

## Albanian To Head New Peanut Research Lab

Reed S. Hutchinson, presently head of the peanut research station in Albany, has been named director of the new Peanut Marketing Research Laboratory currently under construction at Dawson, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced today.

The laboratory is expected to be completed by early spring. The installation will be shared by researchers of the Transportation and Facilities and Market Quality Research Divisions. It will employ about 20 researchers and 20 support personnel.

The Transportation and Facilities personnel will be concerned primarily with developing new and improved equipment for the shelling, handling, drying and storage of peanuts.

The Market Quality work will involve developing methods and instruments for the rapid evaluation of peanut quality; determining and reducing the causes of peanut deterioration in storage and marketing channels, and devising methods to prevent the development of mycotoxins in peanuts.

Both sections will coordinate studies aimed at improving peanut drying and storing methods.

The laboratory will serve all major peanut production areas of the nation.

Hutchinson was born and grew up on a farm near Chip-

pley, Fla., in the State's peanut-producing area. He received B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural engineering from the University of Georgia. He joined USDA in February, 1950, and during the past six years has been head of the peanut research station in Albany.

Hutchinson, his wife Janet, and their children, Donald, 18, Janet Ann, 16, and Dana, 14, live at 2600 Whispering Pines Road.