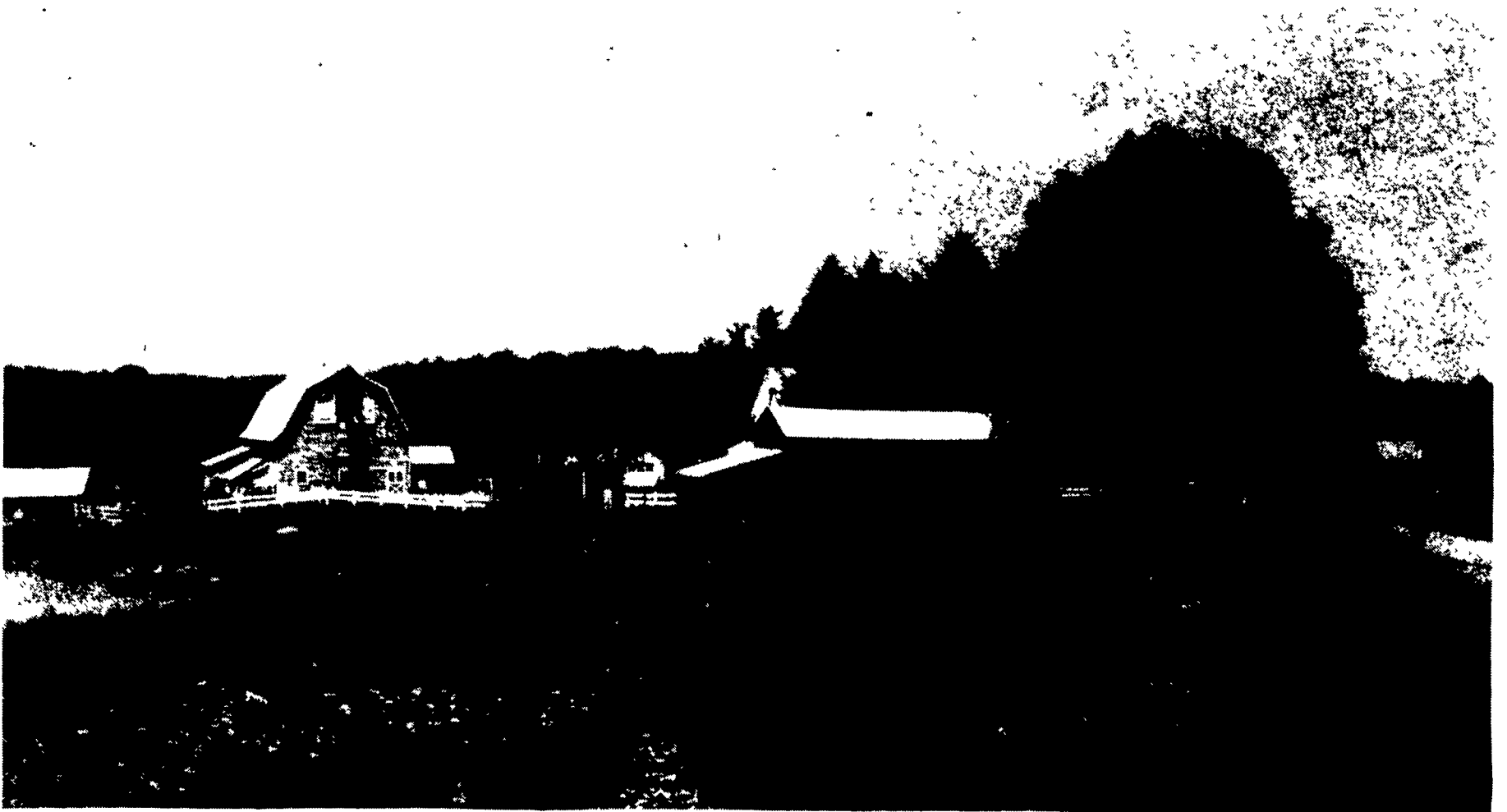


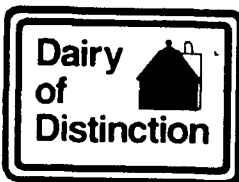
JOHN RICKARD



This new Dairy of Distinction in Wayne County is owned by John and Diane Rickard and their four children Stephen, 12; Andrew, 9; Michael, 8; and Zachery, 5. They farm 230 acres three miles south of Honesdale. They have 70 head of Holsteins and milk 42 cows that average about 19,000 pounds of milk. John's grandfather purchased the farm in the early 1920's and the boys represent the fourth genera-

tion on the farm.

The Rickards aim to keep overhead low and upgrade things as they go. They want to pay all the bills and have a little time to enjoy life. They say they make a good living but don't see the dairy farm supporting the next generation very well. But they believe the farm is a good place for the boys.



RICHARD STEVENS



Richard and Patricia Stevens and their son Rich and daughter-in-law Gina and grand children Patrick, 9; Moriah, 4; and Ricky, 1; farm 375 acres in Wyoming County northwest of Mehoopany. They milk Holsteins that average 21,000 pounds of milk. Overhead feeders that have been in place since 1974 are used to bring a forage mixture

from the three silos to the feeder.

Herd health is the number one management necessity. This includes getting the cows bred back on time. The farm has been in the family nearly 100 years and Rick says farming is in his blood. You wouldn't farm if you didn't enjoy it.