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To Henry L. Doten, Business Manager, University of Maine
Re: Workmen's Compensation - Extension Service

. . . You raise a question relative to coverage under the Workmen's Compensation Act. You state that there are in the Extension Service (Agriculture) forty-nine employees, county agents, assistant county agents, and 4-H Club leaders, who are paid in part by the University and in part by so-called county funds.

I have examined the statute applicable to the county funds referred to and noted the amounts contributed by way of federal funds which you mentioned in your letter. From such information as I have been able to secure, it appears that these employees should be regarded as full-time employees of the University, and as far as workmen's compensation is concerned, of course full-time employees of the State of Maine.

I think the contribution made by the counties may be regarded as like the contribution from the Federal Government and that neither of these sources of funds results in employment, but provides for employment to be made by the University.

If any accidents in service are received by these employees, I think they should be reported in the usual course as accidents to employees of the State.

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