



PEACE PILGRIM will explain her mission of world peace when she talks at a public meeting tonight at 8 p.m. at the Methodist Church. She arrived in Grants Sunday, having walked here from Albuquerque since Friday. (Staff Photo)

Grants Visitor Has Walked 16,000 Miles In Peace Mission

One of the most extraordinary visitors in the array of guests in Grants is a silver-haired woman dressed in navy blue slacks and shirt. She wears a short tunic, fashioned on the order of a carpenter's apron, in which she carries all of her worldly possessions.

She calls herself Peace Pilgrim and wishes to be referred to by no other name.

In January 1953 she began her pilgrimage for peace, walking both as her personal prayer and as an opportunity to meet and talk with people. She walks until she is given shelter, and fasts until she is given food. She has no money and asks for none. So far she has walked more than 16,000 miles and has covered 48 states and 10 Canadian provinces and a part of Mexico. She averages about 25 miles a day.

She states that in more than seven years she has never had to skip more than four meals in a row and that she has a bed more than three-fourths of the time. She follows a general itinerary that takes her through northern sections in the summer and through the southern areas in winter. She says she has enjoyed perfect health, not even a cold or a headache, in the past 22 years.

Peace Pilgrim claims no affiliation with any organization and has two primary objectives:

cause for peace. "Humanity walks a knife-edge between complete chaos and a golden age," she says. "We who live in the world today must choose between a nuclear war of annihilation and a golden age of peace."

In her talk tonight at 8 at the Methodist Church in Grants, Peace Pilgrim will discuss "The attainment of inner peace and world peace."