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Vegetable gardens make a comeback

There's nothing like biting into a fresh cherry tomato or carrot. And you haven't had fresh vegetables until you've eaten them right out of the garden. The difference in taste is indescribable.

With the growing number of people concerned with the health risks of pesticides and genetically modified food, it's no surprise that many Canadians are opting to grow their own fruits and vegetables. And they are quickly discovering that growing their own food is a challenging and rewarding experience. There's nothing like eating the fruits of one's labour, literally! Whether it's your first attempt to grow vegetables or whether you're a seasoned cultivator, having a vegetable garden isn't just a source of fresh food, it's also a fun and exciting activity.

Thanks to the wealth of gardening books and tools available today, even beginners can have a thriving vegetable garden. But before you start working the land, take some time to think about what you want to grow in your garden and how much time you'll really have

to dedicate to its upkeep. A neglected garden will grow lots of weeds, but rarely anything else. And as you plant your seeds, remember that they will eventually become plants, so be sure to give them lots of room to grow and grow and grow!

Where should you put your garden? Consider the amount and type of sun, earth, water and air your garden will need. With a bit of planning and lots of attention, you are almost guaranteed to have a successful vegetable garden.

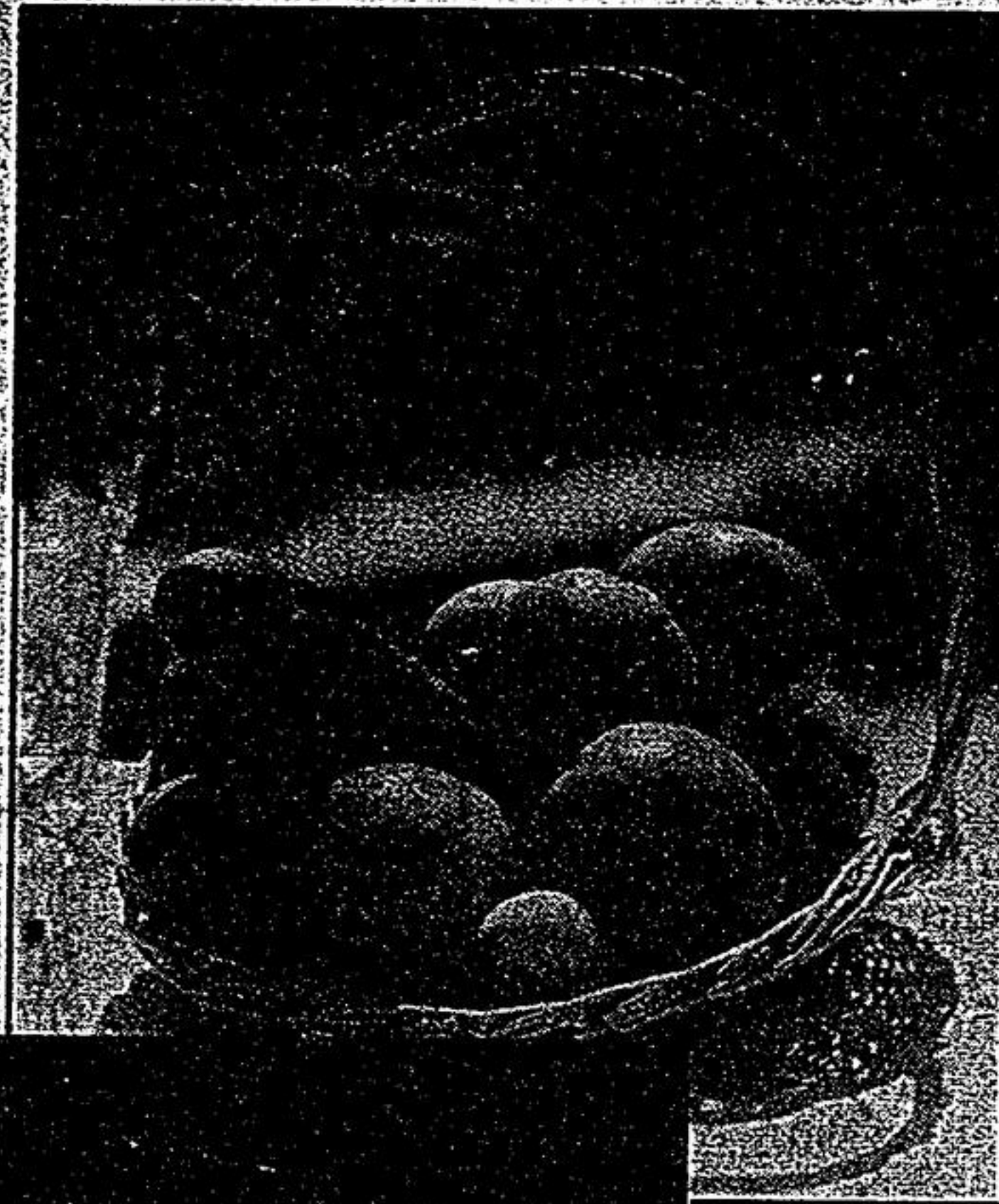
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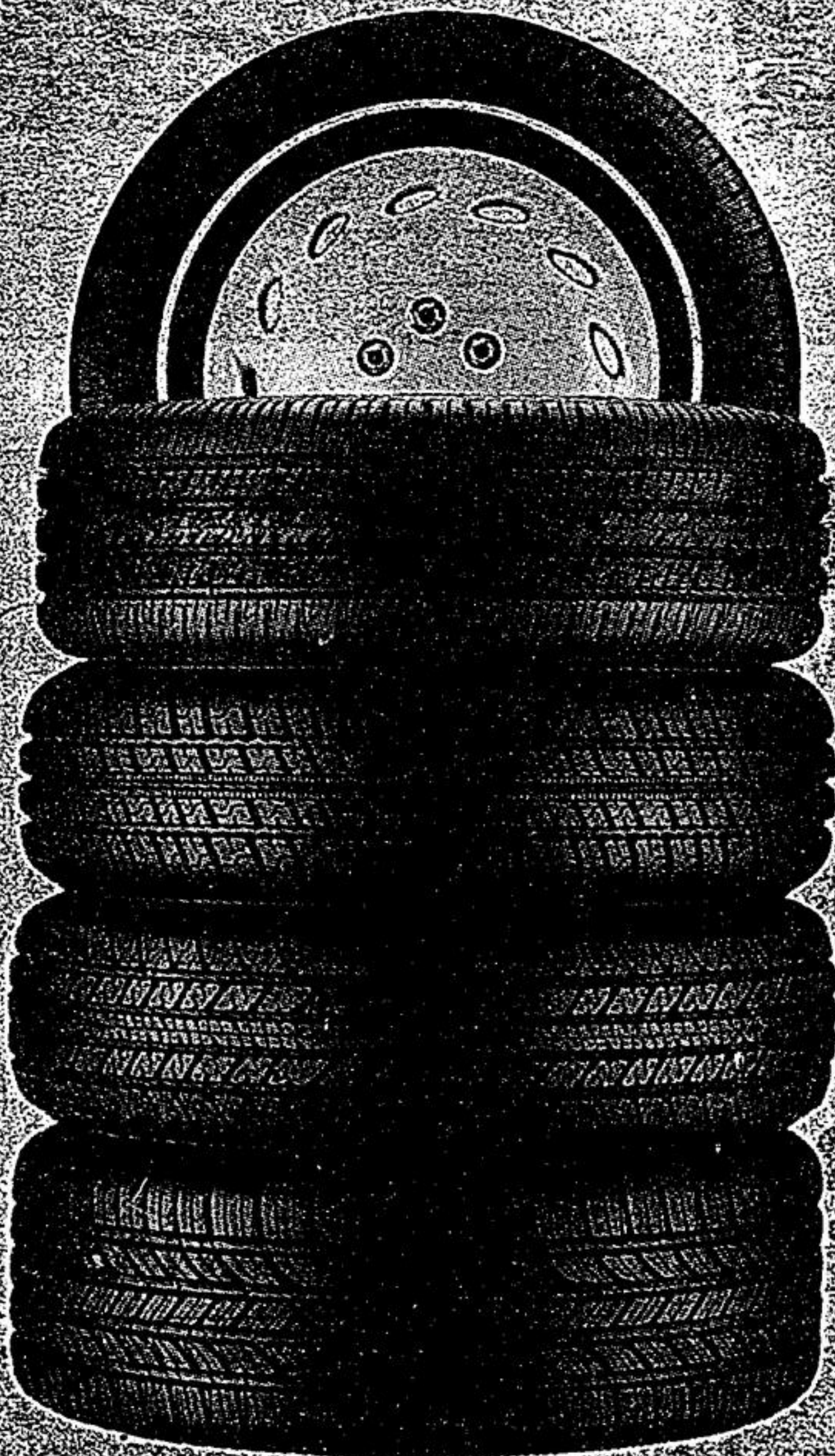
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