Wrap-up of the Mountain State Tour to West Virginia
We learned lots and saw many things on the trip. Some observations from the group:

- Opened our eyes to some different things
- There was respect and love for the land
- Lots of kindness and hospitality
- Importance of God, family, nature
- This trip reinforced the commitment of the farmers participating in the ‘pools’ to the extension agents for marketing opportunities

We learned some Mountain Talk, too, with help from the placemat at Harper’s Front Porch Restaurant. These parts (area) were sure pretty. We had to travel a fur piece (a distance) to get here. We were askeered (afraid) of some mountains and wagon rides, and hoped we clum (climbed) for the last time. And some dast (dared) not to look down! It wasn’t too airish (breezy) at the top, either. At one point we were smack dab (on the spot) on the Eastern Continental Divide! There was lots to gander (see) at. The cattle weren’t too skittish (nervous), but some farmers needed to fetch (to bring in) them for us to see. We were lucky, there weren’t any gully washers (hard rain) while we were here. It wasn’t all mountains, we saw some hollers (small valleys), too. I know I got a crick (pain) in my neck from looking around. It sure smarts (hurts)!

Some of the book read (educated) folks sure helped to answer our questions. They weren’t biggity (stuck up) and never told us to hesh up (be quiet). I hope they weren’t ready to shed of (get rid) us; nobody was cuttin’up (acting up) too bad. We hope nobody was put out (annoyed). You guys sure aimed (planned) a good trip. Thanks, Jerry, Dave, Kevin, Brad, Ronnie, Phil, and others that may have helped.

Most of us are plumb (completely) whupped (tired). It was a busy trip with no time to lollygag (loaf around) and lots of doins (things to do). Mike got a little peaked (sick looking), but not too awful poorly (very ill). Nobody got het up (mad), everything went great. We had to red (clean) the bus up since we kivvered (covered) it with trash, and put it in a poke (paper bag). The vittles (food) we et (ate) were more than we needed, sure no pizon (poison) here! And, naw (no), some are a-fixin (getting ready) to return real soon. You’ns (you) are invited to New York anytime!