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Children's Homes Enter
New Fields Of Service

OKLAHOMA CITY--(BP)--Southern Baptist children's homes are carrying on far more services than they did a few years ago, according to discussions at the annual meeting of Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists here.

The child care executives also said that because of the greater demand for services, the homes must constantly keep Baptist people aware of the homes' financial needs.

During the past few years, there has been a trend for more children's homes to receive a portion of their funds from the state's Cooperative Program or undesignated gifts. These homes formerly depended entirely upon designated gifts.

The Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists is an organization of leaders in this field in Southern Baptist life. The officers meet each year to consider common problems.

Eugene E. Cox, superintendent of Alabama Baptist Children's Home, Troy, Ala., was elected president of the child care executive group succeeding Wade B. East of El Paso, Tex. Silas M. Bishop of Jacksonville, Fla., was elected vice-president and James M. Browning of Oklahoma City, secretary-treasurer.

The executives voted to meet in January, 1960, in Troy.

Some of the multiple services now rendered by Baptist children's homes reflect the shift from their former status as orphanages. Once they offered only residential care and a large per centage of the children were true orphans.

Today, they must offer services outside the home itself and orphans--- children with both parents dead---are a definite minority.

Baptist children's homes, the leaders said, are now engaged in social work, placement of children in foster homes, providing mother's aid to widows so that a child may be kept in his own home, and providing for adoption of children.

One of the chief concerns in this broadening field is securing workers who are both professionally qualified and Baptists. Nathan C. Brooks, president of Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky., visited with the child care leaders and told them Carver School is stressing this need for workers in its courses.

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5 New Churches Formed
In Colorado, Montana

DENVER--(BP)--Five new churches were constituted in January in the region covered by Colorado Baptist General Convention, Executive Secretary Willis J. Ray reported here.

Four of these churches are located in Montana, one of the five states in the Colorado convention's area. Southside Baptist Church was organized in South Billings, Mont., where there have been 15,000 residents but no Baptist church.

Other Montana cities in which new churches came into being are Great Falls, Havre, and Bozeman. Havre and Bozeman are college centers and an air base is located at Great Falls.

There are 10,000 prospects in a northwestern sector of Denver in which the fifth church---Lakeridge---was constituted.

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