

The Queen and Her Court

Miss America picks a friend *and* relations!

Cadets sponsor beautiful girls in the annual Miss Excalibur contest by submitting photographs for judging. It has become a tradition for the reigning Miss America, in Camden for the annual Christmas parade, to select winners, although last year the now notorious Vanessa Williams reneged on an appearance here. Happily again this year, Jack Brantley, who generously arranges for the actual judging, hosted Miss America 1985, Sharlene Wells, at his charming antebellum home, Aberdeen. On November 24, after making her selections, she advised, "It is very difficult to appropriately judge on the basis of photographs only, so I hope I did okay! Thank you for including me in your project and good luck to all of you in the future." A look at the winners proves she did very well indeed.

"She's outgoing with a super personality," sponsor Chad Ayers says of his sister Dana, a 1984 runner-up, now Miss Excalibur 1985. A former Miss Summerville, this Millie Lewis Agency model has appeared in *Seventeen*. The Columbia College freshman loves fashion and is something of a cat fancier. Dana is a very beautiful hazel-eyed brunette.

Sponsor Glenn Lumpkin says of first runner-up Emily Lumpkin: "She's my mom!" A Heathwood Hall secretary who is a tennis and a horseback riding enthusiast, Ms. Lumpkin is blonde and green-eyed.

Ubaldo "Pu" Acosta met Tammy Polk, second runner-up, at a Catawba High School baseball game last year. An eleventh grader there, Tammy has college plans and wants to be a model. She is medium height, has brown eyes, and brownish-blond hair.

As you can see, they're lovely.



Miss America 1985, Sharlene Wells, visited Camden for the annual Christmas parade.

Miss Excalibur 1985, Dana Ayers, sponsored by her brother, senior Chad Ayers.



Ms. Emily Lumpkin, 1st Runner-up, is Glenn Lumpkin's mother.



Tammy Polk, second runner-up, is "Pu" Acosta's girl.