

# John G. Childers Sr. Dies; Was Educator, Businessman

MARION — John Gerald Childers Sr., 57, of Route 3 Marion, died Friday in a Marion hospital.

Born in Caldwell County, he was a son of the late William Christopher and Martha Kincaid Childers. He was an Army veteran of World War II and played minor league baseball for four years in the farm systems of

the Cubs and Giants.

Childers was a 1944 graduate of Lenoir High School, and held degrees from the University of North Carolina and Appalachian State University. He served as as a teacher and coach in Greenville, S.C., and in McDowell County before becoming principal of North Cove Elementary and High School in 1957. In 1965, he became the personnel manager of C-E Air Preheater Co., retiring in 1963. At the time of his death, he was a consultant for L.F. Zerfoss Associates and Western Carolina Industry.

Childers served on the advisory committee of the Management Development Program and was former chairman of the board of trustees at McDowell Technical College. He was a teacher of supervisory and management development courses at McDowell Tech, Western Piedmont Community College, Isothermal Community College, the University of North Carolina at Asheville and Mayland Technical College.

Surviving are his wife, Alms McCall Childers; two sons, John G. Childers Jr. of Marion and William McCall Childers of the home; two daughters, Martha Ray of Marion and Nancy Catherine Childers of the

home; four brothers, Max L. Childers of Mount Holly, William D. and Jack K. Childers of Charlotte and James B. Childers of Lenoir; a sister, Ann Fyock of Charlotte; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of McCall-Kirksey Funeral Home. The Rev. Richard Holshouser will officiate. Burial will be in McDowell Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Conley Memorial Presbyterian Church or McDowell County Library Fund.

### Births

#### MEMORIAL MISSION -

A sen to:

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Arrington of Zirconia March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Don King of Black Mountain March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chandler of Marshall March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Moore of Marshall March 22.

A daughter to: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Renison of Asheville March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlowe Maxwell of Asheville March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Murray of Leicester March 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Edwards of

Asheville March 22.
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Yale of
Asheville March 22.

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