

A woman who calls herself Peace Pilgrim stopped in Roanoke Saturday - - a short halt from her walk of 25,000 miles in the interest of world peace. Saturday night, she was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Land. __The scene above is when Mrs. Land came into Roanoke to take her guest to her home on R. R. 2, Huntington. (Review Photo)

Peace Pilgrim Stops In Roanoke Saturday

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

This is the vow of a woman who calls herself simply "Peace Pilgrim"—a silver haired middle aged woman who walked into Roanoke shortly after five p.m. last Saturday afternoon.

And this vow is one which

she followed since she began her mission for peace in January of 1953 — a mission devoted to walking 25,000 miles for peace.

She calls herself just Peace Pilgrim, revealing no other name to emphasize her mission rather than what she terms the un-important individual. She relates nothing of her background, saying "It doesn't matter."

Currently, she is walking in Indiana, visiting communities in the state. She spent part of Saturday in Huntington prior to walking on to Roanoke. Saturday night, she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Land of R. R. 2, Huntington.

Mrs. Land, who had met Peace Pilgrim when she was speaking at Camp Mack in 1956, invited the woman to visit at the Land home whenever her travels brought her back to Indiana. Mrs. Land met Peace Pilgrim at the RE-VIEW office Saturday to take her to the Land home, bringing her back to Roanoke Sunday morning in order that she could continue her journey from the spot where it had halted. Peace Pilgrim spent several days in Fort Wayne, speaking to various groups. Her message has one theme "World Peace."

Peace Pilgrim wears navy blue slacks, a shirt and a tunic. The pockets around the bottom of the tunic carry all of her worldly possessions — a folding toothbrush, a comb, a pen and a map of the state in which (Continued on page Seven)

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Peace Pilgrim...

(Continued From Page One) she is walking. She carries no money.

Peace Pilgrim walks until she is offered shelter. If there is no shelter forthcoming, she sleeps by the side of the road. When it is too cold for sleeping outside, she walks all night.

To date, she said that she hadn't had to sleep by the side of the road in over a year, nor has she had to walk all night for over a year and a half.

In the nine plus years that she has been walking, Peace Pilgrim has worn out 24 pairs er type of footware. She has walked in the 48 states of Continental United States, in parts of Mexico and all ten Canadian provinces. She averages 25 miles per day, but has walked as many as 50.

Her goal is not only world peace, but inner peace, which she first had to find before she gave herself to service. It was then that she began to "live to give instead of to get."