

As the Republican chairman of the county commissioners in 1946, he warned against tacky postwar development. He also served as a state racing commissioner, bought and sold real estate, hosted a local TV show for children and performed benefits for schools and nursing homes.

"I never wanted to be a doctor or lawyer or bank president or congressman or senator," he said. "I could've stayed in politics, but it was disgusting to me It's a wonderful life after you get to be my age," he said in March.

Brooke and Hazel Johns lived in their 1920s mansion full of memories and memorabilia of his career in show business, including photographs, records, scrapbooks and a banjo signed by four presidents and the prince of Wales.

"I'm down in history now," he told a reporter. "I'm so egotistical I don't want the public to ever forget me"

In a final interview Monday, Mr. Johns reflected that "Having {several} children and a wife and being able to leave {them} one million apiece is not too bad for a fellow who didn't go to Yale or Harvard."

In addition to his wife, Hazel, he is survived by sons James Johns of Silver Spring and John Johns, who lived with his parents; daughters Martha Johns of Washington and Joan Smith of the family property near Olney; 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He outlived two of his children.

CHARLES ROBERT McClURG,

74, a retired assistant principal in the Alexandria school system, died of cancer and emphysema Dec. 3 at Fairfax Hospital.

Mr. McClurg, a resident of Springfield, was born in Boone County, Ky., and graduated from the University of Kentucky. He received a master's degree in education at George Washington University.

Before World War II, he was a football and basketball coach in the schools of Olive Hill and Harlan County, Ky. During the war he served in the Navy in the Pacific.

Mr. McClurg then coached football and basketball in the schools of Ashland, Ky., Portsmouth Va., and Norfolk before moving to this area and joining the Alexandria school system in 1962.

In Alexandria he was assistant principal at Parker Gray Junior High School, George Washington High School, Charles Houston Junior High School and Hammond High School before he retired in 1979.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie C. McClurg of Springfield; two sons, Charles Michael McClurg of Virginia Beach and Robert A. McClurg of Springfield; one daughter, Courtney T. McClurg Ammons of Columbia, S.C.; three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

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