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LUCY SHIELDS MORGAN

Lucy Shields Morgan is an internationally known health educator whose innovative work for a quarter of a century centered in this University, but it had world-wide impact. A native of Louisiana, she earned degrees from the University of Tennessee, Columbia, and Yale. Immediately prior to coming to this institution in 1942, she effectively demonstrated in Fayetteville, North Carolina, how to mobilize a community to solve social and health problems.

The first graduate training program for public health educators in the United States was set up here by Dr. Morgan, attracting, in twenty-five years, more than five hundred persons from twenty countries. Graduates now serve in key positions in national and world health organizations, and the program has served as a prototype for other schools of public health. With Dr. James E. Shepard, she organized a similar program at North Carolina College in Durham for the training of black professionals, and in a time when that was difficult, she courageously integrated the two groups of students in many ways.

Dr. Morgan has participated in the work of numerous organizations; most notably, she has served as President of the Society of Public Health Educators, and she has accepted assignments by the World Health Organization to Brazil, Burma, Egypt, India, Iran, Lebanon, Malaysia, and Sri Lanka. Scores of other organizations, private and public, have consulted her on programs in health education.

Those who know Dr. Morgan's work best emphasize the human element in her work--a genuine concern for people. This University demonstrates its pride in her work with this award.

(awarded D.Sc. at May 9, 1976, Commencement)