

# about people

## Son's work doesn't worry Sandy woman

by SCOTT NEWTON

It would bother some mothers to have a son doing police work.

But that doesn't seem to be the case with Martha Williams of Sandy, whose son John D. (Jack) recently retired after 27 and a half years with the Oregon State Police.

"Look at working in the woods," Mrs. Williams said. "You don't know when a tree's going to fall on you."

"When your number comes up, that's it." Still, Mrs. Williams will admit to one time when it bothered her a little that her son was a policeman.

There was a case about three years ago where a man kidnapped a taxi driver, and left him for dead near Pendleton. Williams was the first to investigate.

He pulled his car up to a haystack, which he was going to search, when the farmer and owner of the field drove up. Williams drove the patrol car away from haystack and went over and talked to the farmer.

He never got around to checking the haystack.

The alleged murderer was reportedly in the haystack with a gun aimed at Williams.

"It (John D.'s police work) bothered me then, after I found out about it," Mrs. Williams admitted.

Overall, her when-your-number's-up-it's-up attitude has served her in more ways than one.

"I had a chance to go to Europe a number of years ago, and I'd never ridden on a plane, and that scared me," she said.

"But then I got to thinking, 'Shoot, if anything's going to happen it's going to happen to me sitting right in this chair.'"

"So, I got on the plane and went to Europe."

She toured 10 countries in 30 days, and enjoyed Paris. She also liked Scotland, but admitted it might have been partly because she's Scottish.

She's also been to Hawaii and the Caribbean, but said, "My traveling days are over."

It's too expensive to travel now, she said.

She is a member of Eastern Star, and the Golden Age club, and does work for the Presbyterian Church. In fact, she was recently selected as deaconess.

Her hobbies include ceramics and sewing. She made all her Christmas gifts this year.

And, she still gets to an occasional ball game, a Williams family tradition.

Martha's husband, John H., who died in 1963, played semi-pro baseball in Nebraska. John D. played Class D ball in Jessup, Geo., after serving in the Air Force Military Police.

While in the service, he played on the Misaw (Air Force base) team, which won the Far East championship, which included Japan, Guam and the Philippines. They also won the interservice (against the other branches of the service) Far East title.

John D.'s youngest son, Jim, 22 and a farmer, played on a Babe Ruth team that qualified for a national tournament, and Larry, 27 and a carpenter, still plays slo-pitch, with Martha making an occasional game.

After a year in Georgia, Williams moved back to Sandy, where he worked in Walter Cook's sawmill on the west end of town.

Having worked for three and a half years in the service as an air policeman, it was just natural that Williams get back into

police work.

He got on with the OSP, and was stationed in Pendleton, where he's been ever since.

"He could've moved," Mrs. Williams said, "but he thought too much of his kids to interrupt their schooling."

John Williams is also recently completed eight years on the Pendleton Roundup board, where he's worked the past five years coordinating the activities of the Umatilla Indians.

The Pendleton Roundup, one of the largest rodeos in the United States, "runs like clockwork," Williams said.

Williams was given a beaded money bag at his

retirement dinner. His wife received a beaded purse.

And, when the woman who presented the gifts to the Williams realized that Martha was there, "she took the shaw off her back and gave it to my mother."

A letter from Governor Victor Atiyeh was read at the banquet, which said, in part, "I thank you on behalf of all Oregonians for a job well done."

It doesn't appear that Williams is having much trouble keeping busy since his retirement.

He's already built an office in the basement. It is there he will operate the Williams Investigation and Supena Service.

Being 51, he's got some

time to take advantage of his experience.

He was a criminal investigator for 12 years.

In what time's left over

Williams, a self-avowed avid hunter and fisherman, should have no trouble filling the void.

And his wife, JoAnne,

whom he met and married while in Miami, Fla., during the last of his stint in the service, has had the maps out.

"She's thinking we need to go on a vacation," Williams said with a laugh. "I think we'll be going to Florida."



Martha Williams



John Williams

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Lani Kyle, William Westbrook

### Kyle, Westbrook married

Lani Sue Kyle and William James Westbrook were married in a garden ceremony on Oct. 24.

The bride's maid of honor was Keli C. Kuykendall-Baketow of Sandy. Jim Westbrook was the best man. Christa Finerty was the flower girl.

The wedding was held at Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Kyles home in Sandy.

The bride wore a gown of

champagne brocade satin with a 14-foot illusion veil designed and hand-sewn by her mother.

Her accessories included diamond earrings borrowed from her mother, worn with a diamond pendant necklace, a gift from the groom.

The bride carried a bouquet of eight cattleya orchids.

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