



Deniese Sings 'Sunshine Of My Life'

# Deniese Carter Sweeps Awards At Miss Greene County Pageant

Twenty-year-old Deniese Carter, a junior at Knoxville College, swept all awards Saturday night in the 12th Annual Miss Greene County Pageant.

Miss Carter, a 1971 graduate of Greeneville High School and a former cheerleader there, captured the pageant's Talent Award with a well-received version of the popular song, "Touch Me in the Morning."

She also was voted "Miss Congeniality," a coveted award voted by the other contestants to their own favorite.

And, finally, at the evening's climax, she was named Miss Greene County 1974-75 by the panel of five guest judges, and crowned by outgoing Miss Greene County Dale Anne Dyke.

Names first runner-up was Belinda Carter, whose talent presentation had been the song, "Top of the World." Second runner-up was Berneice Cox, who had performed a piano solo of "The Entertainer," from the movie, "The Sting."

Deniese Carter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carter.

Belinda Carter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Carter and a 1973 graduate of West Greene High School.

Miss Cox is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale L. Cox, a 1972 graduate of West Greene High School.

Also named to the final group of five contestants by the judges were Jane Ann O'Dell and Brenda Gay Rader. Miss O'Dell had sung "I Won't Last A Day Without You," and Miss Rader had sung "I Got Rhythm."

In other talent presentations, Georgianna Sarden had sung "Killing Me Softly," Karen Alexander had presented an act combining sewing, art work and dancing, Ellen Laws had presented a comedy skit, Pamela Darlene Bolton had presented a piano solo of Rachmaninoff's "Second Piano Concerto," Patricia Lynn Henry had performed a modern dance

routine, and Peggy Looney had sung, "Send A Little Love My Way."

Some 500-700 people were present at Tusculum College's Annie Hogan Byrd Auditorium for the evening, which was filled with music both from contestants and from special entertainers.

Mrs. Emma Carter Edmonds, a former Miss Greene County runner-up, performed several song numbers, and outgoing Miss Greene County Dale Anne Dyke performed the flaming baton act which she presented at the 1974 Miss Tennessee Pageant.

New Miss Tennessee Deby Kincaid drew a thunderous standing ovation when she presented the song with which she will compete for the state in August's Miss America competition.

Saturday night's pageant was presided over by Mrs. Mary Ruth Reynolds McNatt, a former Miss Greene County, who added touches of backstage lore as the contestants competed in swimsuits, talent, and evening gowns.

Awards in the pageant, sponsored by the Greeneville Jaycees, were as follows:

Miss Greene County 1975 will receive: a \$500 scholarship; a \$350 wardrobe from Parks-Belk; use of a 1974 automobile from Bachman Pontiac-Cadillac; a Merle Norman Cosmetic kit; a ladies watch; luggage; theatre passes; a make-up mirror; jewelry; a bouquet of roses; a portrait; and expense-paid personal appearances throughout the state and to the Miss Tennessee Pageant.

The first runner-up will receive: a \$150 scholarship; luggage; jewelry; \$10 cleaning gift certificate; a formal photograph;

The second runner-up will receive: a \$100 scholarship; a \$10 cleaning gift certificate; cookware; and a formal photograph.

All three winners also receive trophy awards.