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#### **A&P Minority**

#### **Program** To

#### **Move Forward**

Montvale, N.J., - A&P "remains firmly committed to its policy of working closely with minority organizations and programs," William H. Watson, A&P's national director of urban affairs, said Tuesday.

... This reassurance was given by Mr. Watson in commenting on the announcement that A&P was closing hundreds of stores because they were outmoded and the company no longer could afford the financial burden. A number of the stores to be closed serve minority communities.

...'Our minority programs continue to move forward," he said. "These include our commitment to purchase goods and services from minority suppliers, to deposit funds in minority banks, to take affirmative action in the hiring and promoting of minority personnel and to utilize minority-owned or operated press and broadcast media." ... "The closing of these stores should not be regarded as an indication that A&P no longer seeks to serve people living in the cities," he said.

... "Contact has been made with concerned community organizations, and representatives of these groups have been invited to visit the affected areas with a view to determining their interest in leasing and operating these stores."

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**Electronics Technician Third Class LeVerne** McMillan strolls on the flight deck of the amphibious assault ship USS Okinawa. (U. S.

Navy photo by Photograher's Mate First Class John R. Sheppard)

# **McMillan Says Military Transfers Not Disruptive**

Olivia, near Fayetteville. He

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graduated in 1970.

Millan.

Aboard USS Okinawa At Sea the Some psychologists claim periodic military transfers sailor. disrupt family life and are harmful to military depen-Carolina and LaVerne took his dents' education. final two years of high school Well, don't hand that line to at Ben Haven High School in

won't buy it. A Navy electronics technician third class aboard this amphibious assault ship, he's

LeVerne McMillan because he

the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elway McMillan, Fayetteville, N.C. ... Petty Officer McMillan repairs radar and associated electronics gear aboard the Okinawa, a ship of the U.S. Seventh Fleet deployed in the Western Pacific.

... And not just anyone becomes a Navy electronics technician. They must meet rigid educational, mental and reliability standards.

The son of a career Army man, McMillan said Department of Defense (DOD) overseas school systems didn't stifle his academic progress.

."The DOD schools impressed me very much. I feel I learned just as much by attending them as I did in most other school systems. The teachers seem more concerned for the needs of each pupil," he said. ...McMillan attended DOD

many.

they have those giant redschools in France and Gerwoods, and they call a group of them 'forests.' As far as I'm concerned, there are no for-.. "There's a tremendous dif-

famous cathedrals and Millan got his first two years castles," said the 22-year-old in the Navy. He learned and traveled. ... His father retired in North

After recruit training in Orlando, Fla., he attended electronics schools in Great Lakes, Ill. and Norfolk, Va.; reported to the San Diegobased Okinawa and then attended two more Navy schools in San Francisco.

.Although the 18,000-ton Okinawa has visited the Philippines and Singapore, McMillan hasn't seen as much of the Far East as he would like

people," he said.

"When we get back to San Diego, I hope to travel more around California and Mex-

... "Hopefully," he added, when my tour of duty is over in three years, I'll be ready to settle down. I'm thinking about going back to school, but

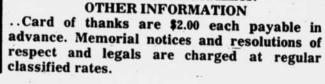


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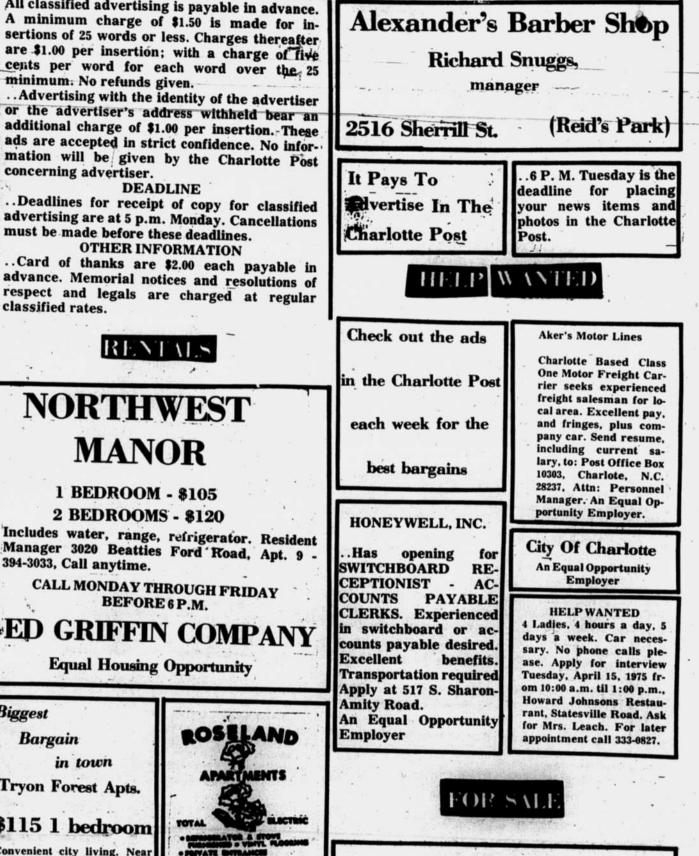
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We lived in North Carolina four years; the longest we lived anywhere. After traveling all my life, I couldn't stay in one place that long," explained the articulate Mc-."I haven't really found an ideal place yet. I like California with its different land-

scapes - the desert, mountains, ocean - I never lived by fornia. Yet, I like snow occasico," said McMillan.

."I also like the green forests

."Hopefully," he added, "when my tour of duty is over

."I love mingling with people

.But the ship's Western Pacific cruise is young and he expects to travel more before it's over.

of North Carolina. I used to go hiking and hunting back there," said McMillan. Laughing he added, "In California,

in three years, I'll be ready to

.He made the Beta Club (the National Honor Society counterpart) and was awarded a National Merit Scholarship. .McMillan then attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for two years, until he was overwhelmed with the urge for more travel.

of different cultures. Singapore is just about the only place I've had a chance to really get out among the

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