

# Peace Pilgrim Quits Counting Miles

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Peace Pilgrim is back.

It was in December 1970 she was last in Stillwater. At that time she wore a tunic with the words "25,000 miles on foot for world peace." She still does with the elimination of the word "world."

Since then she has quit counting the miles and is working on the premise of "inner" peace and the potential of the individual.

While in Stillwater she is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robinson, who are having a 7 p.m. meeting in their home at 2104 Admiral Rd. tonight.

Looking very much as she did five years ago she still vows she is ageless and still has no illnesses, not even a cold or headache since before she began her walk for peace Jan. 1, 1953.

"I began prevention a long time ago. Everything that is known to not be good for humans, I have cut out of my life," she said.

Her only possessions are what she can carry or wear. She has the same folding toothbrush, but does have a new comb and has replaced her ballpoint pen.

She carries no money and pockets in her tunic carry only mail she picks up at each place where she stops.

Her schedule is fine cut through contacts made on previous trips she returns to persons showing an apathy and sympathy for her belief.

She says she took what she calls her "vow of simplicity." It is "I shall not accept more than I need, while others in the world have less than they need".

This includes clothing, food, housing.

"When I need clothing, it is provided", she says. Her blue canvas shoes she thought would last several more weeks. The

tops were mended, but the soles were whole.

She is of the belief that "outer" or "world peace" could materialize in another 10 years or so.

"The majority of the larger nations are now on speaking terms and are trying to get the trouble spots quieted down," she continues. "We now have the incentive for a move toward peace", she continued.

Asked her feelings toward Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's bids for peace, she terms his actions as "the old way" and a "way of buying time". She explained the "end justified the means and only good means will attain a good end".

Peace Pilgrim says she is never frightened or afraid while on her pilgrimages. "How could I be hurt?" she asked. She states her inner peace and trust protect her.

"I know we're not expected to not do for ourselves and I am not one to walk into a street without watching the traffic, but I have not ever been afraid," she says.

She contends she is "ageless" and physically appears un-

changed since her last visit in Stillwater.

She expects to continue her walk for another 10 years. After that she will be speaking to people. "I am quite interested in helping people gain their full potential. So many only scratch the surface of their potential," she said.

She is not troubled about not having a "place to hang her hat" and says when the time comes she will find a place.

Politically she says she hopes Americans will begin to show more interest in who they send to Washington. She would like to see people make their choice, do away with the electoral congress, and each state send their own delegates to the national conventions.

Her travels have taken her

into most of the United States, Canada and Mexico. She said with a twinkle and a lilt to her voice, "If things work out . . . I'm going to Alaska and Hawaii this summer".

Her time schedule is one that would boggle the average person's mind.

She can look at it and in a

minute tell you when they expect her in Wewoka, Tulsa, etc. She looked up Stillwater and according to the schedule she will be back in 1980.

Her time is already allotted through 1984!

The meeting tonight at the Robinsons is open to anyone interested.