### Mother Won't Answer Her Questions



High school-age girls ar eyoung ladies in this modern day and age, and mothers who refuse to answer their intelligent questions and try to look upon high school students as mere children, make a serious mistake according to the new Hollywood production, "Mom and Dad". In the scene above, June Carlson is shown questioning her mother (Lois Austin) on hygiene problems but she receives only "hush-hush" as an answer. The girl experiences a series of heart-breaking troubles because of the lack of proper knowledge. "Mom and Dad," with Elliot Forbes, America's famous hygiene commentator in person, will open an engagement at the Dixie Thea-



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we would say "Merry Christmas" to each of you personally. Since we can't,

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#### Rats Cause Huge Losses To Farmers

Rats would probably take great pride in boasting that each year they destroy more than 200,000 farmers can produce if they could talk, says James T. Conner, in charge of Entomology for the State College Extension Service.

Most likely they would also like to mention their "city slickers" since their population in cities is approximately aqual to one half the human poplation in such areas.

Where the human population is troubled with the housing shortage, rats could boast that they have no housing shortage and easily say that, "you provide us with plenty of food and shelter."

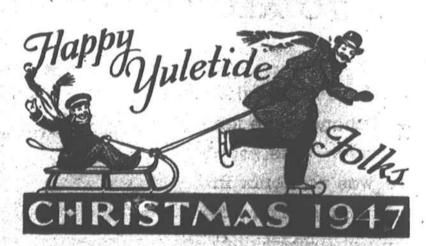
A careful search on every farm and in or around city dwellings will show the presence of rats, Mr. Conner said. It isn't a disgrace to have them, but it is a disgrace to keep

If you have not already taken an active part to rid your premises of rats and mice, then Mr. Conner suggests that you get in touch with yourcounty agent or health official and join with thousands of other Tar Heel families in their war against the destrictive pests. I the anti-rat campaign has not been held in your county recently or is not in progres now, it will be conducted

Grain is too precious now for i to be fed to rats, Mr. Conner said.

The state of Maine produces a large potato crop, with hay in sec ond place in its agricultural list. The state's main manufacturing is cotton and wool textiles, worsteds, boots and shoes.

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not have electric service. 2 1.4 million farms — or 39 percent of distribution lines and connected of all farms in the U. S.—were not nearly 300,000 rural consumers to electrified at that time

The survey ranks North Carolina 19th on its State-by-State listing of unelelctrified farm totals. Compared with other States, therefore, North Carolina is faced with the challenging job of catching up with the rest of the Nation's progress in rural electrification.

438 in new REA loans will be a tent of only 5 percent of the farm vailable to rural electric groups in storage capacity. North Carolina June 30, 1948. Congress has made available \$225,000. 000 in loan funds for national use having large manufacturing and during this fiscal year, of which half commercial interests New Jersey's direct proportion to their needs. The large and valuable

The rural electrification program According to survey results recent which has been instrumental in tals ly announced by the Rural Electri-ling the Nation's average of electrification Administration, 129,831 fied farms from 1 out of 10 in 1935 cent of all the farms in the State, do more forward at a record rate during coming months. More rural power The study, which analyzes the lines are being built today than ex-Nation's rural electrification pro- er before, REA borrowers alone congress up to June 30, 1947, shows that structed approximately 72,000 miles their systems between July 1, 1946 and June 30, 1947.

> Among the industries of New Ham pshire, in addition to agriculture are livestock, poultry and dairy farm ing, together with much manufac turing and fishing.

Existing methods for prevention The report carries with it the as- of losses of grain from insec's and surance that a minimum of \$6,393 - rais are in use on farms to the ex-

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