

THE LOCAL BAND recently made their first broadcast over CFGP, cutting five records. They include Bob Barber, drums; Gene and Ray Forster, second and third sax; Chuck Childerhose, pianist; Lawrence Schauwecker, banjo; Rudy Schubert, violin and Lorne Schauwecker, first sax. MAY 23, 1946

35 YRS AGO, NOV 13, 1946

PERHAPS SOME people in Fort St John in 1946 will remember the great big Christmas tree that used to be put up on the parking lot where the Bay now stands. It seems that this tradition in this community started with the Hudson's Bay Company back in 1946. The Bay set up a big evergreen Christmas Tree which sparkled, frosted and twinkled with lights, and could be seen for miles from the roof of the store. Colored lights lit up the special Christmas toyshop, a cottage next to the store, in a pretty outline, and a flood light fixed across the street lit up a scene as seasonal, as Canadian, as truly northern as anyone could find anywhere. This was all announced as part of the Bay's special contribution to Christmas in 1946.

30 YRS AGO — NOV 22, 1946

REMEMBER THE huge Christmas tree that used to stand in the parking lot where the Bay now is until about 1970, glinting and twinkling so you could see it blocks away? Well, it looks like this old city custom, which has since gone by the wayside, originated with the Bay in 1946. In a story about their upcoming Christmas celebrations, the company announced that a big evergreen Christmas Tree will sparkle with frost and twinkle with lights, and will be seen for miles around from the roof of the store. Colored lights will outline the toyshop, a special department in a neat little cottage next to the big

store, while a flood light fixed across the street will light up a scene as seasonal as Canadian, as truly northern as anyone could find anywhere.