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ANNUAL REPORT

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Extension Agent  
Northern Aroostook County

Objectives	Results	Effectiveness of Methods and Staff Involved
To assist with all efforts to improve the Northern Aroostook County economy.	We are at present, in the exploratory stage with various organizations (local, county, state, and national) to determine how programs or segments of programs can be effectively utilized to afford the greatest benefit in Northern Aroostook County.	Cannot be determined at this time. 26.
To disseminate pertinent information to the citizens of Northern Aroostook County.	Five radio presentations each week on WSJR Madawaska.  Distribution of publications to interested citizens.  Information "mail-outs" to persons indicating an interest in specific subject material.	Difficult to measure over a ten week period. 5 through 11.
Cooperative effort with USDA and State Agencies.	Developing a "directory" of all government agencies (local, county, state, and federal) in cooperation with the Northern Aroostook Technical Action Panel.  Arranging a course in woodland management to be taught by State Forestry Personnel. This came about as a result of conference with Soil Conservation Service staff members.  Assisting in developing programs for low-cost housing with other agencies of the Technical Action Panel.	In development stage at the present time.

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To encourage and assist adults who are interested in Youth Development programs in Northern Aroostook County.	As a results of several conferences it seems reasonable that some interested adults with afford leadership to the Youth Development Program.	To date only the existing clubs have made plans for activities during the coming year. We anticipate an increase in membership. 21.
To promote better employment opportunities for low-income people through the use of industrial expansion.	In the discussion stage at present.	
To secure more desirable quarters for Cooperative Extension office.	Conferences held with the President of Fort Kent State College relative to office space at the College. Complete agreement on this plan with the possibility that adequate space will be available in late summer or fall of 1969.  Other people contacted include, Charles Holt, Paul Mosher, Dr. Struchtemeyer, and Acting President Winthrop Libby. These administrators are very favorable to the above action.	
To mechanize and modernize the Fort Kent Cooperative Extension office to increase efficiency, thus making it possible for one secretary to handle the work load of three agents.	Obtained adding machine, antiquated folding machine (partially operable), camera Ektagraph Visual Maker, office chair, Soil Testing equipment, and some other small items. Arranged for janitorial service to release secretary from janitorial duties.	Everyone was very cooperative, but other items needed when budget becomes effective.

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK IN AROOSTOOK COUNTY, MAINE**  
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**September 1, 1968 - November 30, 1968**

**Emily B. Evans, Extension Agent**

**Division of Public Services  
University of Maine  
U. S. Department of Agriculture  
and the  
Aroostook County Extension Association  
Cooperating**

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To create an awareness of informational resources that Cooperative Extension Offices and agents can provide.	<p><u>Tips for Homemakers</u> a monthly newsletter is distributed to 823 homemakers. Two hundred additional copies are provided the Northern Aroostook office of the Department of Health &amp; Welfare for distribution to low-income homemakers.</p> <p>Five radio tapes are prepared each week and broadcast over WSJR, Madawaska.</p> <p>Contacts with high school Home Economics teachers have made them more aware of available CES resources.</p>	<p>Provides timely information and is a contact both with those who are already involved in Cooperative Extension programs and also a clientele not reached by other methods.</p> <p>Prepared by E. Evans, J. Oak and R. Ross 13 (d)</p> <p>The station estimates its program offerings are heard by 30,000 persons 13 (d)</p> <p>High school teachers have requested publications for use in teaching their high school age and adult students including Head Start parents.</p> <p>Work done by E. Evans 12 (i)</p>

Area: Clothing and Textiles

Objectives	Results or Progress	Effectiveness of Methods and Staff Involved
<p>To develop construction skills which will result in more attractive garments to satisfy family needs.</p>	<p>Arrangements were made for inclusion of three Basic Clothing Construction sections as a part of the Adult Basic Education SAD #27. Two are being taught in Fort Kent and one in St. Francis: A local high school Home Economics teacher teaches one section; the other two sections are taught by former CES aides. Enrollment 42.</p>	<p>For the first time Basic Clothing Construction and Tailoring classes are a part of the adult education curriculum of SAD #27. This was accomplished through the cooperation of the local school officials and the efforts of interested citizens, Northern Aroostook CES Advisory Council members, and the Extension Agent.</p>
<p>To coordinate CES efforts with those of other agencies and organizations.</p>	<p>Arrangements were also made for the inclusion of two tailoring sections in the General Adult Education program of SAD #27; these are being taught by another high school Home Economics teacher. Enrollment 31.</p>	<p>Some Extension materials are being used. Comments from class members indicate satisfaction with arrangements and real gratitude for the chance to take these courses. 12 (i)</p>
<p>To coordinate CES efforts with those of other agencies and organizations.</p>	<p>At request of guidance instructor in Van Buren, the Extension Agent has advised and will continue to assist a low-income homemaker who is teaching a Head Start parents Basic Clothing Construction class.</p>	<p>Not enough time has elapsed to evaluate this procedure. 12 (c)</p>
<p>To coordinate CES efforts with those of other agencies and organizations.</p>	<p>The Extension Agent serves as a member and secretary of the Northern Aroostook TAP.</p>	<p>Work done by E. Evans</p> <p>A coordinated effort is being made by this group to intensively study the housing situation and alternatives available for this region.</p>
<p>To coordinate CES efforts with those of other agencies and organizations.</p>	<p>The Extension Agent serves as a member and secretary of the Northern Aroostook TAP.</p>	<p>The understanding developed between agencies and concerned individuals is an important aspect of these meetings.</p> <p>Work done by E. Evans, R. Evans, N. Smith and M. Warner. 25</p>

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To develop an understanding of human sexuality and better communication between parents and children on this aspect of life.	A graded list of new Library books was prepared in Cooperation with the Fort Kent librarian for distribution during Children's Library Week.	The continued request over a period of years for this kind of list is evidence that it fills a need. 12 (i)
	CES publications have been provided the library.	The libratian reports that a number of people have made use of the CES bulletins. 12 (i)
	Bulletins have been placed on Fort Kent FHA display rack.	Not enough time has passed for evaluation to be valid. 12 (i)
	House plans requested by FHA representative have been provided.	Cooperative with other agencies is an effective way of reaching additional clientele. 12 (i)
	Assistance was given in making arrangements for a meeting of Northern Aroostook people interested in the formation of an organization of Patrons of Arts in Aroostook County.	Evidence of interest was evinced and an organization has now been formed. 23 (f)
	Assisted in planning for statewide <u>Community Leaders in Aging Conference</u> .	One representative from Northern Aroostook attended the conference. 12 (h)
	Serve on Board of Northern Maine Council on Aging.	Involvement too recent to make evaluation. 12 (h)
	Seven representatives from Northern Aroostook attended the ETV previewing of the sex education series.	The representatives thought the series was well done.  As soon as notification of dates programs will be shown are received decisions regarding methods to be



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To improve the nutrition of St. John Valley residents.	Prepared a proposal for nutrition aides to work with donated food recipients and other low-income homemakers.	used in encouraging use can be implemented. Madawaska Family Life Committee and other representatives plan to help with the promotion. 12 (i + k)  Work done by E. Evans  Awaiting approval.
To provide information to help consumers solve immediate problems.	A number of individual requests for a variety of kinds of information have been answered.	Work done by E. Evans 12 (c)  Comments indicate that these persons found the answers useful and were grateful to have a place to go for answers or alternatives.  Work done by E. Evans 13 (d)
To take advantage of available opportunities for professional development.	Participated in planning for Workshop on Housing in Augusta and attended the resulting session.  Participated in Tri-state Agents Housing Workshop.	These sessions provided background information which should be helpful in providing homeowners with information and bases for decision-making. 23 (a)  E. Evans