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Los Angeles in April of '41, and later was a guest of the University of Illinois National Band Clinic. Paul also was an active participant in high school athletics, serving as co-captain of the high school tennis team in his senior year.

Coming to A. & M. in the summer of '41, Paul joined the Field Artillery Band, with C. J. Toland his company commander during his first year. When he became a junior Paul had the choice of taking a contract in either the signal corps or the field artillery and, being an E.E. major, he transferred to "B" Company in the Signal Corps.

While a sophomore in the band Olschner wore the double stripe of a corporal, served as a buck sergeant in "B" Co. during his junior year, was major of the sixth battalion last semester, and is now Lt. Colonel in the second regiment.

As a member of the class of '45 Paul left the campus with the rest of his class in May '43 for the army. After serving at Camp Roberts and at Camp Kohler he was given a medical discharge from the army after falling from a telegraph pole while training as a pole lineman. Paul's back was injured by the fall, necessitating a discharge. He returned to the campus in November of that year and resumed his E.E. courses with the A.S.T.P. unit.

As to the lighter side of Paul's life at A. & M. he remembers the Thanksgiving week-end of '42 as one of his most enjoyable stays on the campus. It was the week-end following the traditional game with T. U. when Universal Studios was filming the picture "We've Never Been Licked." They were making the dance sequence and 200 T.S.C.W. girls were brought down for the scene. Only fifty Aggies remained on the campus that week-end, causing a female to male ratio of four-to-one. "Those boys who went home don't know what they missed," said Paul. "I doubt if ever again that ratio will exist at A. & M., especially under such pleasing circumstances," added Olschner.

Paul also has been deeply impressed by the friendliness among all Aggies and the equality existing among all students regardless of background or past. As to Aggie traditions, Paul declares Silver Taps to be the most impressive and beautiful of them all.

As to athletics, Olschner caters to football, and when food is to be considered, fried chicken tops the list. And, incidentally, on his nights out, he can be seen with a certain tall, black-headed, brown eyed lass

Rules for Sending Xmas Packages

"Save strong string and box material and start to plan shopping. Postmaster General Frank C. Walker advises Americans in announcing the rules for mailing of Christmas gifts for Army and Navy personnel overseas.

This year the Christmas mailing period for both Army and Navy overseas forces is the same—September 15 to October 15. After

who works in the Administration Building.

A distinguished student, Olschner expects to graduate in October of this year at the end of the present A.S.T. semester. He is undecided as yet where he will work, but he plans to continue in some firm as an Electrical Engineer.

October 15 no gift parcel may be mailed to a soldier without the presentation of a written request from him.

The great demands upon shipping and the need for giving preference to arms, munitions, medicine and food is the prime reason for the early mailing date. Moreover, gift parcels must travel great distances to reach Army and Navy personnel who are located at remote points, and frequently the transfer of large numbers to new stations necessitates forwarding of the package and additional time is required.

The response that our people made last year during the overseas mailing period demonstrated that they will cooperate in any measure designed for the welfare of our armed forces personnel," Mr. Walker said. "It is not easy to concentrate on Christmas gifts in the midst of warm weather here at home but our people recognized

the need, and because they want the men and women who are absent from their home to know that they are not forgotten at Christmas they took pains to assure prompt delivery of Christmas gifts.

"I know that our people will observe the overseas mailing schedule once more this year but I do wish to stress this fact: More care must be taken in wrapping and packing parcels securely and addressing them clearly and correctly.

"It is not a pleasant thing to visit a postal concentration center and see the numbers of Christmas parcels which will never reach servicemen and servicewomen. Post office personnel have orders to do everything they can to effect delivery of such gift, because we know how important they are for the happiness of the armed forces. Too frequently, nothing can be done.

I am sorry that anyone ever mentioned that the size of a shoe box

is the approximate limit for packages intended for gift mailings overseas. Unhappily many people became convinced that a shoe box is the best possible container. We must be mindful that these gifts must travel far, with shipping space crowded. If the gifts are to be protected in transit they must be packed in boxes made of metal, wood, solid fiberboard, or strong double-faced corrugated fiberboard, reinforced with strong gummed paper tape or tied with strong twine. If both tape and strong twine are used, so much the better. If the other wrapper is crushed—and this is likely to happen—the

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