

YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM

Carolina country if...

...you know you can't drink
"barnyard tea."

From Jeff Greene, Union County

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- ... You learned how to drive on a tractor pulling a trailer in the hay field.
- ... Your pawpaw told you not to stick your hand outside the truck window while he drove through the Johnson grass, but you did anyway.
- ... Your maw maw put Merthiolate or Mercurochrome on your cuts. Boy, did that burn!
- ... You would go to Indian Creek on Saturday afternoons to catch a string of catfish. Your maw maw fried those catfish Saturday night rolled in cornmeal, and was that ever good!
- ... You know from the smell that Friday is permanent day at the beauty shop.
- ... You saved your pennies for the Lottie Moon offering at church.

From Louise McDiarmed, Raeford

- ... The local jail was over top of the bank.
- ... You heated your "sad irons" in the open fireplace to iron your clothes.
- ... You know the Pepsi Cola song from the 1940s.
- ... You could buy a penny postcard and 10-cents-a-gallon gasoline.
- ... You helped your landlord shuck corn so to get some to feed your hog.
- ... You bought your vegetables from a car or pickup that sold vegetables around the countryside.

From Carolyn Mintz, Harrells

- ... You and your sister had sword fights with dog fennels.
- ... You ate fresh butterbeans and pastry for supper in the summer.
- ... Your daddy's favorite night-time snack was a baked sweet potato and a glass of cold buttermilk.
- ... Your mama picked a bunch of Kate Jessum flowers from the front yard and put them in a vase in the middle of the kitchen table to make the kitchen smell sweet.
- ... You and your aunt watched the Miss America pageant on your grandma's black and white TV in baby doll pajamas with pink foam curlers in your hair while eating peanut brittle.

From Wendy Turner, Denton

- ... You still go to the country store for hotdogs, chips, drinks, ice cream and bait.
- ... You wrote this by hand and mailed it by hand because you ain't got Internet yet.
- ... Your little boy is fasting green beans.
- ... The swimming pool got popped by the cats.
- ... On movie night, the boys pick deer hunting videos to watch.
- ... You shop at Dollar General for everything because the Wal-Marts in Asheboro, Troy, Lexington, Thomsville and Salisbury are 30 minutes away and gas is just too high.

From Donna Chitton, Pilot Mountain

- ... You have the phone number of a tractor supply on speed dial.

From Willa McIntosh, Cumberland County

- ... The neighbors would make a jar of tea, put the lid on and leave it in the creek all day so it would be cold for supper
- ... On a cold winter day you put a bucket of water outside so it would freeze and you had ice for supper.
- ... When the ice man brought a block of ice, you put it in a hole in the ground to keep cold.
- ... You lived 10 minutes from school but your bus route was so long it took 45 minutes to get there.
- ... There was a fight on school bus everyday.
- ... You walked three miles to church, but somebody would give you a ride home.
- ... You pulled peanuts all day.
- ... You barned tobacco five days a week to buy school clothes.
- ... The first TV in the community became community property.
- ... You went to the local mill pond for baptizing.
- ... Your neighbor put on hip boots to carry you across the flooded wooden bridge.

From Caroline Sellers, Lexington

- ... Your daddy cranked up the old Case to take you to Grandma's on a Sunday afternoon.
- ... After seeing Mama chop off a chicken's head, your little brother had the cat running around with a lopped tail.
- ... You met First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt when she visited your National Youth Administration school during the Great Depression.
- ... You and a friend pulled out the Hoover Cart and took turns riding it on a nearby hilly road.
- ... You saw the world-famous "Spirit of St. Louis" fly over your playground, and your third grade teacher blew a kiss to the waving pilot.

From Rita McCormick, Fayetteville

- ... Your grandmother always cooked Sunday's fried chicken dinner on Saturday night.
- ... Older women could tell if you were pregnant by noticing that your neck looked fat. 🍑

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