

Moldavian VILLAGE FESTIVAL



Pictures of a festival in Romaneshty, Moldavia. People from twenty-three villages in the district participated in this annual celebration.

BRIDE AND GROOM

Young people plan their marriages to coincide with this festival day. The wedding processions first go to the cemetery to honour those who died in the Great Patriotic War, and then to the festival to celebrate.

BREAD

Members of the women's councils told us: "When people are making a toast, women hear many beautiful words — what we want is beautiful deeds."

WOMEN FIXING BRIDE'S VEIL

The festival celebrates women's domestic crafts, and encourages girls to learn these crafts from their mothers and grandmothers.



As late as 1959, the Soviets were a predominantly rural people. In 1988, one-third of the population still lived outside the large cities.



LEADERS OF WOMEN'S COUNCILS

From left: Maria Kirika, Varvara Atamaniuk, Maria Nefedova, Margarita Zheltko. The Women's Councils work to improve the living and working conditions for women and their families.

WOMEN ON CART

Members of CWS Guest Editorial Board and Romaneshty Women's Councils. Maria Kirika said, "I feel very close to you. If not for the language we would understand one another just fine."

