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After I sent out the photo of the 45-star flag recently (attached again) and was telling about parades and festivals, several people asked me where the photo was taken. Having studied many of the 25,000 photographs that we have on line and in the computer, sometimes I forget to tell others about the details in the individual photos.

This photograph was taken from the second story of what we know today as Pioneer Florist or someplace like that, looking SE. You can see on the left of the photo the old Fairy Theater (now Mirror Images) advertising the latest movies. The little building to the right of the Fairy Theater is where the Family Cafe is now. It appears that it could have been a barber shop. To the right of that is a large L-shaped billboard supported on the back by long poles. On the right side of the photo, one can see the RR tracks and the watchman's house for the crossing on Main Street. The watchman's houses were replaced in 1927 by a single Watchman's Tower that controlled 4-crossings. In the right background one can see a house on the other side of the street beyond the RR tracks that is listed on the Sanborn Maps (insurance maps) as a tailor's shop. Just beyond that building can be seen the roof of the August and May Knosman home. (August Knosman was the Auditor of Starke County during the building of the present Starke County Courthouse.) It is built very similar to the Schricker home that we use for the Starke County Historical Society Museum. The Knosman home will be sold by Osinski Auction on August 28. To see photos of this foursquare building, click on <a href="http://www.auctionzip.com/cgi-bin/photopanel.cgi?listingid=489480&category=0&zip=&kwd="http://www.auctionzip.com/cgi-bin/photopanel.cgi?listingid=489480&category=0&zip=&kwd=

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