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Peace Pilgrim Here in 25th Pair of Shoes

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You may have seen her along the highway—a white-haired woman dressed in navy blue slacks and shirt, and a tunic with pockets all around the bottom.

takes rides to her speaking places. On this trip across country she is stopping at cities with more than 25,000 population.

Her name? Peace Pilgrim. She says she no longer uses the name to which she was born. Her mailing address is Cologne, N.J.

"Peace Pilgrim" is in white letters on the front of her tunic, and "Walking 25,000 Miles for World Peace" on the back.

Her vow is: "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."

Peace Pilgrim is not affiliated with any organization. "In my early life," she said, "I found moneymaking easy but meaningless. In seeking for a meaningful way of life, I dedicated my life to service, to give rather than to get.

"Since that time, I have known my life's work is to be for peace."

But it was not until 15 years later that she started her pilgrimage, a pilgrimage that has taken her across the continent three times and more than 20,000 miles.

She wears crepe-soled canvas shoes, and is on her 25th pair. A pair of shoes will last about 1,500 miles a pair, she said.

Peace Pilgrim will speak at 7:45 p.m. tomorrow in the chapel of Broadway Methodist Church. At 10 a.m. tomorrow she will speak at Old Bethel Methodist Church.

"I will continue to walk until the tide of world thinking turns toward peace instead of toward war as it is now," she said emphatically.

She does not accept rides on her pilgrimage, but when she stops at the larger towns for speaking engagements, she



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