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Lady." All the annuals are grown from Burpee seeds. The named ones were developed by Burpee and are patented by them.

Two clematis vines, which have white blooms, grow on the fence that backs this garden. A very elegant hibiscus was full of large saucer-like pink blossoms, which Carter said had been blooming well since it began and each bloom lasts only one day.

Another area of the property has been devoted to vegetables. Here we found tumpis, collard greens ("which can take a hard freeze"), melons, tomatoes,

squash, lettuces, carrots, hot chili peppers, everbearing red raspberries, okra, large sweet Belgian peppers (the seeds came from a friend) and cucumbers. Last year Carter and his wife, Miriam, put up 68 quarts of dill pickles. He shared Romaine and leaf lettuce, tomatoes and melon with Mary and me. What a treat! Family and neighbors also share in the bounty.

All four grandchildren have a garden space. Four-year-old Matthew Chaffo's tomato weighed 2-3/4 pounds, the largest at Bordin's contest.

Every fall the vegetable gardens are

cleaned off and rototilled and winter rye is planted as a cover crop. In the spring it is rototilled under and then buckwheat, which grows and blooms in three weeks, is planted and incorporated into the soil. Compost is also used to enrich the gardens and sand is added to the areas for those plants that like sandy soil.

Carter, who has lived here 32 years, said he gives the gardens a lot of TLC and Stern's Miracle-Gro. The solution is applied by a sprayer every two weeks as the package directs (one tablespoon per gallon of water), although he doesn't put it on the marigolds.

"They like poor soil."

A big bonus of having such a garden are the hummingbirds and butterflies that visit, along with the neighbors.

"Half the fun of raising it is, if you can't brag a little it's no fun."



What a pepper! Fred Carter holds a large pepper picked from his garden.

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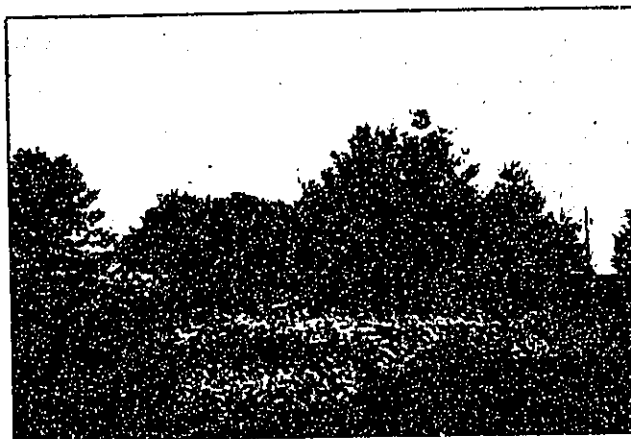
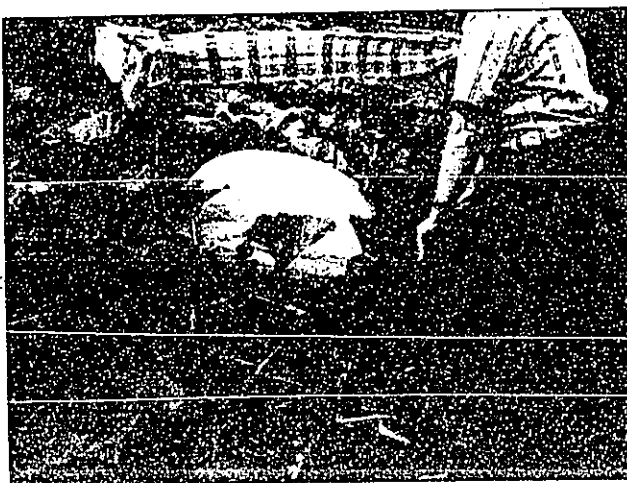
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Great growing: Top photo: Carter's front yard is ablaze with colorful flowers. Above: A cloth covering shades a large pumpkin.