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COVER PHOTO: Margaret Chase Smith, whose Washington career began in the dark days before World War II and lasted to the late 1960s, etched in the annals of American politics a ringing indictment of political bigotry with her 1950 "Declaration of Conscience" speech. Dennis L. Morrison's article in this issue focuses on that courageous stand against McCarthyism. We also present, as a reminder of Senator Smith's contribution to the tradition of free discourse, a copy of her famous declaration. Our second article, by Abbe L. Karmen, documents the lives of more obscure Maine women: University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service agents and the rural women they served. *Maine Historical Society photo.*