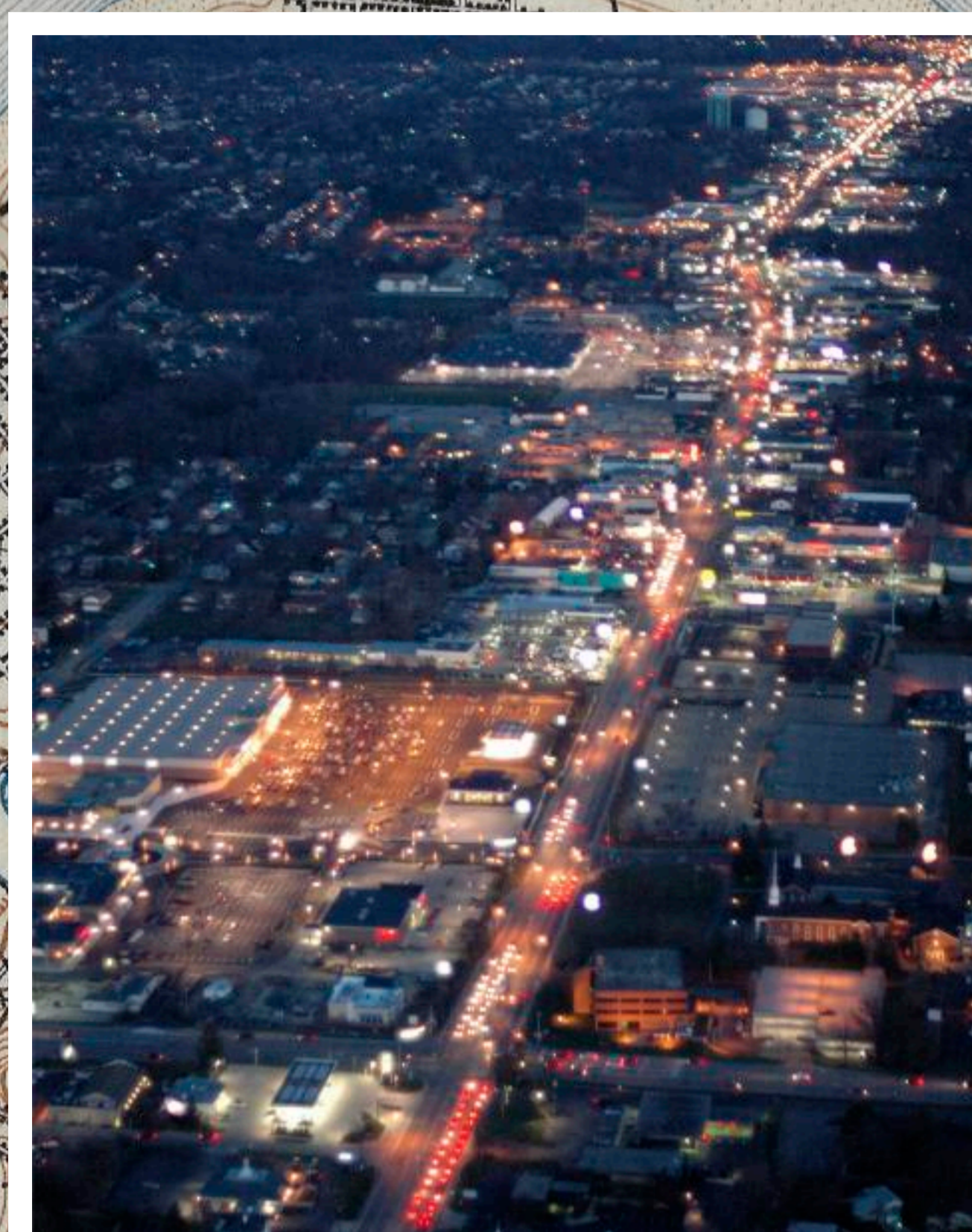


Beechmont Avenue

Long a center for commerce and transportation, Beechmont Avenue once was intersected by the Cincinnati, Georgetown & Portsmouth Railroad, which crossed at the Forestville station. The railroad ran from 1877 to 1935. The Interurban Railway & Terminal Company operated parallel to the road from 1902 to 1918, with a line traveling from Cincinnati to Bethel.



An evening aerial view of Beechmont Avenue in 2005 looking east. Photo Henry C. Dolive.



Cincinnati-based Frisch's Big Boy has been a familiar sight for nearly 60 years. Before fast food drive-thrus, Frisch's offered curb service to your car. (Photo 1969.)



In the early 1900s, the D. Sheldon Hardware store was on the south side of Beechmont Avenue in Forestville. It sold a wide variety of wares. (Photo ca. 1923.)



Douglas Sheldon (1850-1931) was proud to offer friends a ride in his International Harvester delivery truck for the 1913 Fourth of July celebration.



Areas along today's Beechmont Avenue are still associated with the names of the early local post offices used before home delivery. The Cherry Grove Post Office operated in George Powell's grocery store for more than 30 years at Beechmont Avenue and Eight Mile Road. (Photo 1906.)



In the 1920s Harry Dunn operated a combination grocery, confectionery and tobacco store in Forestville. The store was famous for homemade ice cream. (Photo about 1923.)



The Fourth of July Parade has become a community tradition, with thousands lining the streets each year for the event. Photo 2006 by Henry C. Dolive.



Forestville Fuel & Supply Company in 1942 stood on the south side of the road. Today this is the Festival Market area with FedEx Office and Panera Bread. Photo by Robert B. Walker.



Wilbur Wolfer (1909-1991) opened his pharmacy in this modern building in 1940. It was on the north side of Beechmont Avenue, then known as Ohio Pike.



The Cherry Grove United Methodist Church constructed this church at the corner of Beechmont Avenue and Eight Mile Road in 1925. In 1969 the church moved to Eight Mile Road. McCall's Flooring now occupies this building.



In 1912 Harold Maddux was photographed trying out a new bicycle on Ohio Pike (today's Beechmont) at Eight Mile Road. Maddux (1898-1995) later became a teacher and principal.



LaRosa's Pizzeria opened in Anderson Township in 1974 at 7756 Beechmont. In 1985, LaRosa's constructed the restaurant building now on the site. (Photo ca. 1980.)



Comboni Missionaries, priests and students gather in front of the original building on Beechmont Avenue on the grounds where Sacred Heart Seminary was going to be built. The seminary was part of the Sons of the Scared Heart, now Comboni Missionaries, and is the national headquarters. Photo about 1947.



In honor of the 1993 Bicentennial celebration in Anderson Township, Trustee Peggy Reis donned a costume to appear as Richard Clough Anderson, the township's namesake, in a special parade.



Golden Point was a popular stop for a sandwich at 7825 Beechmont in the 1960s. Notice the large outdoor screen of the Forest Auto Theater showing above the roof of the house across the street. (Photo 1967.)



King Pin Lanes at 7735 Beechmont was a popular spot for all ages for nearly 50 years. Advertisements from the 1960s promoted Saturday "All Star" bowling tournaments and fine drinks at the Thunderbird Lounge. (Photo 1969.)

Map source: Department of the Interior U.S. Geological Survey Ohio - Kentucky, East Cincinnati Quadrangle Surveyed in 1898 Edition of 1914, reprinted 1936 Polyconic projection. North America datum. Note: Present-day road and place names have been added to the map.