



The Rev. Jack Yarborough [front] and members of the kidnap caper group are shown at a planning meeting Monday night in Dobson. [TIMES Photo]

"Kidnapping" Slated Today In County Seat

Dobson is scheduled to be the scene of mass kidnappings beginning this morning at 9:30 o'clock.

However, according to the Rev. Jack Yarborough, pastor of Dobson United Methodist Church, things aren't always what they seem.

The kidnap victims know what is in store for them and agreed to it.

The "kidnappings" are really a scheme to raise money to send a Dobson

dentist and his wife to Africa on an errand of mercy.

According to the Rev. Mr. Yarborough, there is a 66-bed hospital in Ganta, Liberia that has a fully-equipped dental clinic, but no dentist.

Dr. and Mrs. Steve Yokeley of Dobson have agreed to go to the clinic and give their professional skills and talents to this mission hospital sometime in August, remaining away from his county seat practice for at

least two weeks.

The church is seeking to raise funds to help pay the expenses of the trip.

"This is a community-wide effort to raise \$2,400," the minister said. "We have been getting cooperation from everyone."

A meeting to discuss the projected kidnappings was held Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at Dobson United Methodist Church.

The kidnap caper will captivate some 19-20 Dobson citizens, who will be held for ransom for about two hours at an undisclosed place.