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Spillway, Medina 1921

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Our photo this week was taken on Sept. 19, 1921, showing a spillway from the canal in Medina.

The picture was taken looking in a southwesterly direction with the tower of St. John's Church showing in the distance.

The spillway here empties into Oak Orchard River from the canal thus maintaining proper canal water level. Everywhere a stream flows

under the canal a spillway was created to run off excess canal water when heavy rains allowed too much water into the canal through feeders.

In this picture we see two levels in the Oak Orchard River with the canal to the immediate right and its retaining wall.

The wooden buildings, shown here, were that of the S.A. Cook Furniture Manufacturing Co. Water from Oak Orchard River was used in these buildings before electric

power hence their location here.

Notice the little projection to the left with a small open window hanging over the water below. It looks a lot like an outhouse to me, which lets everything from inside just drop into the river below.

Many of the buildings showing in this picture have since been destroyed. Everything in this picture is all just a short distance above the hidden falls on Oak Orchard River in Medina.