

Peace Pilgrim: her name is her game

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FULLERTON — A silver-haired blue-eyed woman has walked into Southern California to spread a message of inner peace.

She has been doing this in various parts of the American continent since 1953—for so long that an appellation given her by the media, "Peace Pilgrim," has become her legal name in many states.

In other states Peace Pilgrim is her professional name. The name she was born with she dismisses as "trivia."

Where she was born, how old she is — these too are "trivia." She has the energy of youth, she claims, saying that a photograph of herself 21 years ago, when she started out on her peace pilgrimage, might as well be a picture of herself today — for there has been no change.

She made the first step of her pil-

grimage from Los Angeles in 1953, but she had then already been in all but two states. In a few years she had walked 25,000 miles but since has "stopped counting."

That too is "trivia."

What is not "trivia" is her message, which she elaborated Thursday night at the Psynetics Foundation, 1212 E. Lincoln Ave., Anaheim.

"Overcome evil with good, falsehood with truth, and hatred with love," is the message.

At first, her message was world peace. The stress on inner peace came when she found that her own possession of serenity made it possible for her to bring comfort to the elderly and to the unstable.

Peace Pilgrim keeps up a correspondence with those who depend on her for counsel. She knows where she will be every day until September. She knows where she will be every month until 1978.

Her contacts write to her care of General Delivery. She picks up her mail as soon as she walks into town. Her permanent mailing address is care of a friend in Cologne, N.J. 08213, a small farming community where she has never lived. Letters sent her there is addressed to Peace Pilgrim.

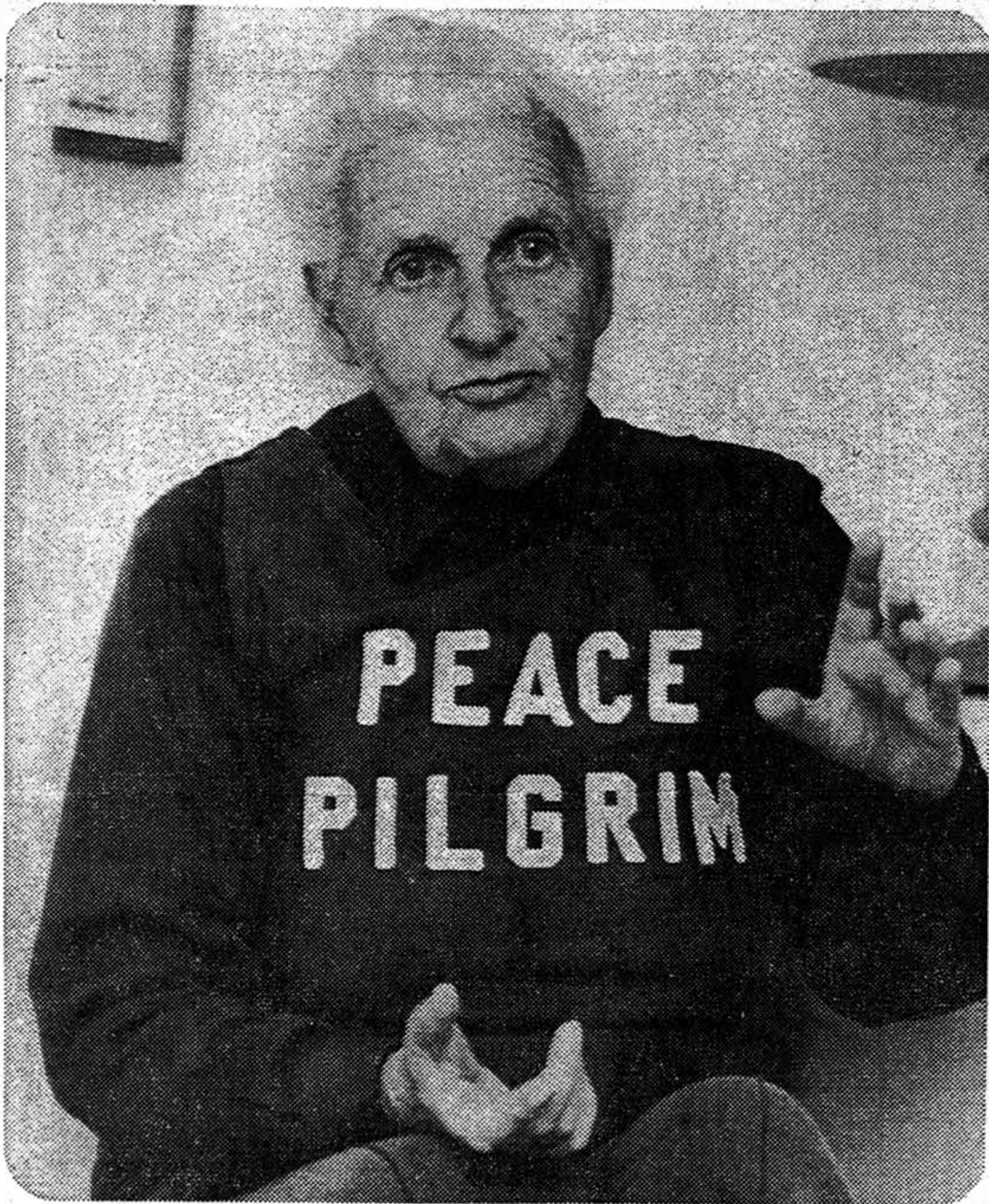
She handles the problems of her contacts with a free mind—unencumbered by worldly possessions or by family. She carries no money — not a cent. Her total luggage is a comb, a pen and a toothbrush.

As for family, she was "never called into the family pattern."

Some things have changed since Peace Pilgrim started. First of all, the growth of freeways has caused her to go onto more country roads.

Secondly, peace has become popular. When she is in Southern California over the New Year, she precedes the line of march of the Rose Parade in Pasadena. She has done this six times.

The last few times she has been enthusiastically applauded, and young people seeing the word "peace" on her tunic, have rushed out of their places on the sidewalk to embrace her.



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FOR PAST 21 YEARS, SHE HAS BEEN ON A WALKING PILGRIMAGE
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