

First for Canada

Unique award to Shipp founder

The late Gordon S. Shipp, founder of the Shipp Corporation, has been named to the National Association of

Home Builders (NAHB) Hall of Fame.

This is the first time anyone from outside the United States has been selected for the Hall of Fame. The induction will be held May 8 in Washington, D.C.

The announcement was made recently at the NHBA convention in Dallas. The convention had 60,000 delegates and the displays covered more than eight acres in the Convention Centre there.

The NAHB Hall of Fame was established 11 years ago and approximately 125 people who have made a significant contribution to the residential construction industry in the United States have been inducted.

These include many individuals who are past presidents of the association, other members of long standing, and government and financial leaders.

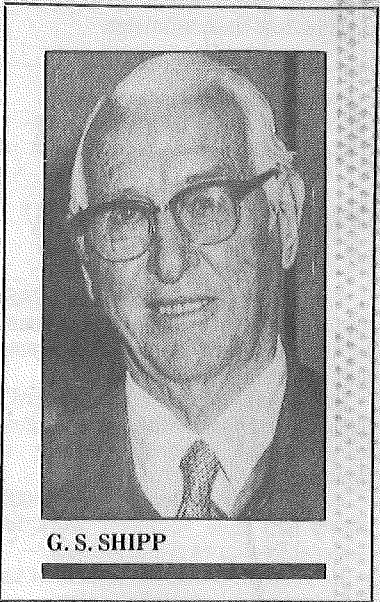
The selection of Gordon S. Shipp comes from the fact he was instrumental in establishing relations between Canadian home builders and the NAHB in 1953, a year before he became president of what is now the Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA).

He officially became liaison director between the Canadian group and NAHB in 1954 and served in that post until 1971 when his son, Harold G. Shipp, became president of the CHBA and replaced his father as liaison director. Harold Shipp continues to hold this position.

NAHB honored Gordon S. Shipp in 1967 by making him the only Honorary Life Director outside the United States.

Harold Shipp said one of the reasons for his father's election to the Hall of Fame "was his introduction of the idea of what is now recognized as home owner warranty being provided by the builders' association to people buying new homes.

"This idea was gleaned from a longstanding relationship between



the Canadian Home Builders and the British Home Builders Association, which was the first to instigate such a program some years before.

"NAHB picked up on this idea and were able to institute what is now a very successful program run under the auspices of NAHB."

Harold Shipp served on the initial founding committee for this program. A few years later the Canadian Home Builders instituted a like home owners' warranty insurance plan for Canadian home buyers.

It was noted Gordon S. Shipp's nomination to the Hall of Fame comes at the same time as another famous "Shipp."

One of the other inductees is former U.S. president Harry S. Truman who is cited for his contribution in the housing bills passed at the end of World War II to get mass housing built for returning members of the armed forces.

Harold Shipp said the "S" in Harry S Truman's name stands for Shipp.

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