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Why Do They Leave The Family Farm?

AT LONG LAST, so your home town reporter believes, something may be done about getting at the basic and underlying reasons why American rural life is breaking up in these United States.

And immediately I can envision the raising of eyebrows from many individuals and leaders of farm organizations. "What do you mean, breaking up?" they will all ask, and then they start pointing...

Members of the congress who represent the so-called farm bloc spend their time listening to these farm pressure groups and pushing through the legislative mills bills intended for the advantages of the farmers. I read their speeches...

Why, with all these things being done, is there a steadily diminishing rural population? Why is there such a larger proportion of rural youth physically unfit than in other strata of our national life?

There have been attempts to make general answers to these two questions... technological development... power machinery... greater yields per acre...

Farm leaders are concerned... economic, industrial and spiritual leaders are concerned... and as a result there has been in the process of formation during the past year the Foundation for American Agriculture...

Food Processors Interested Upon its board of directors, the foundation has the names of some of the "Big Business" leaders of the nation, leaders interested primarily in agriculture because their business is with agriculture...

Why does a farm boy or farm girl leave home? Is it because the house is unpainted, because there is no bathroom in the house, or is it the lure of better paid city jobs?

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THIS seems to be as good a spot as any other to give you the various champions of 1946. Of course there may be a slight element of chance involved in these various nominations...

These selections belong to the snows of winter, not the flowers of April and May nor the red and gold tints of next autumn...

American league - Joe McCarthy's Yankees with the Red Sox and Tigers as leading challengers.

National league - The St. Louis Cardinals with Cubs, Dodgers and Giants close up.

Outside of the Cardinals, the scramble to finish in the first four teams will be terrific, depending largely on the clubs that get the pick of Sam Breadon's \$100,000 or maybe \$150,000 worth of pitchers...

Joe McCarthy, one of the top managers of all time, is too conservative to make any predictions. "Why I haven't even seen such men as Dickey, Gordon, DiMaggio, Rizzuto, Johnson and others in several years. How could I know what they have? All I know is what they were - not what they are."

Any way, our first prediction stands - Yankees and Cardinals, which is no wild dash into the unknown. It is no long shot selection.

Army on Top in Football

As far as football goes, our top nomination is Red Blaik's Army team. This Army team has been the high spot of college football for the last two years.

I know Oklahoma A. and M., Indiana and Alabama believe they could have given Army an even scrap. Notre Dame and Pennsylvania felt the same way this last fall. Result against both: Army 100 - Notre Dame and Pennsylvania 0.

I'd pick Alabama in the south next to Army. Frank Thomas had a fine squad last fall and he will have a much better team next fall. He has more than a few outstanding stars coming back, plus the squad he already has.

Oklahoma A. and M. won't be far away with another big, fast, rugged and experienced bunch. Bo McMillin believes his Indiana team could give Army an even game, but I doubt Indiana could beat Alabama or Oklahoma A. and M.

Michigan, if the draft doesn't mow down Fritz Crisler's freshmen, can be one of the best. So can St. Mary's with new and bigger men coming in. Navy may rank close to Army - but not too close. Navy will certainly be the second best team in the east. Pennsylvania won't be far away, the top of the Ivy league, in a much closer run.

What about Notre Dame with Frank Leahy back? Good, but not great. The South and Midwest will both be strong. The East, outside of Army and Navy, won't be much different. The Far West still has a wide gap to close. The best pick along the Pacific will be St. Mary's, where Jimmy Phelan gave out one of the best coaching jobs I've ever seen and where Herman Wedemeyer will again be a vital factor.

What about boxing? The two tops in the country should be Joe Louis in the heavyweight division and Sugar Robinson among the welterweights. They should remain the two best ringmen of the year.

Household Hints

Even an old funnel can be glamorous. Paint it to match your kitchen color scheme and hang it on the wall as a holder for a ball of twine.

To remove old glue from furniture easily and quickly, wash it off with hot vinegar. Let wood dry thoroughly before applying fresh glue.

Before replacing a broken pitchfork handle or anything similar, boil the end of the new handle for about five minutes. Then the fork is easily driven in.

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