

Peace Pilgrim does 25 miles per day . . .

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students. Peace Pilgrim said "I started during the Korean War" (this resulted in a murmur of wonder from students not even born at the time).

"This is my sixth crossing of the U. S. Right now I'm enjoying North Carolina...Yes, I've been picked up for vagrancy before, but that led to an exciting adventure in jail. I was able to show them the power of love..."

In response to students wanting to know her real name and age, Peace Pilgrim was cagey. "I know the year I was born, but I won't tell you. And my name? Why, it's Peace Pilgrim. My friends call me Peace."

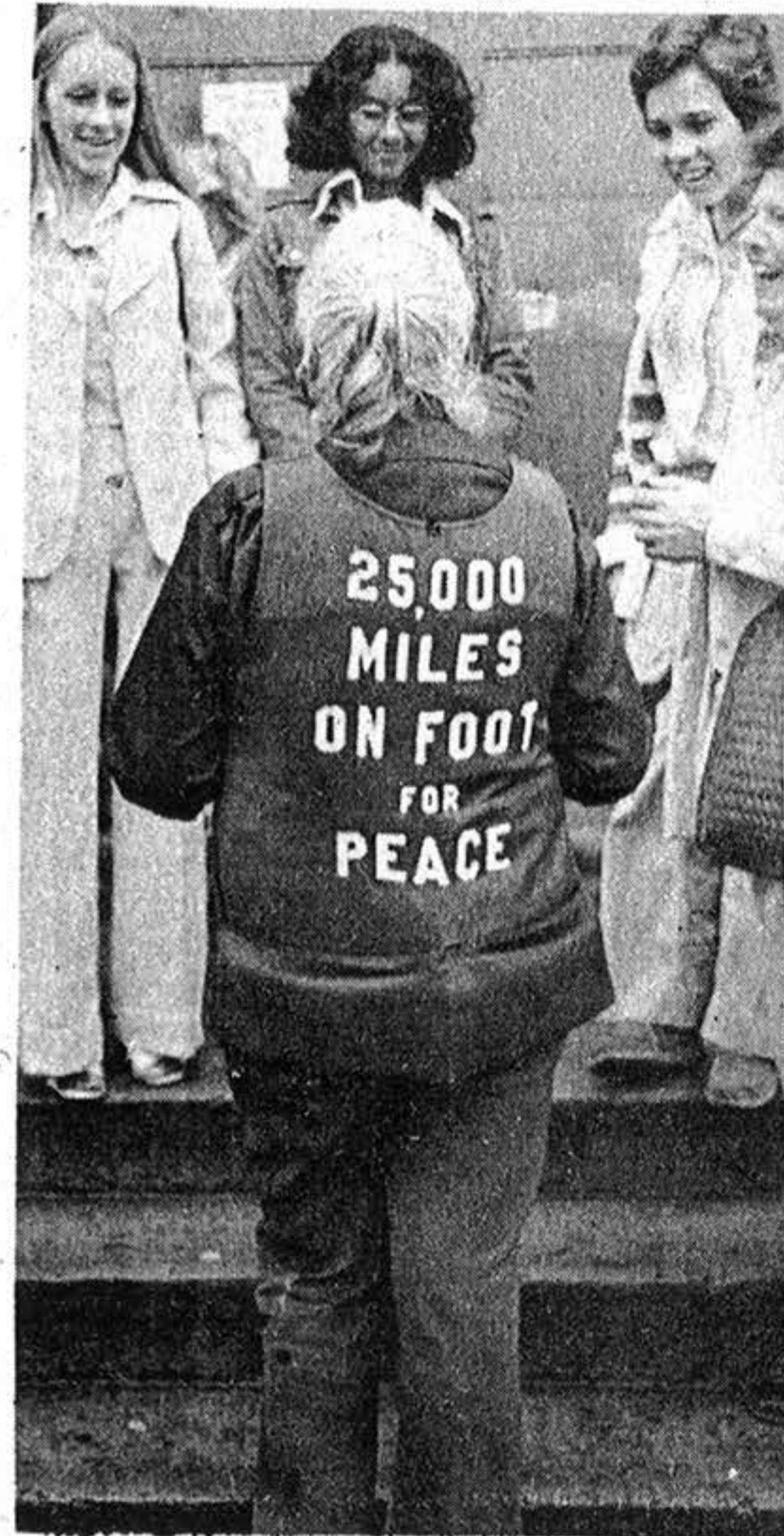
One student wanted to know if she's had trouble from motorists on the road yelling or throwing things. "No, nobody has ever yelled at me. And the only thing I've had thrown at me was one time a handful of crumpled money. The man that threw it at me I think had been drinking, he shouted, "give it to the church!" and I did. I was speaking at a church that night and gave it to them."

"What kind of shoes do you wear?" a girl wanted to know. "Just plain tennis shoes," Peace Pilgrim said. "They last about 1,500 miles a pair. I travel according to the season. In the winter I'm in the South, in the summer, in the north. I adjust to the cold. My body adjusts. I've trained myself to do that, you know. I own only what you see here. I wash 'em out and they dry quickly on my body."

"I do about 25 miles a day — that's easy. I've done 50 in one day. I've climbed mountains, and walked beaches. I've walked city streets and parks and country roads. I never walk Interstates. That's against the law."

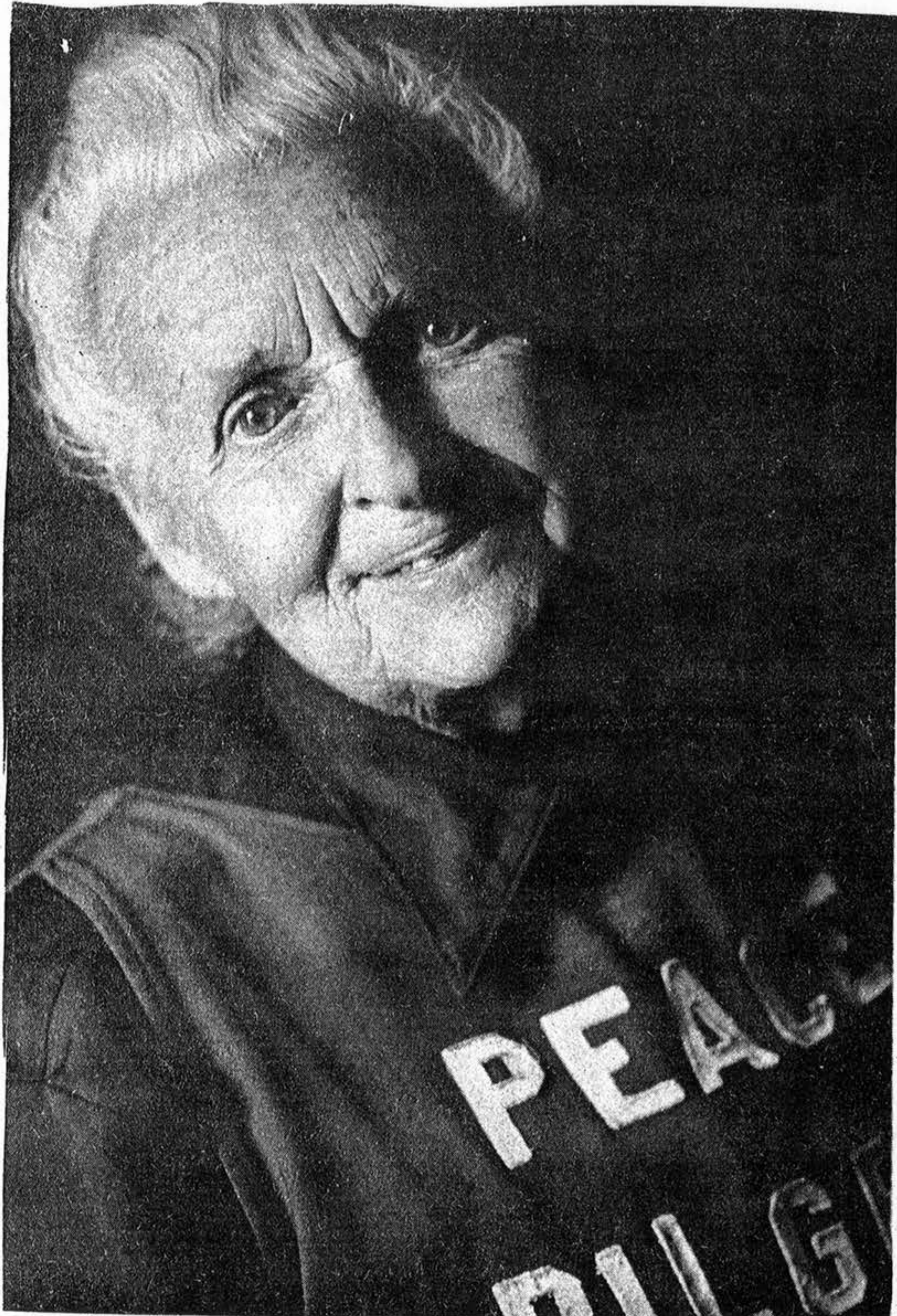
Do your feet ever get sore? another student asked. "No, my feet were prepared," she told them, although she conceded, "The walking is not so important as it used to be. I'll accept rides from time to time when I feel like it..."

She goes everywhere by invitation now. Word spreads ahead of her where she's going she is invited to speak. "I am here by the



Peace Pilgrim, wearing her ID, enthralls Central students. . .

invitation of Rev. and Mrs. Rhinehardt of the Spindale Church of the Brethren...I'm speaking there Sunday. From here I'm going to Asheville, then to Burnsville then way up into Virginia..."



"My walking stops when we attain outer and inner peace. . ."