



MR. DRENTERS makes his own tools at the forge. He first began blacksmith work for himself in 1918 in Holland. Chisels for breaking the rocks here are formed from steel beams from plows.

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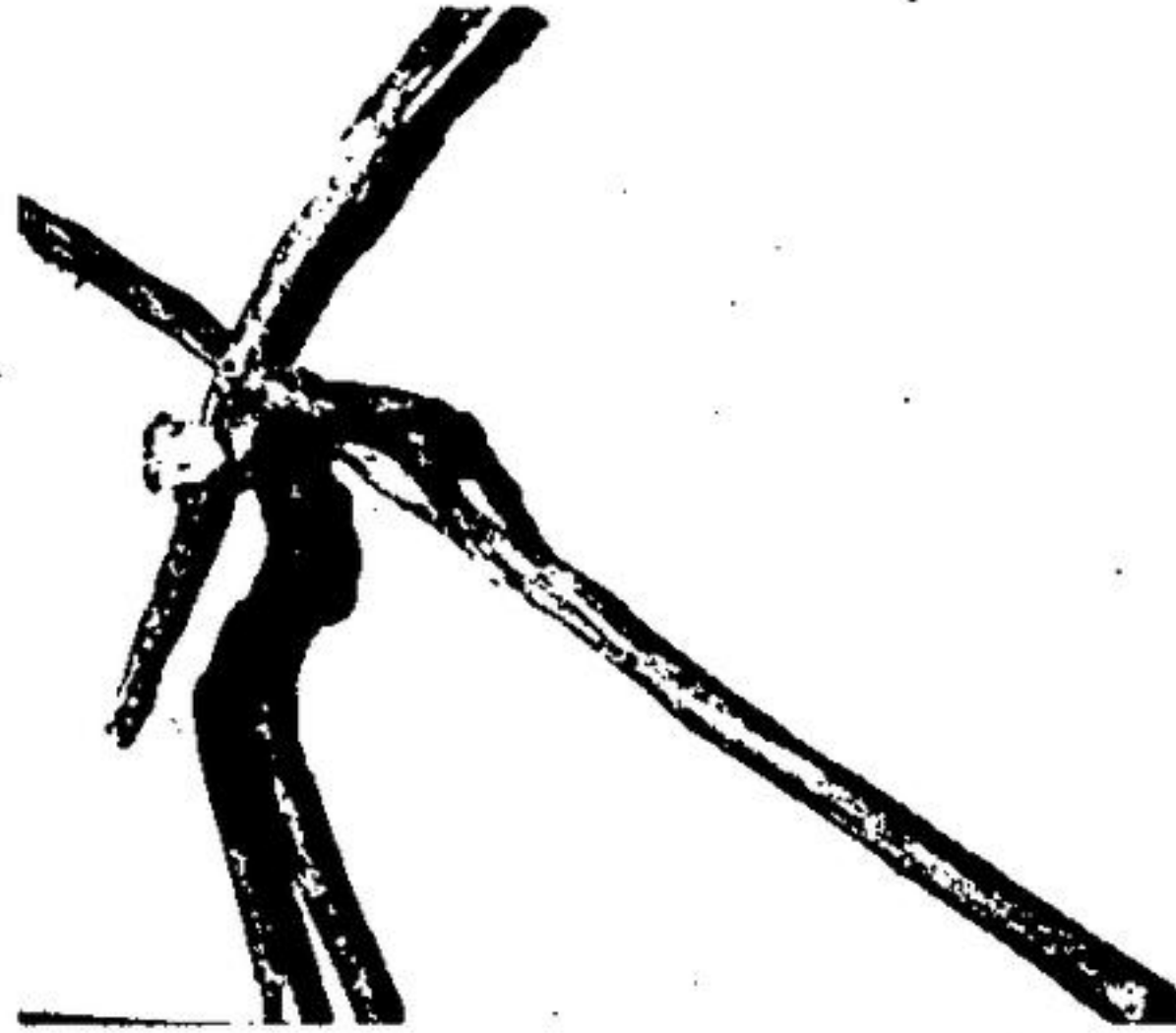
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Joseph Antonius Drenters, worker of wood, stone, and steel

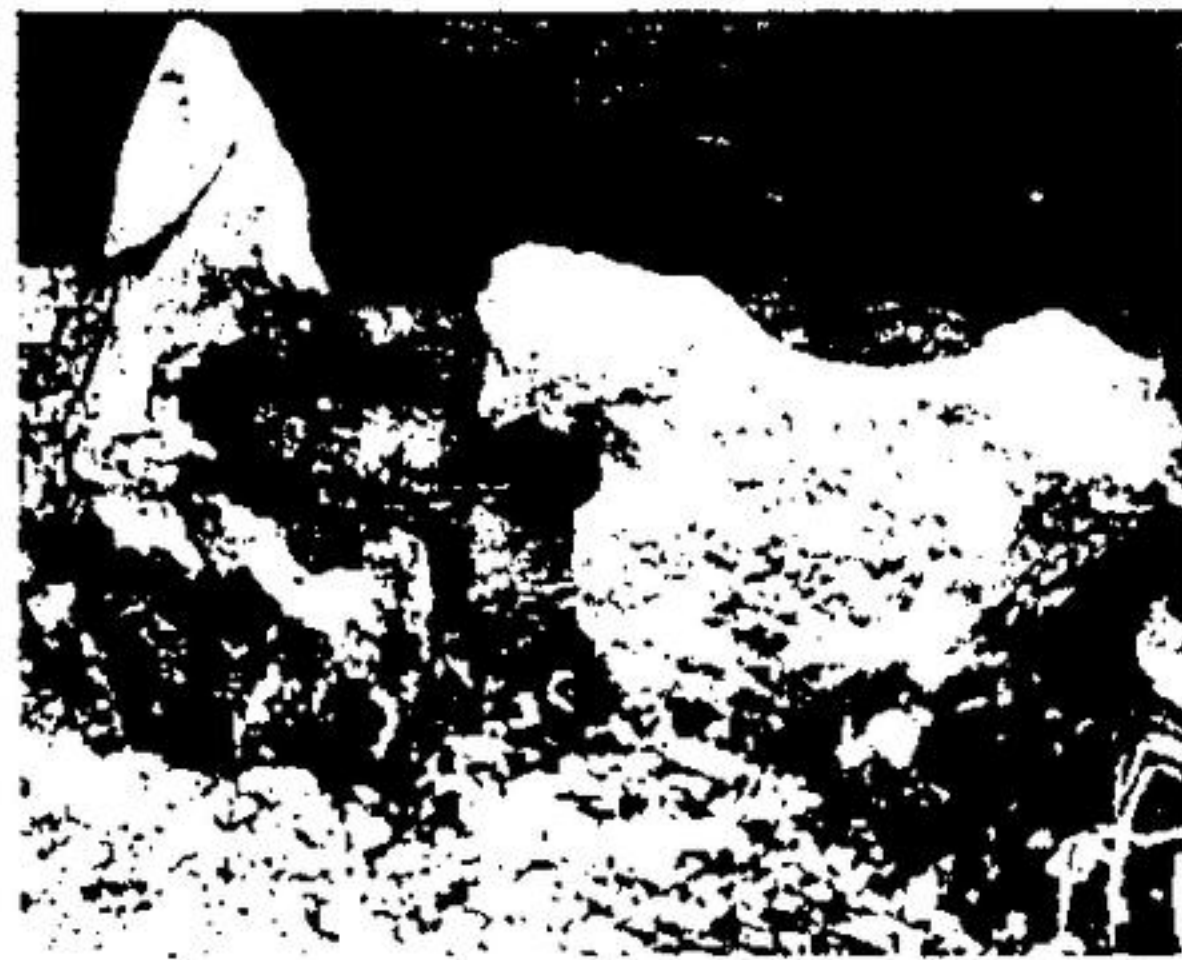


ROCKWOOD RESIDENTS of 10 years, the Drenters have made their home a showplace. Some of Mrs. Drenters' work is seen in the kitchen where a large plaque with shells gathered in Florida hangs.



WHEN MR. Drenters found this root in the rocks, he saw in it Jesus with a crown of thorns, bowed to hold the cross.

Inside and to it, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Drenters St. Mary St. Rockwood, show a much loved pride and hard work.



NOT ALL stones are built into the walls. Some are kept for their shapes. Here, an old lady talks to a chicken.

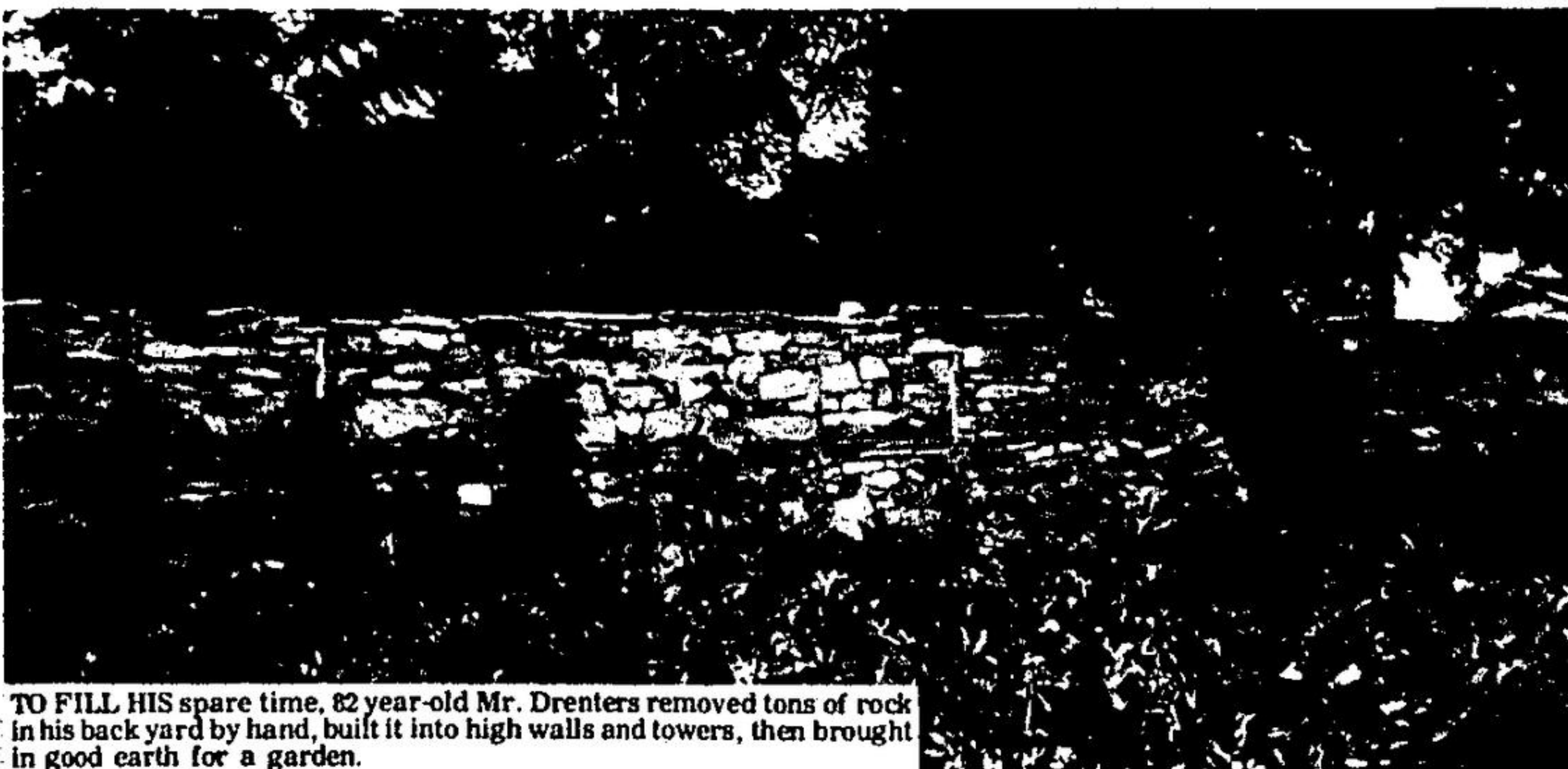


ALTHOUGH wrought from steel, this statue of Christ has finely formed features and much detail.



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PASSERS-BY to the Main St. house are familiar with the sight and sound of Mr. Drenters working with hammer and chisel at the rock.



TO FILL HIS spare time, 82 year-old Mr. Drenters removed tons of rock in his back yard by hand, built it into high walls and towers, then brought in good earth for a garden.



STONES at the tip of one pyramid form a small "wayside chapel."



A PYRAMID in the corner of the garden stands over six feet high.