



You may see her walking through Sheboygan today or tonight, headed for Port Washington, then Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Beloit, Janesville and Madison. She has been walking — except for three months a year — since 1953.

She is dressed in navy blue slacks and shirt, and a short tunic with pockets all around the bottom in which she carries her only worldly possessions.

On the front of her tunic, inscribed in white letters, is: PEACE PILGRIM. On the back is: WALKING 25,000 MILES FOR WORLD PEACE.

### Her Life's Formula

She walks, without a penny in her pockets, as a prayer and as a chance to inspire others along the way to pray and work for world peace. Miss Peace Pilgrim speaks to individuals along the way, when she is spoken to first, and frequently is asked to address various civic and church groups.

Her formula for meeting life, including world problems, is this, she said: "Have as your objective the resolving of the conflict — not the gaining of advantage."

Is your walking prayer doing any good? she was asked.

"All right effort bears good fruit. I leave the results in God's hands," was her mystic response.

But why walk? "It is a prayer. Prayer made in comfortable surroundings cannot be as efficacious as one to which complete dedication and concentration is given such as in my walking."

Prayer and the inspiration of others are the dual purpose of this "mission," she emphasizes.

"My name, my home, my relatives are unimportant in this mission. I don't want people to remember me, the person, but I do hope they will remember, long after I'm gone, that a woman — any woman — cared enough about peace to give up her home and family for an everlasting prayer in the form of walking," she said simply.

### Live By Giving

Motivation? "At a point in my life," she revealed, "I realized I wanted to live by giving, instead of getting. And this is to what I was called."

Although she has been walking the nation's highways and byways for eight years, without a penny to her name, she has never gone longer than two days without food and hasn't had to spend the night outdoors in two years.

Fear?

"I have no fear. I live in the constant presence of God. I have faced death in a mountainous snow storm, have spent entire nights walking along deserted roads, but I have never known fear," she confessed.

But how do you sustain yourself?

"Look at yourself," she said to the reporter. "You asked me in, gave me a bed, gave me food to eat. That's how it happens. Earlier Sunday another family — Mrs. Herman Gutenberger of 4209 Lake Shore Rd. — invited me in for dinner, as I walked past their home. God provides," she said.

### No Special Destination

Miss Peace Pilgrim has no particular destination — such as walking from one point to another. But, this month she is spending in Wisconsin, walking throughout the state. In October she plans to walk through Illinois, and in November, she will be in Missouri.

Last month she spent walking through Minnesota.

She entered Wisconsin at La Crosse earlier this month, and since then has walked from there to Eau Claire, Wausau, Green Bay, Appleton, Oshkosh, Fond du Lac, Manitowoc, and now Sheboygan. She left Manitowoc Saturday, and arrived in Sheboygan Sunday evening.

She has walked as much as 50 miles in one day, but tries not to walk more than 25 miles a day. "I want to visit with people along the way," she explained.

Her deeply sun-tanned face and arms give evidence of countless hours of her walking prayer under a hot sun.

Her peace mission is not one of only prayer — she offers specific suggestions. She wants an effort started, leading to a single, universal language; she wants a

"peace department" established in our federal government; and she wants an un-armed peace corps established.

She is pleased with President John F. Kennedy's initiation of peace corps — "It is the best thing he has done since taking office," she added.

### Solution To Berlin

What about the Berlin crisis, she was asked.

"The Berlin situation has a very simple solution," she said in sincerity. "Send in a United Nations group of neutrals, withdraw all national forces and permit the U.N. group to disarm and un-educate Germany into the U.S. as a protectorate."

She called it a very simple solution and believed Soviet Russia would go along with it.

"The little people, like myself," she said, "can recognize this situation. It's just the heads of state that can't see it."

Miss Peace Pilgrim has so dedicated herself to her mission, a "God's love," she became a vegetarian 19 years ago because "I extended my love to all of God's creatures."

Miss Peace Pilgrim's story is one that is difficult to understand in this age of space — but probably, because it is so simple. She spends three months of each year on a lecture tour, visiting college high schools, civic and church groups, in an effort to get across her story.

Although she claims to be affiliated with no specific religious denomination, she says her story is nothing more than trying to follow God's laws, and inspiring others to do the same.

"We have no idea the power of God's laws," she stated her case "when they are followed."

MISS PEACE PILGRIM — A silver-haired, little lady, above right, walked into Sheboygan Sunday evening, completing more than 18,000 miles of walking which is her form of "prayer

for world peace." She is showing Press reporter Chuck Fisher, at whose home she stayed Sunday night, her route of travel in Wisconsin. — (Sheboygan Press photo).

# Mankind's Quest For Harmony Dramatized By 'Peace Pilgrim'

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"What can little old me do about assuring world peace?" is a question many of us ask without hoping for an answer.

A dramatic answer walked into Sheboygan Sunday evening — an answer that has walked more than 18,000 miles across this nation and will continue to stalk the land until "mankind has learned the way of peace."

The answer is a slightly built woman (115 pounds) whose name is Peace Pilgrim. "That is my real name now," she insists, "my former name is unimportant."

Miss Peace Pilgrim, who gives a logical explanation for declining to discuss mundane things such as her former name, where she's from, does she have a family, where she lives, said sim-

ply: "The important emphasis should be on my mission, not on me, as an individual.

She did admit that she could be contacted by mail with this address: "Peace Pilgrim, Cologne, N.J."

"I shall remain a wanderer," she said, "until mankind has learned the way of peace, walking until I am given shelter, and fasting until I am given food."

A Press reporter, taking his wife and family for an auto ride Sunday evening, had his newspaper man's curiosity aroused when he saw this silver-haired woman — whose age (around 45 to 55) can only be guessed at — walking along Lake Shore Rd. about to enter the city.

### Declines To Ride

The reporter, who stopped to make the inevitable inquiries, suddenly found himself offering food and shelter for the night to this Peace Pilgrim who exudes a rare friendly charm.

Miss Peace Pilgrim, however, declined "a ride" to her shelter for the night, but walked the remaining three miles (in 55 minutes) to this reporter's home.

Several hours were then spent in discussing what most people would think to be a hopeless mission — one, single, solitary woman stalking the land in a prayer for peace.

She is quick to point out that she is not affiliated with any organization. "This is my calling — to pray for peace, and my prayer is walking."