COOLING OFF SOME HOT 'DOGS' — Circus clowns Arthur Burson and Ernie "Blinko" Burch (right) aren't just clowning around as they plunge their hot "dogs" into this baby elephant's drinking buckets and defy the animal to chase them out. Members of the Ringling Brothers Circus, the funny men were merely trying to beat the 101-degree heat at Chicago. The clowns had better hurry up as it looks like the elephant wants his buckets.

Department of Labor Urges Teen-Agers To Return to School This Fall

Parents should encourage teen-ages to return to high school this fall, Acting Regional Director Frank J. Muench of the U. S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division, said Sunday. "Boys and girls who drop out of school in order to earn 'a fast dollar,'" Mr. Muench said, "are literally throwing away tens of thousands of dollars."

In citing the 1950 census report, Mr. Muench said that all men 25 years and older, who completed eight years of grade school received an average income of $2,583. Those who were graduated from high school earned an average wage of $3,285. The men who completed four years of college received a median wage of $4,407.

"According to the census bureau," Mr. Muench said, "the cash value of finishing the last year of high school over a 40-year span may result in an earning power of $14,700 for men and nearly $20,000 for women."

Mr. Muench cited examples of men who left school at an early age and succeeded in business even though handicapped with little or no education. "These success stories are often mentioned by teen-agers as an excuse to drop out of school," he declared. "However, 99 per cent of the men with success stories to tell will readily state that they are sorry they did not continue their education and would strongly urge today's youngsters to return to school."

The complexities of our atomic age and man-made satellites now require an even higher level of training and education. Mr. Muench asked the New York and New Jersey communities to combine their local resources in a united effort to urge parent groups, Parent-Teachers Associations, employers and teachers to encourage teen-agers to return to school when the bells ring in their localities in September.

Two Injured When Car Hits Wall

Andrew R. Lipford of 225 Park street, Scotch Plains, suffered a laceration on the nose requiring three sutures Friday at 9 p.m. when he lost control of the car he was driving at the underpass of the Plaza and crashed into the retaining wall of the bridge.

Nathaniel Wise of 54 Plainfield avenue, passenger, suffered contusions of the left leg. Both were taken in the Rescue Squad ambulance to the office of a physician, and Mr. Lipford was ordered to Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, for further observation.

When Do You Harvest What?

By The MASTER GARDENER

Enjoyment of home-grown vegetables depends a great deal upon the home gardener's understanding of when to harvest for top quality. Some examples hardly need be pointed out. All gardeners know that spinach will become tough and bitter if allowed to grow too long, and the same holds for most lettuce varieties. On New Zealand spinach only the young leaves or the tips of the old leaves are used.

Swiss chard should be picked when less than a foot high and should be kept low by using the tender, young leaves for the table and throwing away the remaining leaves when they become too old.

String beans are at their best when they snap readily and have soft, pliable tips. Lima beans are choice if picked while still nice and green. The condition of the pod can be determined by pressing it between the thumb and fingers. If it feels spongy, you can be sure that the beans are fully grown and ready for the table. When the pods begin to turn yellow, it is too late!

Kohlrabi becomes woody and unpalatable when it gets too large. So do turnips. Carrots and beets have higher sugar content when they reach full maturity, but they require more cooking.

Cabbage of the earlier varieties can be used when three-quarters headed.

Summer squashes should be picked before the shell hardens. Marrow squash are at their best when two-thirds grown, but need not be discarded when old because many make good pies. Don't let Zucchini type squash grow larger than eight to 10 inches.

The time to gather sweet corn is just after the silk begins to darken. It is still sweet and tender at this stage, but in only a day or two can become tough and starchy.

The soil beneath evergreens which were set out last fall or this spring never should be permitted to dry out to any depth. It takes at least a year for newly planted evergreens to establish a new root system; meanwhile bring the moisture to them since they are unable to forage for it.

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