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The scientist is Dr. Ernest Bueding, an expert on parasitic diseases and pharmacology at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. He developed a formulation of the drug amoscanate that cured the three major forms of schistosomiasis (snail fever) in laboratory mice, hamsters and monkeys. Amoscanate is manufactured by the Ciba-Geigy drug company of Switzerland, and was

originally developed as a treatment for hookworms.
Dr. Bueding's research was financed primarily with a \$650,000 AID grant, with supplemental funding from the National Institutes of Health. He noted that the AID grant expires next month and said his continued research and testing would require additional funds.
"This is the way American science and a few American dollars can change the lives and productivity of hundreds of millions of people in

developing countries," said Douglass J. Bennet Jr., Administrator.
Dr. Bueding says his formulation is ready for clinical tests on humans and plans to ask the Food and Drug Administration for permission to conduct clinical trials on human volunteers.
"I am sure that there will be no problems with the effectiveness of the drug on humans," Dr. Bueding told AID officials, "but we want to be absolutely sure it is safe. That is why we will conduct human tests." AID would be able to provide the drug to people in developing countries once it is approved by the FDA. People afflicted with the disease tire easily and cannot work efficiently or at all. Snail fever therefore cripples the local economy. In some areas, up to seventy per cent of the population suffer from the disease.



Teens On Patrol

At a Rochester playground, Sgt. Thomas Giammarva, left, goes over some points with, from left, Teens on Patrol members Terrence Clark and Kim Steele, and Community Services officers Thomas Nagel and Kenneth Patterson. The innovative Teens on Patrol program, a venture that unites youths and police in a common cause, is in its 14th year. It is supported by a grant by Eastman Kodak Company.

NORTH CAROLINA

Widow Gives To NCCU Living Legacy

Mrs. Doris Alexander of Normal, Illinois, has made a memorial contribution to the "Living Legacy Fund" of the North Carolina Central University Foundation, in the name of her late husband, H.W. Alexander.

The gift was designated for the use of the NCCU Academic Skills Center, according to William P. Malone, executive director of the foundation. H.W. Alexander was the first

director of the Academic Skills Center, which permits NCCU to admit students with remediable difficulties in basic academic skills.



Thomas A. Edison received his last patent when he was 81.

snails in water, and a public education program to make people aware of the danger of infected water. In addition, we must provide safe water supplies and better and safer latrines."

kills shistosome worms in people, nothing will keep people from being re-infected if they continue to come in contact with infected water," Dr. Buck added.

are major causes of death and disability in developing countries.

Man is infected with schistosomiasis by tiny parasitic schistosome worms. The larvae stage of the worms leave water snails and penetrate the skins of people who wash, paddle or bathe in water contaminated with human feces and urine.

The disease infects the intestines, bladder, kidneys and liver, and creates distended bellies filled with water. It drains the body of the energy and may lead to slow and painful death.

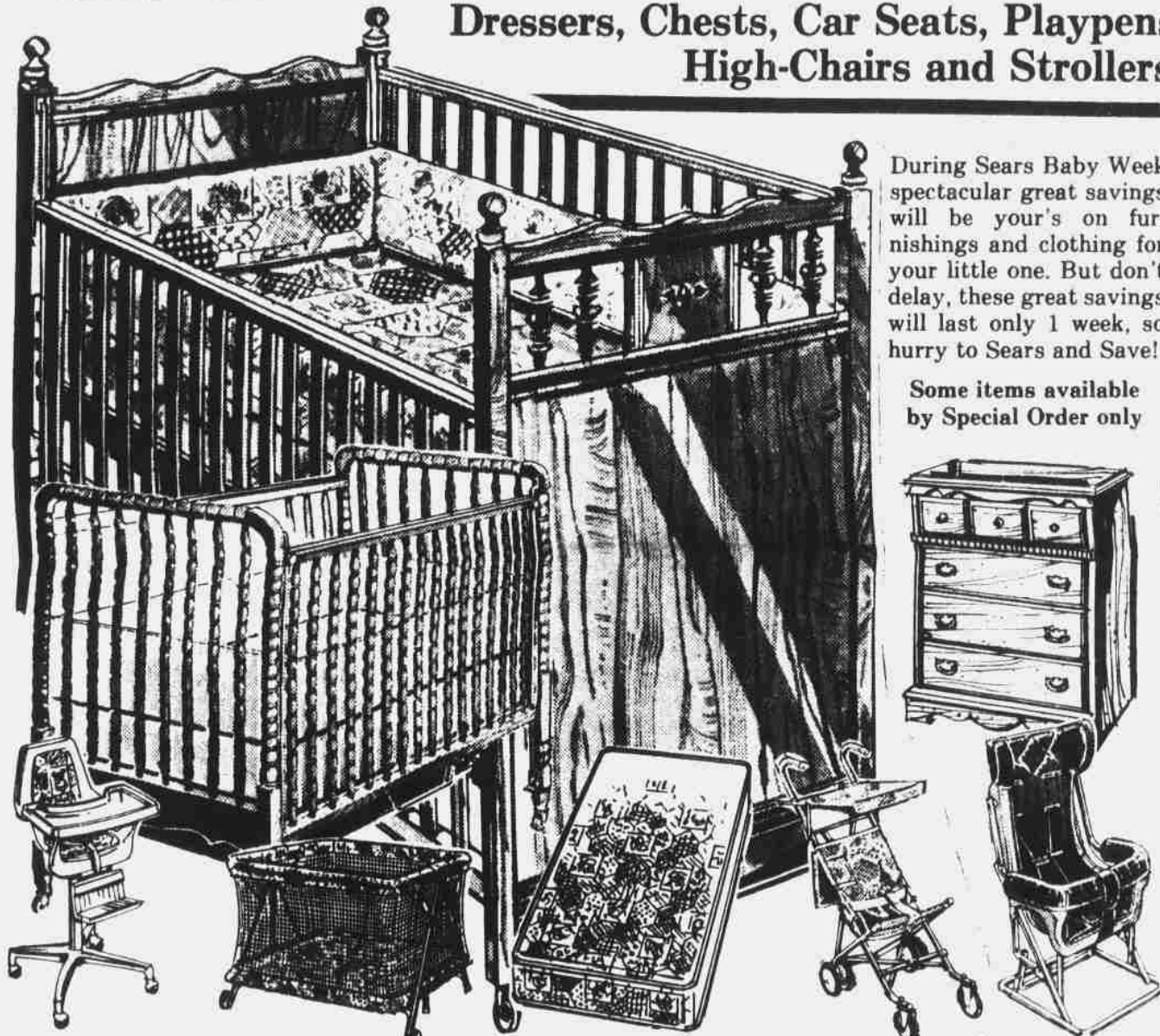
AID's primary health care strategy to improve the well-being of poor people in developing countries consists of four key parts: broad, community-oriented networks to provide low-cost primary health care services, including maternal and child health, nutrition and family planning; better water and sanitation; selected disease control; and health planning.

"To effectively control schistosomiasis," Dr. Buck explained, "we need drugs to kill parasites in man, chemicals to kill

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