

Citizens For Recreational Area Project

**Plan Nearly Third of 151-
Acre Tract in Water — 80
Already Signed up as Char-
ter Members—Goal is 150**

The newly formed Marissa Recreational Area Inc., swung into action this week with a public orientation meeting in the Lions Hall Tuesday evening to explain the aims and purposes of the organization.

The 151 acre recreation project for Marissa met with public approval and was greeted with considerable enthusiasm at the meeting and on the street.

Tuesday's meeting was conducted by Sam Boyle, new temporary president, and Arthur Macke, one of the original planners of the project, led in the orientation discussions.

More than 50 persons signed up for charter memberships and the list had grown to 80 Thursday morning with favorable reaction spreading throughout the community.

A second meeting, open to the interested public, will be held Tuesday evening at the Grade School Gym, when it is hoped the entire 150 charter members quota will be reached.

As reported in the Messenger last week, plans of the organization call for the establishment of a 151-acre recreational site, including a 25-acre lake and 16-acre lake, divided by a fill and roadway. The lakes, containing about 100,000,000 gallons of water, would be an auxiliary reservoir for the water supply of Marissa as well as a fishing and boating site.

There would be sites for picnic grounds, camping shelters, boys and girls activities, playgrounds, golf and club house and grounds.

The Shiloh-O'Fallon Soil Conservation District for St. Clair county, is cooperating with the group in the lake planning and will meet next week for final plans.

The area as planned at present is accessible from Highway 13 on the north side and also from the old White Oak oiled road on the south side.