

Peace Visits In Natchez

Peace, after visiting Natchez Friday night, is somewhere between Natchez and Vicksburg this morning, traveling afoot.

Peace, her chosen name is Peace Pilgrim, is an energetic and attractive gray-haired woman who is walking 10,000 miles in the cause of peace.

Her age, real name and background are a mystery. She says she's seeking no glory and personal details are not important. "I'm making an effort to do everything one little person can do for world peace," she said.

To date she has walked 7,500 of her proposed 10,000 miles. The first 5,000 included coast to coast and border to border jaunts while the current expedition will consist of a 100-mile walk in each of the 48 states, Canada and Mexico, each trip terminating at the state capital.

Traveling penniless and with only the clothes she wears, Peace said she accepts rides from state to state — forsaking vehicular travel when she gets to within a hundred miles of her destination in each state.

She is garbed in an all-blue costume — blue shirt, trousers, shoes and socks. Across her chest in white block letters are the words "Peace Pilgrim."

Lettered on the back of her shirt are the words, "Walking 10,000 miles for world disarmament."

She left Natchez Saturday morning with the expectation of arriving in Vicksburg tonight. She hopes to reach Jackson by sometime Wednesday.

"Ten or fifteen years ago I couldn't do this, but now I can walk all day without getting tired," she said.

Although she never knows what will turn up next, "she usually finds a place to sleep and has her meals provided.

She spends two weeks in each

state (this is the 25th) and will visit Hattiesburg and Gulfport before leaving Mississippi. She speaks

at colleges and to church groups, terming her lengthy and solitary mission a religious pilgrimage."



PEACE PILGRIM munches an apple at the Community grocery after arriving in Natchez Friday night on her "10,000 miles for peace" walking expedition.

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