Flair Pens
Reg. 1.09
54¢

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THE LIVING CHURCH

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Minister's Mrs. is miffed!

New book sheds light on old problem

By Darryl Elwood Owens
AFRO Staff Writer

WASHINGTON

"The concert last night was absolutely hideous ... and had I not been the minister's wife, I would have been home watching television, like everyone else ... There were times in the service, when I wanted to stand up and scream 'Shut up!' Then I'd glance over at my husband and quickly change my mind..."

"After all, it was my JOB to live a lie. I had to smile and nod my head to those disgusting sounds that they called music. After all, if you're a minister's wife, you lie, don't you?"

"Isn't that what we are supposed to do?"

The "confession" you've just read was an excerpt from a new book entitled "Sick and Tired of Being a Minister's Wife!," by Shirley D. Wise, who has been married to her husband, the Rev. C. D. Wise for over 15 years.

Pulling no punches, the book gets straight to the "nitty gritty" of the myth and mystic of marriages to men of the cloth.

"The book speaks to those ministers and wives who are interested in getting their lives together and who want to make a successful go at making it as a team," Wise explained.

"It's like a mirror (acting) as a reflection of the whole church. It doesn't sugarcoat anything."

Wise said the 171-page, three-part book was written from her perspective with input from friends who have lived through the uncertainty and related stress that often accompanies minister marriages.

"Most of the time ministers are torn between his "church bride" and his wife. I think the minister is kind of confused to what he's supposed to be doing. A lot of wives suffer because the minister sacrifices them to do the work of the Lord," Wise said.

"They (ministers) shirk their responsibilities by putting the church first and not God. Most ministers can't distinguish between church and God."

Often, minister's wives' are neglected, forced to do things they don't want to and keep a perpetual "happy face" in front of the congregation, Wise said.

SHIRLEY D. WISE discusses the trials and tribulations of being a pulpit spouse in her new book "Sick and Tired of Being a Minister's Wife."

"It takes a special type of woman," Wise said "I wouldn't recommended it to just anyone. They (prospective ministers' wives) need to look before they leap. A lot of ministers are quacks ... and a lot of people won't say that."

"If he's not a real minister he won't be a real husband."

The Columbus, Ohio resident was primed for her often trying spiritual bonding at an early age.

Wise, who is originally from North Carolina, moved to Baltimore, Md. when she was eight and attended secondary school there.

As fate would have it, she met her future husband, Rev. C. D. Wise, III, as an elementary school student.

She and her future husband attended the same schools and worshipped in the same church.

"We received the same upbringing," she said.

She attended Coppin State University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. From there, Wise moved on to Johns Hopkins and tacked a Masters of Science as a reading specialist to her credentials.

After they wed, the Wises moved to Providence, RI, where Rev. Wise pastored for several years. Later, the two moved to Columbus, Ohio where Wise has pastored for the last five years.

She stressed "Sick and Tired of Being a Minister's Wife!" was written to address a situation which previously had been overlooked not to blast ministers.

"I wrote the book because I've seen so many crazy things in the ministry," Wise said.

"... I can't quite understand how members in a congregation can trip over their minister's wife's feet, not utter a word to her, and stand bold faced in front of her husband with words of love ..."

"It's not that it's done maliciously, but it's done," she added.

Yet, despite the hardships minister's wives face, Rev. Wise was not thrilled with the book's premise.

"When I first came up with the idea, he (her husband) didn't like it at all. He looked at it as an attack. My husband is a pretty prominent minister. It took five years before I wrote the first word."

Wise said she and her husband attended a religious conference at Hampton University which eventually turned the tide in her favor.

"After five years he got used to the idea. He was very instrumental in naming chapters. He even wrote the foreword to the book. He has seen how helpful its (the book) been by the letters I've received," she said.

"We can't really go about doing the work of the Lord with all these trivial things getting in the way."

"I was really surprised they all sold out since it was a group of ministers there. A lot of people have asked for a sequel because it's down to earth. I highly recommend it for congregations. It heightens the consciousness level of the group," Wise said.

For those interested in obtaining copies of "Sick and Tired of Being a Minister's Wife!" please call 1-800-582-7788 or write Wise Works Publications at P.O. Box 03314 Columbus, Ohio 43203.

A WORD OF HOPE

By Maxine L. Wallace
Church News Editor

"Let us come before His presence with Thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms."

Psalm 95:2

The Lord is good and He is worthy to be praised. He has blessed us to see another day. It is good to be in the land of the living.

As long as I have breath will I sing praises unto my God . . . for He has done great things for me. Oh Lord, our God, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!

The Lord is gracious and full of mercy. He is perfect in all of His ways. The Lord's compassion fails not . . . The Bible says that His mercies are new every morning.

Let us come before His presence with Thanksgiving. Oh, give thanks unto the Lord!

When I think of His goodness, somehow, it causes me to want to just praise Him from the depths of my being.

Yes . . . It is good that we should give thanks unto our God . . . for praise is comely . . . The Bible says He inhabits the praises of His people.

Lift up your hands . . . Lift up your voice and sing praises unto our God . . . Exalt Him in your testimonies in the sanctuary.

If the Lord has done anything for you, you ought to give Him the praise. In fact, let your life be a thank offering unto Him.

Yes . . . He does inhabit the praise of His people . . . He dwells in the praises of His people . . . He lives in the praises of His people . . . Oh, magnify the Lord with me . . . and let us exalt His name together.

And so it is that praise ushers us into the throne room of God. Praise ushers us into the very presence of God. . . . The Bible says in His presence is fullness of joy. Oh, how wonderful it is to be in the presence of the Lord . . . to feel His loving presence all around me . . . To know that He is closer to me than my very breath.

Have you ever had a midnight experience . . . when it felt like all of life's circumstances and trials were crushing you . . . Have you ever felt like you had your back against a wall and there was no one to turn to, no place to hide?

Sometimes, pressures and cares of this world will seek to take away our joy, and leave us feeling drained, and even wondering does Jesus really care.

But I'm so glad that there is power in praise . . . There is healing in praise . . . There is victory in praise!

But not always do we feel like praising the Lord . . . Not always do we feel like lifting up holy hands and exalting His name on high.

Beloved, we must let our praise be a sacrifice of praise . . . Even if you didn't get the raise you were expecting . . . even if you aren't able to live in a mansion . . . even though you can't afford to wear the finest clothes . . . God is still worthy to be praised.

Make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms . . . with the highest praise . . . Oh magnify the Lord . . . For He is worthy to be praised.

Beloved, we ought to praise the Lord just because of who He is.

He is the Almighty God . . . He is a rock in a weary land . . . He is my comfort by day and my song in the night . . . He is the high and lifted up Lord God of Hosts. . . .

He is a loving Father . . . His love is so great that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus, to die on the cross that we might have everlasting life.

Thank God for Jesus . . . Thank Him that Jesus is not still in a tomb; for early one Sunday morning . . . He arose from the dead . . . with all power in His hands . . . And that power is available to us, through Jesus Christ. . . .

"Let us come before His presence with Thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto HIm with psalms."

Metro Church Briefs

Saturday Night Song

Saturday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m., Mount Pisgah AME Church in Columbia, Md., will present a "Saturday Night Sing" gospel music program. It will be held at the First Baptist Church of Guilford, 7504 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia.

Local gospel groups will be participants in the program. The special guests will be "Revelation," a contemporary gospel music group from Boston, Massachusetts. Rev. Dana Swann is the Pastor of Mount Pisgah A.M.E. Church.

2nd National Conference on Reparations

Shilon A.M.E. Church and the Self Determination Committee, Inc. are jointly sponsoring the Second National Conference on Reparations for black people. This conference will take place on November 18-19 at St. John A.M.E. Church, located at 810 Carrollton Ave.

Sunday November 20, 1988 has been designated "Reparations Sunday with services held at Shiloh A.M.E. Church located 2601 Lyndhurst Ave. (at Mondawmin Ave.)

Featured speakers for the conference include Rev. Theodore Ramoses Amenhotep, pastor, Shiloh A.M.E. Church; Dr. Gossie Harold Hudson, Ph.D., Morgan State University; Dr. Jessie McDade-Bey, Ph.D. Morgan State University;

Robert Brock, founder self-determination committee; Ms. Dorothy Lewis, social science analyst, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as well as other national experts, teachers, and leaders.

The community is encouraged to attend this conference to learn more about the establishment, implementation, and operation of reparations programs for black people.

Homecoming revival

Chestnut Grove African Methodist Episcopal Church in Street, Md., will be celebrating its's annual homecoming revival and homecoming during the month of November. The homecoming revival will be held Nov. 9 thru 11 at 7:30 p.m. On Nov. 9th Rev. Patricia Outlaw from Mt. Joy A.M.E. Church will deliver the message.

Nov. 10th Rev. Brehon Hall from Bethel A.M.E. Church in Baltimore will be the preacher. And on Nov. 11th Rev. Louis Oliver from Fairview A.M.E. Church will deliver the message. Finally on Nov. 20th at 4 p.m. the church will celebrate homecoming.

The Rev. Jonathan L. Weaver from Greater Mt. NEBO A.M.E. Church will deliver the afternoon message. Come and receive a major blessing!! everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Senior Citizens recognition

Senior Citizens Recognition at The City Temple of Baltimore Eutaw & Dolphin Street, November 13, 1988, at 7:45 a.m. The guest speaker is Rev. Marshall Prentice from Zion Baptist Church, at 10:45 a.m. the Rev. Grady A. Yeargin will speak.

On Sunday, November 20, 1988 at 7:45 a.m. guest speaker will be Rev. Robert Hunt, from Good Shepherd Baptist. At 10:45 a.m. Rev. Richard Dickens will also speak.

Sunday, November 27, 1988 is Family and Friend Day. At 7:45 a.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Howard Queen. At 10:45 a.m. Rev. Grady A. Yeargin, Jr; will speak.

There will be an inspirational breakfast November 12, 1988, at Enon Baptist Church, 601 North Edmondson Avenue at 8:30 a.m. Guest speakers will be Mrs. Amie Dunlap from St. Matthews Methodist, Mrs. Ola Ford from Enon Baptist, Dr. Majorie Adams from Shiloh Baptist, and Mrs. Patsy Easley from Enon Baptist.

There will be a morning worship service November 13, 1988, at Enon Baptist Church on 601 North Edmondson Avenue. From Indianapolis, IN. There will also be a fellowship reception at 1:30 p.m. and music by Synkor, Minister of Music from Enon Baptist and Mr. Cleveland Chandler, Jr. on the violin.

Shiloh Christian Community Church

The Courtesy Circle of Shiloh Christian Community Church, 2500 West Lombard Street, will be celebrating its 31st anniversary, Sunday November 20, at 3:30 p.m.

Special guest preacher is Reverend Dr. Robert Hunt and Good Shepard Baptist Church and everyone is invited to come and share an afternoon of worship and fellowship.

City-wide prayer vigil

The Interdenominational Women Ministerial Alliance of Baltimore (IWMA) is sponsoring a "City Wide Mass Power Vigil." We are deeply concerned about the plight of citizens of this city and we aim to address the problems with prayer.

City wide mass prayer vigil, Saturday, November 19, 6:00 P.M. City of God Church 4041 Rogers Ave (Corner Reisterstown) Sylvia Sartor, pastor.

Fulton Baptist Church

For over 20 months now, the Fulton Baptist Church Family has been worshiping at the James Weldon Johnson Auditorium, Coppin State College . . . they are inviting everyone to their annual men and women's day, November 13 at Coppin.

Guest speaker will be for the 11 a.m. service, Rev. Frances Jolley of Browns Memorial Baptist Church . . . for the 4 p.m. service, Rev. Leon Jones associate minister of the Browns Memorial Baptist Church.