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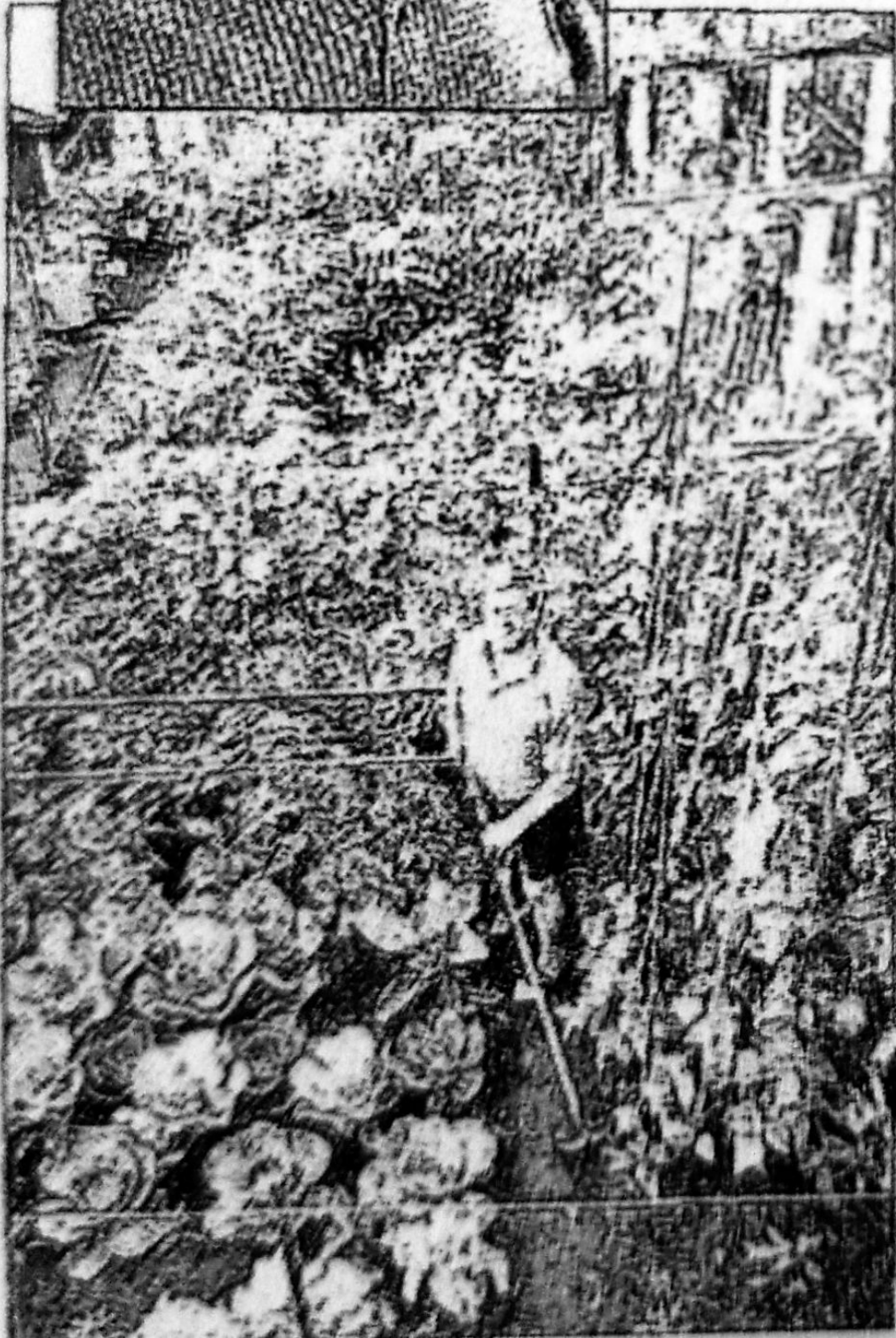
Southside backyards once boasted countless gardens which provided families with fresh vegetables in the first fifty years of the last century. Some gardens still exist in one form or another (above).

Portuguese-born Carlos Almeda maintains a Slate St. vegetable garden with a small orchard of fruit trees and a grape arbor.





*"My wife
cleans the
house—I
clean the
garden."
Portuguese
immigrant,
Jose Martins,
E. Sixth St.*





Larry Steixner is a first-generation German-American.

At his E. Sixth St. backyard, Larry Steixner, 82, has cultivated a vegetable garden since he was a youth. "Years ago, everyone had a vegetable garden. There are only a few left now," said Steixner.