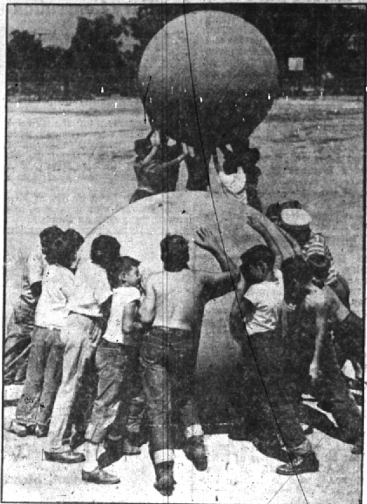


Detroit Lions Expect Squad of 50

"We'll be better than last year." When Gus Dorais, gray-haired mentor of the Detroit Lions, making his debut in the National Football League, made that statement, it did not necessarily mean that his cup of optimism was overflowing. After a season in which the Lions failed to register a single victory that probably was the safest statement ever to be made by a football coach.

With the opening of training camp at the West Shore Golf Club in Grosse Ile only a little more than a week away, it seems unlikely that a squad of over 50 will report to Dorais. This is one of the largest squads in the history of the Lions. While at the end of last season it did not seem likely that there would be more than three or four veterans on hand for this season, it now appears that there will be between 12 and 16 with at least one for each position.

Makin' Muscles



A special training apparatus is now building health in Los Angeles playgrounds. Here you see a group of lads toughening their muscles in a "push-over" with a huge inflated rubber ball. The giant spheres were made from aircraft companies and when literally displaced them they were donated to city playgrounds.

With the Collegians

Boston University—More than 1,400 students who registered for Boston University's 23rd annual summer session is Helen Mae Miller, 1280 Buckingham road, Birmingham.

Marriage Licenses

Young John Moore, Jr., 2379 East Maple, Birmingham, and Shirley Mae Soval, 337 Sunnybrook, Royal Oak.
John Raymond Clarke, 183 Brown street, Birmingham, and Rosalie Marie Todd, 234 Fielding, Ferndale.
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Men in Service

Editor's Note—Men in the armed forces, and parents, are invited to send reports of the boys' whereabouts, service men scattered about the country, are hungry for news of their friends. Even the address of a newly-drafted inducted man is of interest.

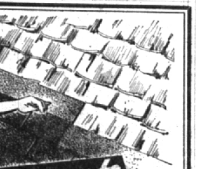
American Soldiers Get New Bayonet Ten Inches Long

American combat units on all battlefronts are now being supplied with a shorter, lighter and sturdier bayonet by the Ordnance Department, Army Service Forces. The blade of the bayonet has been shortened six inches (from 16 to 10 inches), its weight reduced considerably, and its handle improved. The new bayonet, like the old one, is flat or sword-like in appearance. It may be used as a trench knife, is easy to handle and has been especially well adapted by jungle fighters, paratroopers, and air-borne infantry.

Japs still retain the flat, razor-sharp bayonet on their rifles. About a year ago, however, the British changed from a blade 12 to 16 inches long to a 4 inch triangular blade. The Russians still continue to use a triangular blade which is issued without a scabbard and is seldom taken from the rifle. The French bayonet is long, round and sharpened to a needle point.

GOES TO PHOTOGRAPHIC SCHOOL
PFC James Alta is attending the Army photographic school at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo. He was stationed there for three months.

HOME
Angus W. McRay, seaman 2c is home on leave from Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Va., where he has just completed his boot training as a Seabee. Angus had luncheon with his uncle, Vice President Henry A. Wallace, in Washington, on his way home.



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REPORTS FOR BASIC
Aviation Cadet Robert R. Waggoner, 22, of Birmingham, has reported to the Coffeyville, Kans., Army Air Field for nine weeks of basic training.

Cadet Waggoner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn C. Waggoner, of 239 Henley drive, Birmingham. He is a member of the largest class of cadets to report at this field since the field opened last September.

IN V-12 PROGRAM
KALAMAZOO—Three students from Birmingham are enrolled at Western Michigan College for the first semester, which is now in progress, according to an announcement from the enrollment office. They are John Charles Robertson, 3333 Brookside, Kingsley Merton Brown, 1015 Waddington, and Karl James Grimm, son of Karl Henry Grimm, 9227 Stockfield. All are enrolled in the V-12 Navy College Training program.

FURLOUGH
Pvt. Bud James, son of Norman James, of Wambleton, has been on short furlough from Kenyon College, where he is studying meteorology.

HIS ADDRESS WANTED
The local draft board is seeking the address of Harold Fredrick Mattrott, who has failed to notify the board of his whereabouts. His last address was 11628 Mendota, Detroit.

HOME FROM COLORADO
PFC Carl S. Kamin, who has been in an AAF photographic unit at Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, has returned home with his wife for a furlough. He is the son of Mrs. Charles Kamin, 528 Vinewood.

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