



YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM

Carolina country if . . .

From C.S. Heafner, Lincoln County

- You have entered or seen a hollerin' contest.
- You make and eat straw pies (sweet potato).
- You have made or drunk corn cob wine and moonshine or know someone who has.
- For New Year's Day lunch you have hog jowls, field peas and cabbage.
- You know NOT to eat a 'simmon before frost.
- You have had a retired hunting dog as a pet.
- You have been scooterpootin' (messin' around away from home).

From Ryan Clapp, Kenansville

- Your dad tells you to mow the lawn and you sit on the tailgate of a Chevy holding a push mower while your older brother drives the truck around the yard.

From Joan Long, Harmony

- You remember meeting Fred Kirby at Tweetsie Railroad.
- You tell your company when they leave your house at night to "watch out for deer."
- You have kudzu growing in your backyard.
- You know who Chief Henry is.
- You know who wrote the song "Carolina Calling."
- You know whose band the Cracker Jacks was.
- You know what a hoecake is.

From Jane Owens, Francisco

- You've been told upon sneezing, "Skat tom, your tail's in the gravy!"
- You've gone down to the river to swim on a hot summer day, fish for small mouth and get baptized.
- You know that "high as a Georgia pine" describes someone who has had too much alcohol.
- You know who Brisco Darling is ("The Andy Griffith Show") and what it means to "put on your square wheels."
- Your first driving experience was driving a Cub tractor while sitting on your favorite uncle's lap at age 4.
- You know that primin' biccar is something you do for your neighbors when they are down sick and need help harvesting their tobacco crop.
- You were too little to go to the field or lay biccar on the tie-er (or stringer) so you had to pick up leaves or lay on the stick.
- You've spent the night under the shelter of a wood-curing tobacco barn to help your daddy keep the fire going. Maybe you ate roasting ears from the coals for supper.

From Lareen Beach, a teenager in Morganton

- Your Paw-Paw took you out on the riding lawn mower to make you stop crying.
- You know what a possum-hunting torch looks like and have used one.
- It's not "egg salad" but "deviled egg," and your friends picked on you for taking one of these sandwiches to school for lunch.
- You think an old coon hound is worth more than a registered fluffy lap dog.
- You're a 16-year-old girl and own your own duck dog and rabbit dog.
- One of your year-old cousin's first words was "four-wheeler."
- Your math teacher's son was called "Biscuit."
- You actually know who Biscuit and Big Country are (Morganton's Little League all-star first baseman and pitcher).
- You've watched cloggers at a 4th of July celebration.

From Mildred Willoughby, Greenville

- You remember sitting under a shade tree eating a moon pie and drinking Pepsi.
- Your Sunday dinner is collard greens, potato salad, fried chicken and barbecue.
- Men could dress up on the weekends in a white shirt and overalls.
- You know the word cruck means truck.

From Tammy Joseph, Fayetteville

- You know tearing up a tail has nothing to do with an animal.
- You know the difference between coleslaw and barbecue slaw.
- You have picked your own switch and then got a switchin' with it.
- You know all about sandspurs and licking your fingers before pulling one off your foot.
- You've picked catnip to make tea for a baby with colic.

From Lacey and Dolly in Gold Hill

- You scrubbed slime off your foot after stepping on a slug.
- As a child you ran barefoot into the middle of a sandspur patch and had to be carried out, and still wouldn't put on your shoes.
- Your grandmother wrapped your foot with butter-milk and bread to draw a splinter out.
- You dug crawdads out of the creek mud.
- You know what the bay of a donkey sounds like and enjoy hearing it.

From Bertha Seagraves, Laurinburg

- A textile plant was known as a cotton mill.
- You used a dooky book when you went to the company store.
- The kitchen was known as a stove room.
- People from the Great Depression had Hoover carts.
- You eat poke sallet and crecky green.
- You called biscuits "flour bread."
- You called a slip a "shimmy."
- You made whistles from squash leaf stems.
- You went to big meeting instead of revival.

From Victoria Dickerson, Murfreesboro

- On Sunday you cook black-eye peas and cornbread.
- You go downtown with hair rollers all over your head.
- Your aunt pulls the quart jar of pickles from under the bed.

From Latoria Lassiter, Woodland

- You walk in public with your bedroom shoes on.
- You leave church and the whole family goes to their mother's or grandmother's house after service.
- Every night someone is trying to play a spades game.
- You look out your window 24-7.
- Everybody who goes to the county jail knows each other.

From Kay Hobbs and a group of seniors who live at Mary Gran Nursing Center in Sampson County

- You've put lightnin' bugs in a jar.
- You've busted a watermelon in the tobacco patch and ate it with tobacco gummy hands.
- You never wasted any part of a watermelon, not even the rind.
- You have looped tobacco or poked it up.

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