

NAACP Threat Renewed Over Auto Test Site

WENONAH, April 12. — The state NAACP has threatened renewed civil rights demonstrations if the Legislature fails to provide \$800,000 for a proposed motor vehicle inspection station in the Woodbury area.

The money must be appropriated before the Legislature takes its summer recess in May, or else there will be "physical" trouble, Mrs. Irene Smith, of Wenonah, state NAACP president, warned.

Mrs. Smith said although the state officials are planning to build the inspection station near Egg Harbor rd. in Deptford Township she is not convinced it will be completed in the near future.

LOST FAITH

"I've lost faith in what the government tells me," she said. "Right now I'm asking the Governor and what is being done to get the inspection station built."

The current inspection station on Mantua ave. in Woodbury was one of the two major reasons for the Black Easter Sunday boycott staged on March 29 by the NAACP.

Mrs. Smith said the Mantua ave. inspection station causes black residents many hardships because of the long lines of cars that wind around the residential streets waiting to go through the single inspection line.

FUME PROBLEM

The major problem is the exhaust fumes. Residents complain the fumes get into clothes and furniture.

Personal insults are another problem. "Many of our young black girls are subject to abusive language by waiting motorists," said Mrs. Smith. "There is simply no peace in the neighborhood."

The long line of cars also blocks driveway entrances for extended periods of time, according to area residents.

CHILD HURT

Mrs. Smith said that on a Thursday one child was injured within a short distance of the inspection station and that most parents in the neighborhood won't let their children play in the yards.

According to state officials, \$800,000 has been set aside to purchase 25 acres in Deptford Township for the inspection station. Construction is expected to start in July if the present money is appropriated during the current legislative session. Construction is expected to take one year.

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Auto Test Site Should Be Moved



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