‘Peace Pilgrim’ Has Traveled Nearly 10,000 Miles On Foot

A New Jersey woman with a mission walked the road to Mount Holly yesterday on feet that have not been still for three years. Known only as the “Peace Pilgrim,” she has journeyed 9,250 miles of her slogan, “Walking 10,000 Miles for World Disarmament.”

Already, two of her three objectives have been attained since she set out in 1933 from Los Angeles to New York City on the first 5,000 miles of her pilgrimage: the Korean War has halted and there is a disarmament adviser to the President. Only world disarmament remains.

She spent Friday night with Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Harvey of Princeton, who had invited her to their home after meeting her at Hartford, Conn., last month. Last night she was in Mount Holly with friends. She expects to be in Moorestown tomorrow and in Trenton Tuesday.

The hardy pilgrim has vowed to remain a wanderer “until mankind has learned the way of peace.” Carrying only a comb, toothbrush, pencils and papers in an apron tied around her waist, she walks until she is given shelter, and fasts until she is given food. That is her vow of simplicity.

By walking on foot, praying and talking with people, she hopes to achieve the aims of her pilgrimage. During 1934 she counted no miles, although she walked many. Only in 1935 did she begin again. This last 5,000 miles will include at least 100 miles in each state, Canada and Mexico.

The picture was taken as she walked the grass divider on Route 206 toward Mount Holly just south of Route 139—at a point 63 miles from New York.