Peace Pilgrim Has Walked 14,000 Miles On Mission

"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"—this is the message of Peace Pilgrim who walked into Pasco Sunday.

A small, silver-haired lady with sparkling blue eyes, Peace Pilgrim will bring her message of hope to those who come to listen Tuesday night at the Pasco First Congregational Church, Henry and Aurelia Sts. The free meeting at 6 p.m. is open to the public.

Peace Pilgrim said she came here at the invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Sutley of the Congregational Church. But often she walks into a city where she has no invitation.

Dressed in her uniform of navy blue slacks and shirt and short blue tunic, Peace Pilgrim often waves to motorists as she paces along the highway facing traffic. The tunic has pockets around the bottom containing her only worldly possessions.

On the front it reads, "Peace Pilgrim," and on the back, "Walking 25,000 miles for World Peace." Since she began in January, 1933, at Los Angeles, she has reel off more than 14,000 miles. "My goal," she emphasized, "is not a certain number of miles. My goal is world peace."

She'll quit walking when the world shows signs of turning away from a nuclear war of annihilation toward a "golden age of peace."

Asked about her name, Peace Pilgrim replied, "I feel it is the name the Lord gave me for the pilgrimage, and I use no other. I want the important mission instead of the unimportant individual remembered, I want people to remember the message instead of the messenger."

She is not affiliated with any organization.

As for her age, she said, "I am ageless. After you have found inner peace you have no more feeling of age."

At her meetings, she stresses to listeners they first need to find inner peace to achieve world peace, and she related her interesting experiences all over the North American continent.

She said she averages walking 25 miles a day between cities. Once in a city she uses offered transportation to save time.

She asks for no food or shelter, all gifts must be offered.

"I have never skipped more than four meals in a row, and only occasionally do I walk all night to keep warm."

As she inspires people to inner peace, she hopes to bring about two steps toward this goal; the teaching of a world language and the establishment by the U.S. of a "peace department," to do research on peaceful ways of resolving conflicts.

Her address where people may write for free literature is, Peace Pilgrim, Colongne, N.J.