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## **JOE R. MAYLOR**

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That was three years after the first settlers came to the vicinity of Oak Harbor. The elder Maylor made the first trip to this country by way of the Isthmus of Panama and then sailed up the Pacific coast. After his first wife died he went back to Ireland and came out again, this time in a windjammer by the way of Cape Horn.

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Joe Maylor was just 20 years old when he started in business with his two partners, but in 1903 it was necessary for them to build an addition to their store and in 1915 the third and western portion was added. In 1901 he was married and in 1905 he built his present house.

"My first car was an EMF or Studebaker and was purchased in 1911. It was really a good car, but of course was not so nice as they're made now," Maylor smiled. "There weren't many good roads then, and a trip to Everett was quite an accomplishment."

At that time there was a ferry across Deception Pass operated by John Lang and consisting of a scow towed by a launch, but there was no ferry at Utsalady except for one summer when an auto ferry was tried there but found unprofitable. Maylor formerly handled a line of automobiles in his business and has been driving ever since he got his first car in 1911.

He enjoys driving and likes to take short auto trips. Since his first automobile he has owned two Studebakers, then two Buicks and his present Studebaker. He has never had an accident while driving.

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