

House Speaker, Liston Ramsey, Announce The Election Of Committees Chairmen

RALEIGH—The election of three North Carolina legislators as chairmen of committees of the Southern Legislative Conference was announced today by House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey. Rep. Ruth E. Cook of Wake County heads the

Consumer Protection Committee; Rep. Vernon James of Pasquotank chairs the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee; and Sen. Robert S. Swain of Buncombe County directs the Criminal Justice Committee. They were

elected at the Southern Legislative Conference's annual meeting which closed Thursday in New Orleans, La. "The fact that members of the N.C. General Assembly have been elected to head three of the con-

ference's nine committees speaks well for our State," Speaker Ramsey said. "The recognition extended to them by their colleagues is also a tribute to the soundness and effectiveness of the legislative body of North Carolina."

The Southern Legislative Conference is made up of 15 Southern states plus Puerto Rico. It is a regional unit of the Council of State Governments, which is headed by a North Carolinian, Sen. Kenneth C. Royall, Jr., of Durham.

Under the conference's committee system, the chairmen are elected by the members of the committees. Rep. James, an Elizabeth City farmer and

businessman, is chairman of the N.C. House Agriculture Committee. He represents the First House District, made up of Camden, Chowan, Cur-

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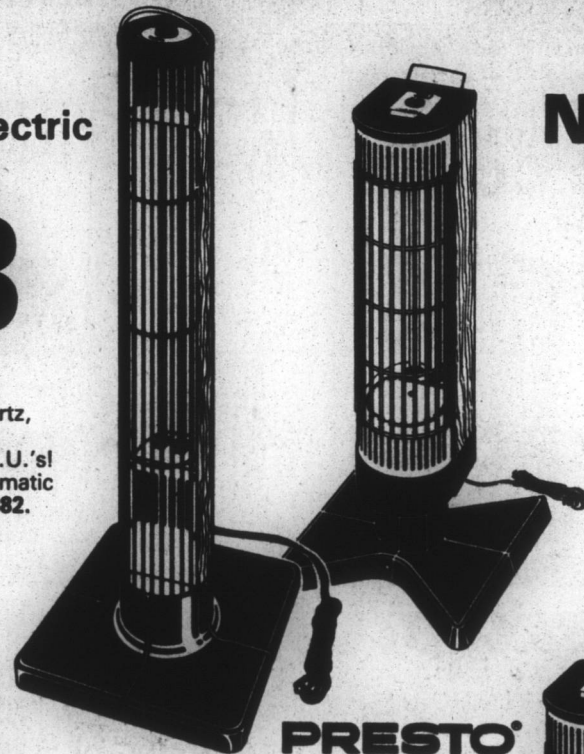
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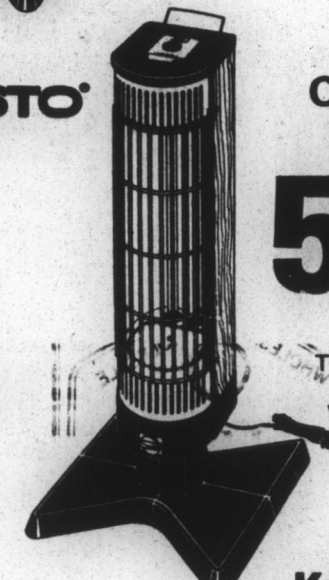
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