

TWO OFFICIALS OF PEANUT LABORATORY HERE NAMED

Dawson - Two scientists with the U. S. Department of Agriculture have recently been transferred to the Albany-Dawson area to initiate research work in connection with quality studies of peanuts. These men will form the nucleus of a research team to be fully established when the new National Peanut Research Laboratory here is completed in about two years.

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Charles E. Holaday, who is the leader of peanut quality investigations, is a graduate of Mississippi State University with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He took graduate work at the University of Mississippi and at the USDA Graduate School in Washington, D. C. After finishing school he was employed as Assistant Chemist and later as Chief Chemist in a food processing plant. After a tour of military service he joined the U. S. Department of Agriculture as a Research Chemist and engaged in research on cotton seed and soya beans. After nine years in this capacity, he accepted a position as sales engineer with an electronics firm where he spent four years in sales and engineering, both in the USA and abroad. In 1962 he returned to the Department of Agriculture as a Research Chemist and since has been engaged in research on cereal grains and peanuts.

Jack L. Pearson who will head up the sensory evaluation studies, has degrees from William Jewell College (A. B. in English), Columbia University (M. A. in the Teaching of English), and the University of Missouri (B. S. in Agriculture and M. S. in Agriculture - Horticulture). He has also taken courses at Kansas State College, Pittsburg; University of California, Davis; and USDA Graduate School, Beltsville, Maryland. During three years of work at Beltsville, Mr. Pearson engaged in research on objective methods for determining the quality of various fruits and vegetables, and conducted sensory evaluation tests ("taste panels") on a large variety of horticultural and field crops and products.

At the present time temporary facilities are being established at the Pecan Field Station in Albany in order to carry out studies on peanuts prior to the completion of the new laboratory in Dawson. All the research activities will be transferred to the National Peanut Research Laboratory on Forrester Drive when it is completed in about two years.

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