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TO RULE OVER MAY COURT: Carolyn Branham, 16 (right), was chosen Citywide May Queen last night at Gonzales Gardens by a panel of three judges. At left is Emmie Sue Deaver, maid of honor. The two will reign over May Day festivities at Valley Park on Saturday afternoon, April 30. (Staff photo by Finley)

City-Wide May Queen Is Chosen

Auburn-haired Carolyn Branham, a 16-year-old student at Columbia High School, was last night chosen to reign as citywide May Queen at a contest at Gonzales Gardens.

Carolyn, who stands five feet three inches and has blue-gray eyes, participated in talent, beauty, character and personality phases of the contest in competition with five other girls from the area. She is the daughter of Mrs. Beatrice Branham of Gonzales Gardens.

When asked what she planned to do after graduation from high school, she said she would enter cosmetology school. Her favorite high school subject is English.

Picked as maid of honor was Emmie Sue Deaver, 16, daughter of Mrs. W. S. Deaver, also of Gonzales Gardens.

The two girls will reign over May Day festivities at Valley Park in Columbia on April 30. Mayor Lester L. Bates will crown the queen. A ball will be held in her honor that night.

Judging the contest were Miss Wendy Rivenbark, formerly Miss Aiken, Bo Mullis and Walter Duffie. Entertainment was furnished by a dance group from the Chi Omega sorority.

Carolyn modeled a dress she had made as her part in the talent division. Others taking part in the contest were Donna Franklin, Vicky Nichols, Jeanette Black and Eva Mitchell.