

YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM

Carolina country if...

*...your dogs tend to
push you out of the bed
in the middle of the night.*

From William Probst

**From George Smith, Garner, formerly of Bladen County**

- ... You heard someone say, "She had a flourdy dress."
- ... You've known someone who acted "big-a-dy."
- ... You wouldn't let the cow eat "juicy moke" weeds because it made the milk taste bad.
- ... You've cropped tobacco and it was carried to the tobacco barn by a mule pulling a drag.
- ... Your biscuits were made from scratch using home-rendered lard in a dug-out bread tray.
- ... You bought fish from the "fish man" off the back of a pickup truck that came by once a week.
- ... You stored ice in a "bee gum" buried in the yard with sawdust packed around it to keep the ice from melting.
- ... You had to be careful where you stepped because the chickens roamed free in the yard.
- ... You put fresh milk in the pie safe and left it overnight so that it would clabber and could be eaten for breakfast.
- ... You flew kites made from reeds and newspaper on a tobacco twine string.

From Louis Acker, Ashe County

- ... Your Daddy doesn't get along with your fifth grade teacher because his granddaddy told him that her granddaddy was a skalawag.
- ... "Wearing the purple" means you've been picking blackberries; "eating like kings" means you had them on cornflakes for supper.
- ... You carried two cane poles, a bait bucket, a tackle box and a string of fish a mile through the piney woods at night without a flashlight to get to your car, because they were still bitin' when it got dark.
- ... Your Yankee cousins say they know they're in the South because your home smells like wood smoke.

From Ginger Wallace, Mt. Airy

- ... You made coffee for your playhouse by soaking acorns in water until the water turned black.
- ... You played "Ain't No Bears Out Tonight."
- ... Your trusty steed was a tobacco stick and you rode him far and wide.
- ... You bolted your breakfast so you could make mud pies in your playhouse all day.
- ... For somebody's birthday you made a mud cake with sticks for candles.
- ... Your swimming pool was a big mud hole.

From William Probst

- ... Someone writes "wash me" on your winder, and they had to use a stick to get through the mud.
- ... You spit baccar juice on your fishing worm because it works.
- ... Your bucket catches rain water so you can take a shower, then runs down the trough to water your plants.
- ... Your friends call you a holy-rolling Bible thumper because it's a good thing.
- ... Everybody you know has named their children after someone in the Bible.
- ... You eat a samich and drink tea and didn't wash the grease from your hands after working on the truck.
- ... You use your truck to drive, fish, hunt, mudsling, rock climb, go out to dinner, go to church and you never have to wash it.
- ... You use these words on a daily basis: mayonnaise, ketsup, bolt (boat), boat (bolt), whichadija, and cheer (chair).
- ... You pick your teef with a knife after you eat at the family barbecue.

From Ashley in Oakboro

- ... You live in between roads called Country Rd. and Booger Holler.
- ... You've used an old bathtub as a sled.
- ... You have a pet peacock named Purdy, 'cause she is.
- ... You have two or three guns loaded and ready by the door for varmints that wander through the yard or for pesky salespeople who wander up.
- ... When you tell city folk you're cooking crappie, they look at you weird.
- ... Your husband stacks petrified wood beside the seasoned wood for the wood stove.

From Jennifer Swanson, Stanfield

- ... Wild turkeys come from the woods and chase your students around the playground at Millingport Elementary School, and the students climb up on the playground equipment to get away from the turkeys.

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