

CLARE BURGER BAND::: taken at the Iroquois Hall, Fort Erie: 1945.

#1. Group standing, L. to R.

\_\_\_\_\_ : Ollie Benner: George Balsh: Ray Roth: James Flake:  
Clarence Burger:Clif Houston : Floyd Hughes.

# 2. L. to R.

Ray Roth: George Balsh: James Flake:

Front Row:

Floyd Hughes: Clif Houston : Ollie Benner: Clare Burger.

The band started out in the 1930's. Their first engagement was at the old scout Hall where they played for \$ 5.00 for the night. They played regularly at the Crystal Beach Ballroom, the Iroquois, Welland St. Kits: Niagara on the Lake: Niagara Falls; Chippewa; Buffalo Canoe Club: Ridgeway: on Niagara River boat rides and even Montreal.

Several other men from the area played for a time with the original band among them the following:

Bill Nix, drums: Albert Bacshall, sax: Stewart, drums:

Earl Detenbeck, sax: Harold Kreiger, sax: Margaret Morris, trumpet:

Alfred Spear, guitar: Jack Coleman, base: