

The Way We Were' part 3

'Non-political' editor was town reeve

'Amateur' strike at Williams hosiery
\$1 fine for public drunkenness

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Part 3: The Warren Years.
When Bastedo returned to Muskoka, there was a two-year gap when the paper's editorship is unknown. Then, in 1888, Robert Douglas Warren became the new editor of the paper and proprietor of the "Herald Steam Printing House."
Unlike Bastedo, Warren was very much a Liberal, and in 1908, he would unsuccessfully contest the Halton seat for his party in the general election. Again, he was unlike Bastedo, in that he did not let party interests affect newspaper policy.
Warren seems to have been the first local person to run the Herald, and he

remained for many years. He was born in Acton in 1863, and taught public school for three years before taking up journalism. He would later be a member of the Georgetown school board, and a governor of McMaster University. The latter post came to him partly because of his interests in education, but perhaps even more because of his church activities.
For some years, he was clerk of the Baptist congregation in Georgetown, and when he moved to Toronto, he continued active in the Walmer Road Church, where a window is dedicated to his memory. In 1906 he was elected President of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Que-



R-D Warren

Warren was also active in local politics, serving both as Reeve of Georgetown and Warden of Halton County. In 1908, he became honorary Captain and Quartermaster of the 20th Regiment, one of the ancestors of the Lorne Scots. (1)
Soon after his arrival, he undertook putting up the Herald building on Main Street; he and Mrs. A.C. McKinley shared ownership of the stone building erected in 1899 (where Henry's Clothing store and Stedman's are now situated) and the Herald shared the new edifice with the Bank of Hamilton. (2)

SEVEN COPIES
By a curious circumstance, seven copies of the Herald from the early nineties survive in the National Library of Canada. They had been in the files of a Toronto lawyer, who represented a Georgetown man in his suit for divorce. In those days, divorce could be obtained only by an Act of the Dominion Parliament, and on the grounds of adultery, and the papers contain his notice that he intended to apply for such an act on those grounds.

It was a public age, and the visits of people from far away Acton, a list of those who were suffering from La Grippe, or the name of the man who was fined a dollar for public drunkenness were considered news. Even sermons were reported, and preachers were willing to tackle topics like the relation between capital and labor.

The growing labor movement was having an effect in little village and hamlets as well as in the larger cities, though it does not seem to have been taken very seriously. The paper reported an "amateur strike" in Mr. Williams hosiery for higher wages - not that they needed them, but out of the desire "of a Glentonian to keep pace with the times." (3)

Warren was not hesitant to comment on local happenings. One editorial commented on an application for a billiard licence: "If this means that grog is a necessary adjunct to financial success in billiards, certainly no licence should be granted."

SIX-DOLLAR DENTURES
Advertisements were often as fascinating as the news itself. An Acton dentist



Workmen take a break from chores in this unidentified photo from the turn of the century

visited Campbell's Hotel in Georgetown every Thursday to fit people with "Teeth \$6 and \$1 per Set including extracting."

Coupons are no new idea, and Creelman Brothers printed one worth \$2 on their family knitting machine. Numerous patent medicines like sugar coated Burdock Blood Bitter, or Dr. Low's Worm Syrup for children or the Erie Medical Company's absolutely unfailing home treatment for lost or failing manhood were advertised.

My favorite is, "Ministers, Lawyers, Teachers and others whose occupation gives but little exercise should use Carter's Little Liver Pills for torpid livers and biliousness."

The paper could not, however, survive on advertisements alone, and subscribers

were constantly being reminded that the dollar-a-year subscription was not to be taken lightly (though sometimes people would pay for several years' back subscriptions at a time). The law regarding delinquent accounts was prominently displayed, and even religion was brought to bear: "Rev. Henderson of Orangeville English church preaches the existence of a third place in the hereafter. For the sake of some of our delinquent subscribers we sincerely hope the reverend gentleman is correct in his belief."
NEXT WEEK: J.M. Moore takes over.

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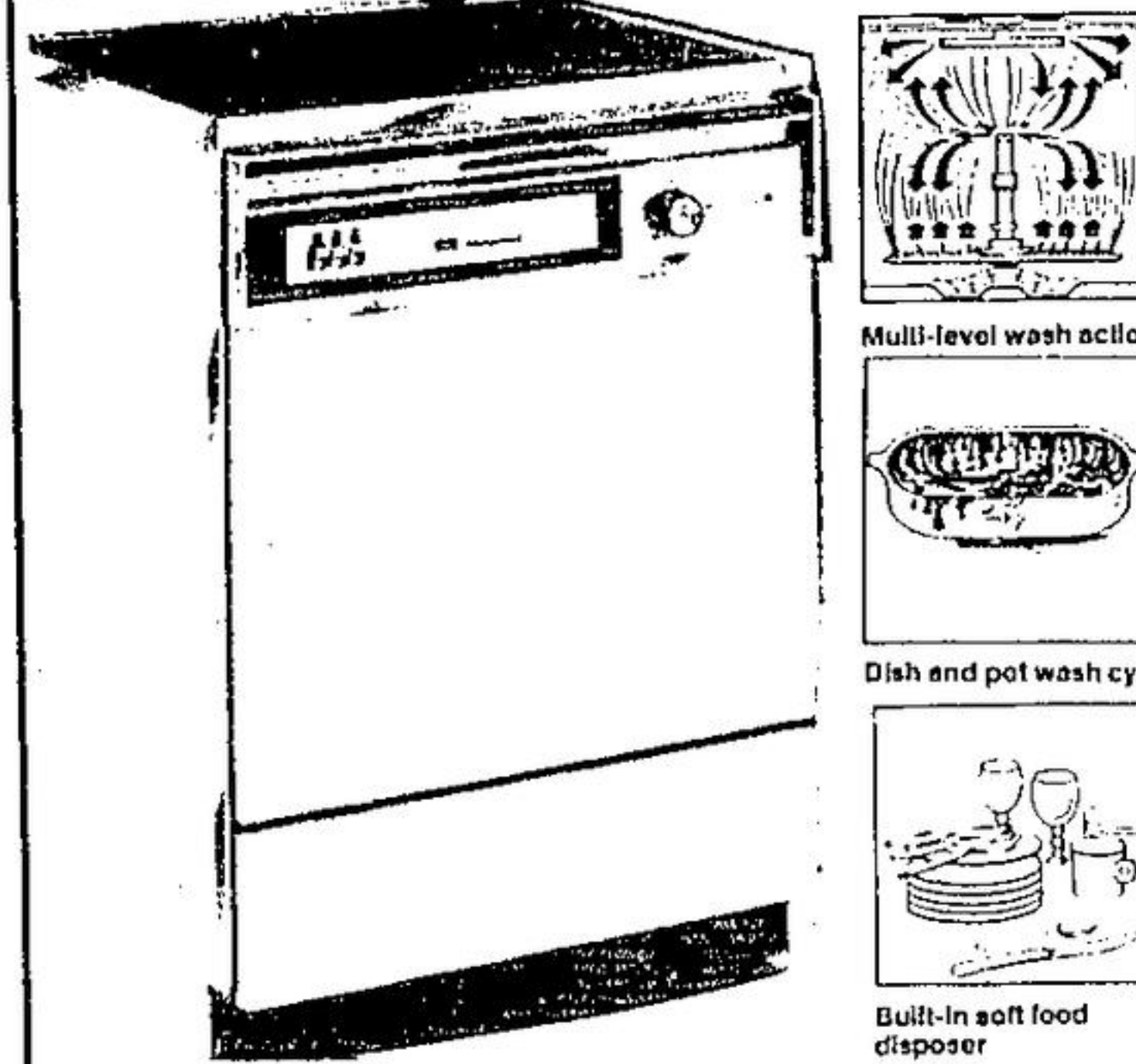
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