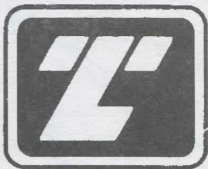




This was Oak Harbor's main street in July of 1926. In the distance is a 4th parade heading west. Arends Bakery was located in the third building on the right with the false front. (See story on next page.)



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ARTHUR HARRIS' CHICKEN RANCH NEAR OAK HARBOR, WHIDBEY ISLAND, WASH.

Cackle Corner, where the highway turns south towards Coupeville, came by its name because of its chicken farms.

## What's in a name . . . ?

**T**ourists wending their way to San Juan Island aboard a splendid big boat called a ferry may be interested to know that some 150 years ago, the town of Friday Harbor was named after a Hawaiian sheepherder who spoke no English, but whose name sounded like Friday.

Boundary survey workers had sent a boat ashore, and the men encountered the sheepherder, the only person at that time on the island. They asked him what the name of the place was, and he said something, and they thought he said Friday. So down on the records of the English vessel went "Friday's Harbor."

**Town names** come into existence in various ways, some named for individuals, some for trees or harbors, some for areas from which the pioneers had migrated, like Maxwellton on South Whidbey

**Langley** was named for a

Seattle judge interested in the South Whidbey enterprise; Freeland for a socialist commune, so they say; Greenbank because of the beauty seen from the ship; and Coupeville for the sea captain who settled there.

**Cornet Bay** was named for an early settler, John Cornet. Strawberry Point was named for a strawberry field on the Olsen farm in the early part of the century. Olsen's Landing was the name given to the ferry landing from Camano Island. Eight Squaw Point is the name given to an area north of Olson's Landing, where it was said an early settler had eight squaws as wives! Cackle Corner is the area where the state highway area curves south just west of Oak Harbor, owned by chicken farmers in the early part of the century.

**Monkey Hill** is a farm road north of town that in the late 1800s, was very steep and difficult for farm horses pulling heavy loads to manipulate. One farmer is said to have declared that "Only a monkey could get up this hill!" The Monkey Hill name stuck.

**Deception Pass** was first thought to have been the outpouring of a river. Flintstone Freeway (now with the uninteresting name of Bayshore Drive) was first constructed over the slough that the Navy wanted as a parallel street to the Seaplane Base. The foundation was laid with heavy rocks and contractors and builders brought pieces of cement which gave it the appearance of the then popular comic strip, the Flintstones.

There is, however, still a Flintstone Park and a replica of the old Flintstone car where people love to take pictures. ♦