

Options 'Shaft', A Novel About Black Private Eye

NEW YORK, N. Y. — "Shaft," a novel by Ernest Tidyman published this spring by The Macmillan Company has just been optioned by MGM for a movie. It will be produced by Shaft Productions, a company formed by Stirling Silliphant (Academy Award Winner for "In the Heat of the Night"), Roger Lewis (a co-producer of "The Pawnbroker"), and Ernest Tidyman. The film is scheduled to begin shooting in New York City probably in October.

Who is "Shaft?"
—Philip D'Antoni, producer of "Bullitt" says, "If Bullitt had been black, he would have been Shaft."
—Jim Haskins, author of Diary of a Harlem School Teacher says that Shaft is "cool, slick, smart, dangerous. A new and very different kind of black man—a black man too many of us know too little about."

What is Shaft?
—Harry Belafonte says that "Shaft" is a "fantastic... exciting... moving story. Held me from beginning to end."
—Frank P. Rosenberg, producer of "Madigan" proclaims "Shaft" to be "the best New York crime story since 'The Commissioner.'"

—Godfrey Cambridge says, "I recommend 'Shaft'. Black is beautiful—but it's even groovier when it's even groovier when it's backed with muscles, guns, six and a kind of boomtown excitement."

John Shaft, beautiful and gutsy is a black private eye in New York City. He is very real and very involved—in a rock-existentialist way.
The kingdom of Harlem is being threatened, and it is Shaft's job to resettle the foundation. Sooner or later

"Shaft" has to deal with the Matfoso, the Black Militants, the Manhattan Police, City Hall, and the black crime-boss, Knoeks Persons.

Dr. Quarles Addresses Club Leaders

PETERSBURG, Va. — Dr. Walker H. Quarles, Jr., acting president of Virginia State College, expressed greetings to the ladies of the Garden Clubs of Virginia, and then crowned the queen at the annual pageant, held in the Owens Hall auditorium at Virginia State College Wednesday evening.

Miss Elizabeth P. Still, a life member of the club, past president of Perennial Garden Club of Danville and the fourth district, was crowned by Dr. Quarles as the 1970 "Queen of the Garden Clubs of Virginia" with a first place turn-in of \$387. Members of the "Queen's Court" were Mrs. Mary Banks of Hampton, who turned in \$5 less than the queen, Mrs. Annie Taylor of Petersburg, third-place winner and Mrs. Dorothea McCutcheon of Waynesboro. A total of nearly \$1,000 was received from the four contestants.

Graced by a "background theme of 'Trees In Our Travel'", five past presidents of the Garden Clubs paraded in review across stage and were honored prior to the crowning of the queen.

A reception followed the pageant at the home of Mrs. Juanita J. Harris, a member of the Garden Clubs, of 1724 West Clara Dr. in Petersburg. More than 100 members and guests attended.



SCOUTS HONOR CHAIRMAN-Whitney M. Young, Jr., left, executive director of the National Urban League, joins Life Scout Samuel Lawrence, 15, in congratulating Philip B. Hofmann, chairman of the board of Johnson & Johnson, on receiving the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. Mr. Young was guest speaker at a dinner honoring Mr. Hofmann to raise funds for inner city scouting programs in Central New Jersey.

Housing Fund Announced

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Secretary George Romney of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced fund reservations under the College Housing Loan Program which will support construction of nearly \$250 million in college housing and dining facilities.

Additional debt service grant reservations are expected after Congressional approval of HUD supplemental appropriations. Total HUD assistance will support about 37,000 student housing units and 70,000 dining spaces.

The action involves reservations for 62 direct loans to educational and medical teaching institutions totaling \$53,677,000 and reservations for 107 debt service grants amounting to \$6,494,080.

The debt service grant are annual payments for up to 40

St. Augustine's Receives 20 Gs Grant

Dr. Prezell R. Robinson, president of Saint Augustine's College, and William R. Lybrook, president of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Inc., of Winston-Salem, have announced the receipt of a \$20,000 grant for Saint Augustine's from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation.

The funds will be used to purchase equipment for the new four-story classroom building, which will be ready for occupancy September 1.

One of the main features of the classrooms building will be the amphitheater which will occupy one-fourth of the basement, and will seat 250 people. The amphitheater will be designed for dramatic presentations, to accommodate large classes, and telelecture programs. The other part of the basement will contain seminar rooms, a language laboratory and classrooms equipped for early childhood education.

These facilities will widen the scope of the existing services of Saint Augustine's.

Shaw U. Gets HUD Contracts To Develop Training Materials

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has awarded a \$75,000 contract to Shaw University, Raleigh, to develop training materials for personnel in community development programs.

Shaw, one of the Nation's leading Black universities, was one of three successful bidders of more than 50 applicants. The other two contracts went to Temple University, Philadelphia Pa., and Training Research and Development, Inc., Washington, D. C. for \$27,000 and \$31,000, respectively.

Announcing the award today at Shaw, Samuel C. Jackson, HUD Assistant Secretary for Metropolitan Planning and Development, said, "HUD aid for development of new techniques and training for personnel in community-oriented programs will lead to more effective response to the critical human as well as physical ills in communities across the Nation."

He applauded the "innovative and imaginative" approach to training contained in the Shaw proposal, which involves a "three-dimensional" training

program in the fields of social services aide, services expeditor and public planning.

For each field, the University will conduct detailed analyses of the jobs as they are performed in a variety of settings, develop a series of job descriptions, create appropriate career ladders for employees in or entering the field, and produce three interrelated training programs.

The basic training program in each field will be designed to prepare an individual for full-time employment at sub-professional or paraprofessional levels.

Marcus Garvey Backers Call For All African Convention

NEW YORK, N. Y. — Fifty years ago this August, Marcus Garvey promoted the 1st All African People's Convention. It will be 70 years in August, 1970, since Black people from all over the world first answered a Call to Convention that was sponsored by the UNIA under the leadership of Marcus Garvey.

The results of that convention are the most inspiring and progressive pages in the history of the Black race since the advent of the African Slave Trade, over 400 years ago. The Advance Guard of the African Nationalist Pioneer

Movement is proudly sponsoring A Call to Convention, August 16, 1970 in commemoration of this memorable feat and simultaneously reactivate an era that will outline any previously era in the history of man-kind.

Let's review the last 50 years and plan for the next 50,000 years.

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Band Echoes

Walter Egerton, newly elected Band Treasurer for 1970-'71. His parents are Rev. and Mrs. Walter Egerton. He plays Tuba, percussion and piano. He will attend the Governor's School this summer. He attends the Springfield Baptist Church and the Good Samaritan Baptist Church. For the Springfield Baptist Church he is on the Usher Board. In the Junior Choir and is Vice President of the B.U. He serves on the Usher Board for the Good Samaritan Baptist Church. He is an outstanding member of the Ligon Band organizations and a member of the Dramatics Club. He plans to further his education at Georgia Tech or North Carolina State University in engineering.

James M. Dae, plays a members of the saxophone family, drums and Bb Clarinet. He is a member of First Baptist Church. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Vinson. In addition to the band he is a member of the Esquires.

He plans to attend North Carolina State University, Georgia Tech or Howard University in the area of Aerospace Engineering. He will be one of the saxophone section leaders next fall.

Christopher Jerome Hinton, past drum major and student director of the Ligon Concert Band will attend Winston-Salem State University next fall as a music major. He is a member of the Methodist Church. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hinton. He was a member of the Knights of Soul Club. His playing medium is the Saxophone.

Patricia Singletary intends to become an Inhalation Therapist or a Finger Print Technician. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Singletary. She is a member of the Martin Street Baptist Church. In the Concert and Marching Bands she played the Bell Lyre and Orchestra Bells. She was valuable as a bank and file guide in the Marching Band.

Phyllis Mitchell the daughter of Mrs. Geneva Mitchell also plays the Bell Lyre in the Marching Band and Concert Band. She also serves as a cheer leader. Other memberships include Mu Alpha Theta and the Student Council. She aspires to be a Date-Process Operator.

Geraldine Smith will attend Shaw University as a music major. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Giles. She will attend the university with almost a full tuition grant. Her instrument is the bass clarinet. She served as Treasurer of the Band. Other memberships include The Future Homemakers of America, Modern Music Makers, and the Majorette Squad (Captain for two years). Offices held were Homeroom Treasurer and Student Council Representative.

Larry Darrell Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Williams. His future ambitions are to be a Date Process Operator and Musician. He served the past year as percussionist for the Shaw University Concert Band. He is the new president of the Ligon Bands. He is a member of First Baptist Church. We are expecting a high calibre of leadership and musicianship from him due to his recent experiences and studies with Mr. C. L. Rogers of Shaw University.

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