## Lional Hampton: Master Builder

There seems to be a fairly common belief among young secretaries today that eraduation from high school, business school, or college means that school days are at an end. Once they receive their diplomas, they breathe sighs of relief and bid adieu to classrooms, teachers and books.



Naomi C. McLean

This should not be the case. Education should be a continuing process - if you want to be a success, that is. There's always much to learn, and you can have fun while learning.

Naturally, if you're a working girl, your job should be your primary interest. It isn't wise to go overboard and rush out to classes five nights a week. However, there are probably one or two evenings a week when you have some free time. Why not spend them in school? You may enjoy it - and it's bound to prove worthwhile.

There are a number of things you could study. If you're starting out on your first job, for example, you may find that some of your skills are not so good as you would like them to be. Perhaps you're working for a man who dictates like a "ball of fire," and you just can't keep up. Or you may discover that your punctuation and spelling are not up to par (even though you did get good grades in English). Don't be complacent and simply correct your mistakes after your boss returns your work. You expect increases in your pay check, your boss, in turn, expects you to become a better secretary each day. Therefore, it is your responsibility to learn to do things the right way. And one of the best ways to improve yourself and your skills is by a program of concentrated study.

Before you proceed to take courses at random, it's a wise idea to have a talk with your executive. He may have some good suggestions about schools and programs. And whether or not he can help you, he's sure to be impressed by your ambition.

Many large companies recognize the value of this type of study, and they've set up tuition-refund plans for their employees, in many cases, the company foots half the bill, in others they pay the full amount. Some firms even offer courses within the organization. If your company has any sort of education program, you should investigate its possibilities. You may be very glad you did.

If you're one of those lucky secretaries whose skills are instruction in tiptop shape, you should still be able to find courses righteousness. Can we dare from doantions from that can help you be a more valuable employee. Your job - as secretary to a banker, lawyer, or what have you - will determine what you study, of course. Your company will benefit from your move and so will you. You'll be a more intelligent worker, and you'll find yourself getting much more out of your job when you've learned something about the field in general. Rewards, in the form of fatter pay checks and promotions, will start coming your way.

Even if you're that rare person who is completely happy with his job and sees little reason for career courses, you may find a return to school worthwhile. There are many interesting subjects you can take up for the sheer pleasure of learning something new. Cultural, creative, how-to-do-it, or sports classes can't help but make your life fuller and more enjoyable. You may start one of them as an avocation and find that it opens a new vocation to

Education of any kind is stimulating, broadening, and fun. It keeps you alert, keeps you growing mentally, helps you to become a more attractive person in the eyes of your friends, your fellow workers, and your boss. Once you start learning anew, you'll find no place for boredom in your working or leisure hours. Regardless, Education is Valuable.

#### You & the Law

Reggie Warren Legal Aid Society of Northwest N.C., Inc.

#### New Landlord/Tenant Rights

North Carolina has two new Landlord/Tenant Laws. One of the new laws gives tenants the right to have fit and safe housing. If your place needs repairs, you need to know how to use this new law!

### Who Is Covered By This Law

All housing that people pay to live in is covered by this law - houses, apartments, trailers, public housing. If you God's Word, I think we being my brother's keeper. pay for your place by giving your landlord part of your crop, or if you pay by working for your landlord, this law is for you, too. You do not have to have a written lease to use this law. This law does not cover motel and hotel rooms.

#### What Does The Law Say

The new law says that your landlord must keep your housing fit and safe. It also says that you, the tenant, must pay your rent, keep your place clean, and not damage your place. To make the new law work, both the tenant and the landlord must do their part.

#### What Does The Landlord Have To Do

Obey the local Housing Code. Many towns have passed laws that say what a fit and safe place should have -like window screens, hot and cold water, door locks and more. These laws are called "The Housing Code." To find out if your town or county has a Housing Code and

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Lionel Hampton is known to the world as one of the greatest musicians ever to live. And although his list of credits and accomplishments are endless, there is still another triumph this great American has achieved: urban rehabilitation.

to 1974, Lionel Hampton completed a 355-apartment housing project in Harlem. Not named by him, it was called the Lionel Hampton House. This past summer, hundreds gathered in Harlem along with New York City politicians, community leaders and government officials including the future vice president, to honor the opening of Lionel Hampton's latest humanitarian effort: the Gladys Hampton Houses, a 205-unit complex named after his late wife Gladys.

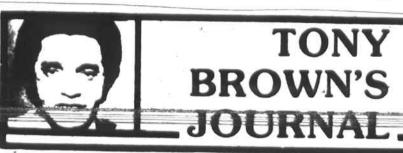
Gladys Hampton was the cornerstone in Lionel Hampton's career and life. When they met in California in 1932, Gladys was a designer to such great celebrities as Joan Crawford and Rosalind Russell. She helped organize some of Hampton's first bands and stood as the main together.

Later when he was invited to join Benny Goodman and his band in 1936, she dropped her career and dedicated her entire life to managing his. Entertainers and musicians from around the world gathered at her funeral in 1971 to pay last respects.

Hampton likes to be quoted as saying "God gave-me the talent, but Gladys gave the inspiration." That statement along with his wife were so dear to him that the inscription is engraved on the cornerstone of the building.

In an interview I taped with Hampton last fall, I became aware of the great compassion this musical giant had for his late wife, his career and the welfare of others.

"She was a wonderful lady," says Hampton. "Outside of being a great wife and a great inspiration to me and a



great guidance, she also was a great businesswoman." Among the things, he was talking about the large

amount of land Gladys had purchased in Las Vegas some years ago where the band frequently played. Recently, Hampton has received seven-figure offers for that same land. But money is not "Hamp's" main concern.

Hampton is a man who is as politically active as the is musically. He has numbered among his closest associates President Ronald Reagan and Richard Nixon. Even his source of his enouragement throughout their years. Nelson Rockefeller, before he became the governor of New York.

Once while playing in Chicago he received word that Rockeller wanted him to play at his home for a family dinner. This was to be the beginning of a relationship that would include Hampton's support for Rockefeller in his campaign for Governor.

"The people down in Harlem were having a hard time getting money to rehabilitate their homes and Governor Rockefeller was putting together a UDC - Urban Development Corporation - for the State of New York. And so the community told me, why don't you ask Governor Rockefeller could he sponsor some of these apartments and new homes down here in our community. So I did. I asked him and he said he would do it. But he said I want you to be the sponsor."

Among the many talents that this master of music has conquered, his role when not bringing the house down in a wild chorus of "Coming Home" is that of a hugely successful businessman. Aside from running two music publishing companies. Lionel Hampton Enterprises has as part of its other ventures two record labels and, of course, the Lionel Hampton Development Corporation.

He has even composed a major symphonic work, "King David's Suite," which he was invited to conduct before a symphony orchestra. And to add scholarly excellence to musical excellence, Hampton possesses honorary Doctor of Music degrees from Allen, Xavier, Pepperdine and Howard Universities. Obviously, his heart belongs to music.

Hampton likes to tell the story of how he met Louie Armstrong while playing at Sabastian's Cotton Club in Harlem: "While we were there, Louis Armstrong came career as a developer started with the help of the late out to headline the show. And Louis' manager heard us and he liked us so well that he left Louis' band in New York City and used us.

"Louis came out and he liked us so well that he took us on a recording session to record for him. And the first number we recorded was a tune that the famous Eubie Blake, had sent him called 'Memories of You."

Once at the studio, Armstrong asked Lionel if he knew anything about an instrument that was lying in the middle of the floor. Hampton, who had never played the instrument before, gave it a try -- and with instant success. That instrument was a vibraharp, which would become the musical monogram for Hampton's music.

Lionel Hampton will always be remembered as a great musician. However, his long existence in the music world is secondary to his dedication to the welfare of others. He is a house filled with love and music.

Tony Brown's Journal, the television series, is shown every Sunday, on Channel WGHP - TV (8) at Il:30 p.m.

#### **Letter To The Editor** From page 4

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Sincerely,

Beverly McCarthy

Please write this write up function. It hurts more background as Rev. Durnell in your paper: For the last and Curry say. Second two years, I have been the Timothy 3:16 tells us that all coordinator of having a scripture is given by inspira- fellowship dinner for all tion of God, and is pro- handicap individuals, givfitable for doctrine, for ing them a free meal, in toothbrushes, which came I have often heard people ly enjoyed. By being a give what appears to be member of the Northwest contradictions from the Epilepsy Association, our Scriptures: A very real error group has broken up. We and problem with that is are connected with the that we are attempting to I.Y.D.P. I don't feel as analyze or explain God! welcome in this group Isaiah 55:8 tells us that because it is racism that God's thoughts are not our seems to be stirring up there thoughts, neither his ways and much discord since our ways. Therefore, it is Mrs. Foster left us and on impossible for us to decide the Mayor's Handicapped

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Senator East has ealled

In closing, I want to istence? Are not these divi- gressmen, Stephen Neal, Kiwanis Club who paid the I do realize that I am whole amount of feeding neither able to explain the the handicapped in our first reasons for the "apparent" fellowship dinner. May contradictions of the Bible. God bless every one of you, But before we decide that so I am stepping down from there are indeed mistakes in the program, but not still would better profit from I am giving time to the the belief that God is indeed Samaritan Soup Kitchen, infallible and just accept it Trans Aid, and my senior as that. Are there mistakes citizens club, where God in the Bible? In my opinion, can be found and no racism no, there are not, but that can enter in, where all is on

Thanks.

Mrs. Mary Sloan Jones

Let the work I have done speak for me.

I send you this letter to express great sympathy for my beloved Baxter Holmany Jr. I was so tight with the family and with

caused a breakdown in my when you are away and can't get leave to share the last moments of someone who was more than a man of nothing but honorable deeds. Would you please

pass my sympathy to the Holman family and try keeping them together for it will be hard because his daughters, Gaye, Fave. Cheryl and son, Tyrone, loved him so much.

I feel as bad as they do. but they must keep going

because they are ahead of life at the time. I haven't been hurt this bad since my mother passed, so express my sympathy for the Holman family and also the Tobe family for the Tobes lost Mr. Tobe during the same time. And to the people in Skyland Park, keep your heads high to the sky. This must be a breakdown for you all. May God bless all of you.

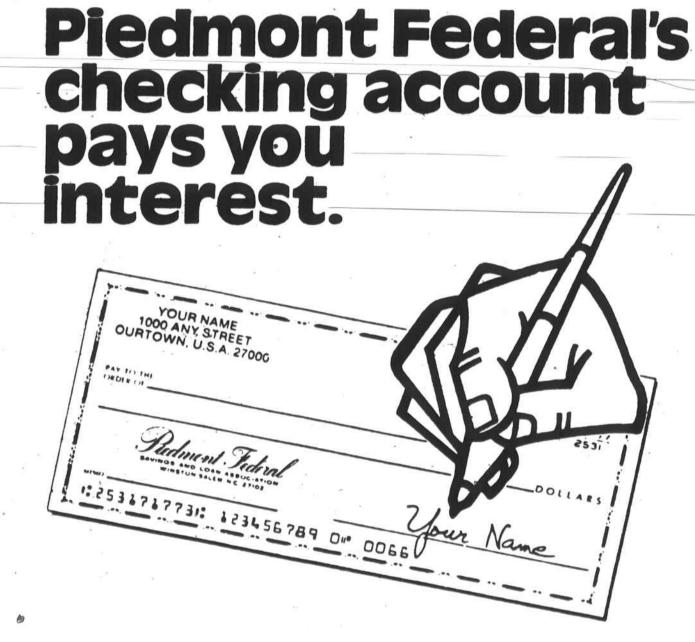
Love Always,

Joel D. Stevenson

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