

New Car Shopping in 1949

I thought it might be interesting to take a look at new car shopping in Bremerton and Vicinity in 1949. Our country had just emerged from World War II and Bremerton was still booming from the war effort. GI's were returning home with cash in their pockets and the dealers were ready and waiting. The following are excerpts from the Bremerton and Vicinity Telephone Directory published in May of 1949.

<i>Dealer Name</i>	<i>Cars Sold</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone</i>
Ace Pierson Motors	Studebaker	934 Wycoff	2660
American Motors	Jeepster Kaiser-Frazer	1100 Perry	35
Arnold-Bender Co	Dodge, Plymouth Dodge trucks	2320 6 Th.	673
Benbennic Motors	Kaiser-Frazer	6 Th. & Naval	4540
Couse Motors	Buick	535-6 Th.	666
Clark & Mykut Motors	Crosley, Davis	4 Th. & Washington	788
Chronkhite Motors	Hudson	403 Naval	5282
Chief Pontiac Co,	Pontiac	816 Pacific	152
Crawford Motors	Nash	135 Callow	864
Halvorsen Motors	Plymouth	602 Burwell	2100
Howe Motor Co.	Ford	Bay Street Port Orchard	5411 *
Kerr Motors	Ford	230-4 Th.	201
Priest Motors	Lincoln, Mercury	300 South Wycoff	5430
Quality Motors	English Auston	6 Th. & Callow	333
Seattle Chevrolet	Chevrolet	628 Burwell	610
Simmons Motors	Packard	2613 Burwell	4090
Smith Oldsmobile	Oldsmobile Cadillac	620 Pacific	2828
South Kitsap Motors	Chevrolet	Bay Street Port Orchard	6531 *
Stewart Motors	Plymouth	6 Th. & Montgomery	4210

* Denotes a Port Orchard number. All others are in Bremerton.