



"PEACE PILGRIM" — Recognized by her distinctive Navy blue "uniform" and short leather tunic, "Peace Pilgrim" stops to speak to Mrs. Vera Adams of 256 Bank St. as she passes through Batavia on her third cross-country walk, which will take her to every sizeable city in the Nation.

## Peace Pilgrim Stops Here As Part of a Long Walk

Without a home, means of sustenance, or earthly possessions, other than a few pieces of paper and pen which she carries in her navy blue tunic, a silver-haired woman, known only as "Peace Pilgrim" for the past 10 years, is "walking 25,000 miles for world peace."

Peace, or Miss Pilgrim if you will, arrived in Batavia Sunday and walked straight to The News' office, which was closed. Undaunted, she returned Monday morning to deliver her message of peace.

She came from the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Gratwick of Linwood, where she had been an overnight guest and had spoken to a home meeting group. Mrs. Gratwick, hearing of her many speaking engagements in Buffalo last week, invited her to be a guest in her home.

At noon Easter Sunday she found herself in Corfu and was invited to rest and share lunch with Mr. and Mrs. George M. Arnold and Mrs. Alice Jenner.

At this point in her 10-year

hike, which makes the currently popular 50-mile edition seem like an afternoon stroll, "Miss Pilgrim" has covered more than three-quarters of her planned 25,000 miles. She has been in every state of the Union, except Alaska and Hawaii which she hopes to visit soon, and in Canada and Mexico.

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."

She walks without a penny in her pockets and is not affiliated with any organization, she said.

"Miss Pilgrim" noted that she could easily walk 50 miles in a day, but generally plans to cover a mere 25 miles to allow time for speaking engagements and conversations with "the man on the street."

She passes out printed messages as she journeys along her way. . . "This is the way of peace. Overcome evil with good and falsehood with truth, and hatred with love". . . this, she said, is the core of her belief.