

YOU KNOW YOU'RE FROM

Carolina country if...

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- ... To have running water meant your brothers running back and forth to the spring.
- ... Your grandmother called "soo heifer" to call the cows.
- ... Cornmeal and coffee gravy were breakfast.
- ... You pulled ragweeds to feed the hogs.

From Arnold Pope, Stedman

- ... You used Udder Balm to heal hemorrhoids.
- ... You played in or attended a high school football game called "The Goober Bowl."
- ... You knew where Buzzard Town was located in Halifax County, but no one would admit living there.
- ... You enjoyed haslet hash even though you knew what was in it (heart, liver and lungs of a pig, chopped up into small chunks and stewed with lots of sage and red pepper).

From Sharon Moore, Carthage

- ... Your grill consists of two cement blocks, the rack from your Mama's oven, and a bag of Matchlight charcoal.
- ... Your Mama used fatback to draw a wooden splinter out of your foot.
- ... Your Mama tied raw potatoes on your feet to break a fever.

From David Blayton, Stanly County

- ... In the spring you put golf balls in the hen's nest so the snakes that were eating the eggs would swallow the balls instead and die.
- ... When it gets real cold, Grandpa says it is a "two-dog night," because one dog cannot keep you warm enough.
- ... You picked bugs off beans and put them in a soda bottle. Then your daddy poured in kerosene, corked the bottle and gave it back to you to bury. Then he gave you a nickel.
- ... You put a stuffed owl on the porch to keep birds away.

From Darlene and Guy Brittain, Connelly Springs

- ... You were the only one in the 5th grade with your bus driver's license.
- ... You got your Halloween mask off a box of corn flakes.
- ... Your dad ground up roasted peanuts on the sausage grinder then added Wesson oil and salt and butter to them to make peanut butter.
- ... Your mom, your aunt and your grandma made homemade flow-ers for Decoration Day out of crepe paper and bailing wire, then took them to the graveyard on Saturday evening so they would be there for Decoration Day on Sunday.
- ... You can remember when school children never did have to sell anything for school.

From Judy Pate, Mount Olive

- ... You scratched for doodle bugs under a tobacco barn shelter.
- ... Your weekend entertainment was parking your car on Main Street and watching shoppers walk by.
- ... The highlight of your summer was going to White Lake.
- ... You could buy a Pepsi for a nickel and a carton of six for a quarter (30 cents if they were cold).
- ... You didn't know what kindergarten was until you had children.
- ... Girls weren't allowed to wear jeans to school.
- ... You know what a grading bench is.
- ... You didn't know you were poor because everyone else was just as poor as you were.
- ... You were baptized at Scottie's Pool.
- ... You had to take home ec in the 9th grade and the boys had to take FFA.

From Chris Hamlet, Greensboro and Florida

- ... You need a blender to stir your sweet tea.
- ... You know what they mean by "nose to tail" during a NASCAR race.
- ... You know what Petty blue is.
- ... You mix your coleslaw with your barbecue.

From Sue Brewer, Hayesville

- ... Uppity means getting above your raising.
- ... A gully washer is a heavy rain.
- ... Rat-cheer means right here.
- ... You tell a person, "Well, ant-chew sumthin'"
- ... Piddling time is as important as hard work.

From Jack Martin, Rockingham

- ... Your sisters took you to the Sandy Ridge two-room school where students kept lunches in a box at the spring and "Sugar Sack" Bullard and the other bigger boys toted wood inside the schoolhouse to burn in the pot-bellied stove.
- ... You fed your grandpa's mule some horse apples that were too far gone for people to eat, and you put the apples on a stick to be on the safe side.
- ... You watched your sisters put tin cans behind crawdads and spook them. They backed into the cans just about every time.
- ... A really good mule was called a "root puller."
- ... Your daddy took you to the Winston-Salem tobacco market to hear Billy Sunday preach. Two men carrying washtubs took collection.
- ... Your daddy chinked the cracks between the logs every year.

From Sue Huss, Lincolnton

- ... You had roller skates that you let out with a skate key and clamps that fit on your shoes. If you lost the clamps (which you did frequently), you would tie your skates on with a string or strong rubber band.
- ... You worked in the school cafeteria for a week during lunch and you got your lunch free.
- ... You and your best friend played with cut-out paper dolls and dressed them up in evening clothes and sometimes in a casual outfit.
- ... The milkman came on Tuesdays and Fridays and left your milk on the front porch and picked up the empty jugs.
- ... Your dad brought home a big round bundle of raw cotton from the textile mill to unravel and use as a tree skirt under the Christmas tree.
- ... The only salad you knew was the lettuce leaves from the garden. Your mother poured hot grease over the leaves and called it "scalded lettuce."
- ... You wore bobby socks and rolled the top down as thick as you could get it.
- ... For breakfast you had pork chops with brown gravy (called "red-eye gravy") and your coffee was brewed on the 3-burner kerosene stove.
- ... Your job was to fill that kerosene container on the side of the stove when it got empty.
- ... Your water came out of two separate faucets, one for hot water and the other for cold water.
- ... When a double feature was playing, you rode the bus to town for 10 cents then stood in line a block or two long before getting into the movie theater.

From Ann Latimer, Emerald Isle

- ... You love that light green color in the air after a summer storm.
- ... You know that when the blues are running at the coast, you can catch 'em two at a time, on almost anything.
- ... You know that if you whup okra, it produces more pods.
- ... You remember the smell of cottonseed oil, and the sound of a steam locomotive's whistle.
- ... You know collards are less bitter after the first frost. ☺

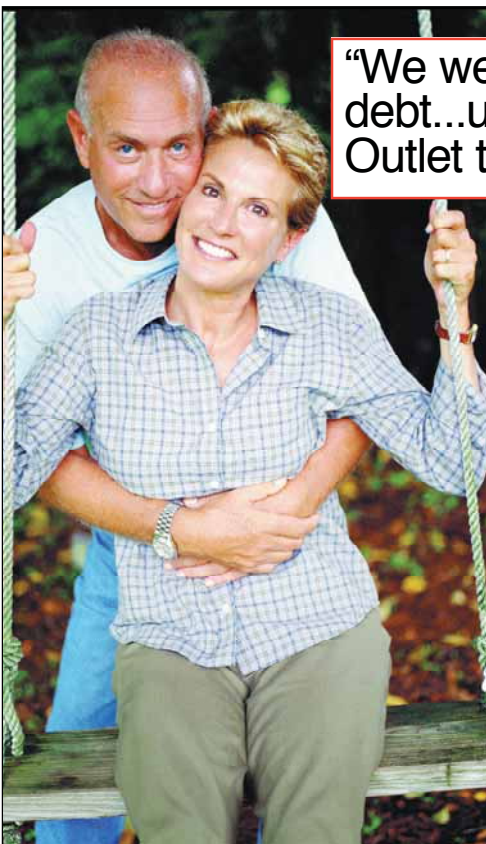
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