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Shipp dynasty built 75 years of success

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While associates of the Shipp family gathered Wednesday night to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Shipp Corporation, they were also there as witnesses to the company's future.

About 350 of Mississauga's luminaries were on hand to help the Shipp family mark the founding in 1923 by Gordon S. Shipp of the firm that went on to build Mississauga's first major housing subdivision.

Gordon H. Shipp, president and COO of the firm and the third generation of

his family to be a builder, introduced the family's 10 grandchildren, ranging in age from 19 to 7.

Company chairman and CEO Harold Shipp reminded everyone the motto of the firm was, "where youth and experience are combined. I guess I was the youth and the chief (his father Gordon S.) was the experience."

The new youth — Harold's grandchildren — will be looking to Gordon as the experience now, much as Gordon has looked to Harold for guidance.

"I say I love you all and I appreciate the kindness you have had for us all these 75 years," the elder Shipp said.

He praised the staff "who worked with us, not for us," in helping to build the company.

Shipp took time to talk about each of his three children — Catharine Wells, Victoria Shipp-Colter and Gordon — for making their future the continuation of the Shipp Corporation.

Homage

Greetings were brought by Ward 3 councillor Maya Prentice, Milton mayor Gord Krantz, Mississauga South MPP Margaret Marland, and former Metro Toronto chairman Allan Tonks.

In the audience were people such as developers Iggy Kaneff and S. Bruce McLaughlin, and former city planner Russ Edmonds, who, like Shipp, helped create Mississauga out of dairy pastures.

Veteran politicians such as former Mississauga mayor Ron Searle, former Ward 1 councillor Harold Kennedy, and former Etobicoke mayors Dennis Flynn and Bruce Sinclair were also on hand.

Searle noted it was the Shipp family who bridged the gap between a sleepy Toronto Township and today's bustling City of Mississauga when they started developing Applewood Acres in 1951.

Harold Shipp said his hope is that everyone in Mississauga could reap the same success his family has had over the years. "I would wish everyone the same," he said. "I would wish that they too come to know and enjoy what we have over the past 75 years."



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Harold and June Shipp were greeted at the door of the Granite Club by honor guard Const. Don Mawson and his horse "Teddy" of the Toronto Police Ceremonial Dress Detail.