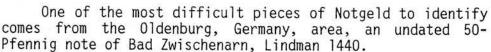
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One could say that the difficulty in reading the Notgeld

piece is the use of Fraktur, the eary German scrip.

But complicating the wording is the use of Plattdeutsch,

only a spoken language before 1800.

A Karl Baedeker travel book dated 1913 gives only three lines to the town and resort of Bad Zwischenahn, as mention is made of the town located on the rail line from Oldenburg to Wilhelmshaven.

A 1995 Baedeker is kinder, mentioning the Zwischenahner Meer," or lake, 2 1/2 by 3 Kilometers, and describing a museum of interest, the Ammerlander Farm House, with thatched roof. It was built in 1605, and is said to be the oldest house of this type in Germany.

Look at the Notgeld! The same thatched roof house

appears on the back of the note.

Bad Zwischenahn lies on the southern side of the lake, about 40 feet elevation. On the north side of the lake is a prominent look-out, called the Dreibergen, the three mountains, left when the Devil became upset when the first church in the area was built.

He turned up the countryside, leaving the mountains from the disrupted landscape, which became the lake. So goes the legend of Ammerland.

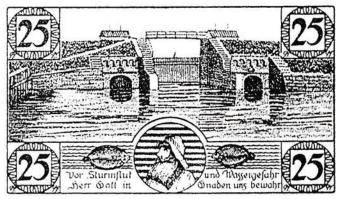
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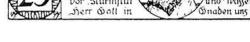
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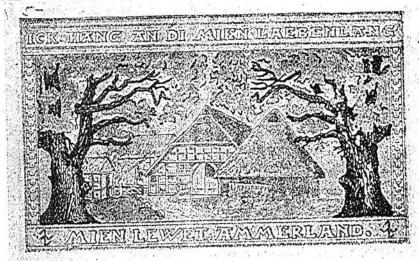
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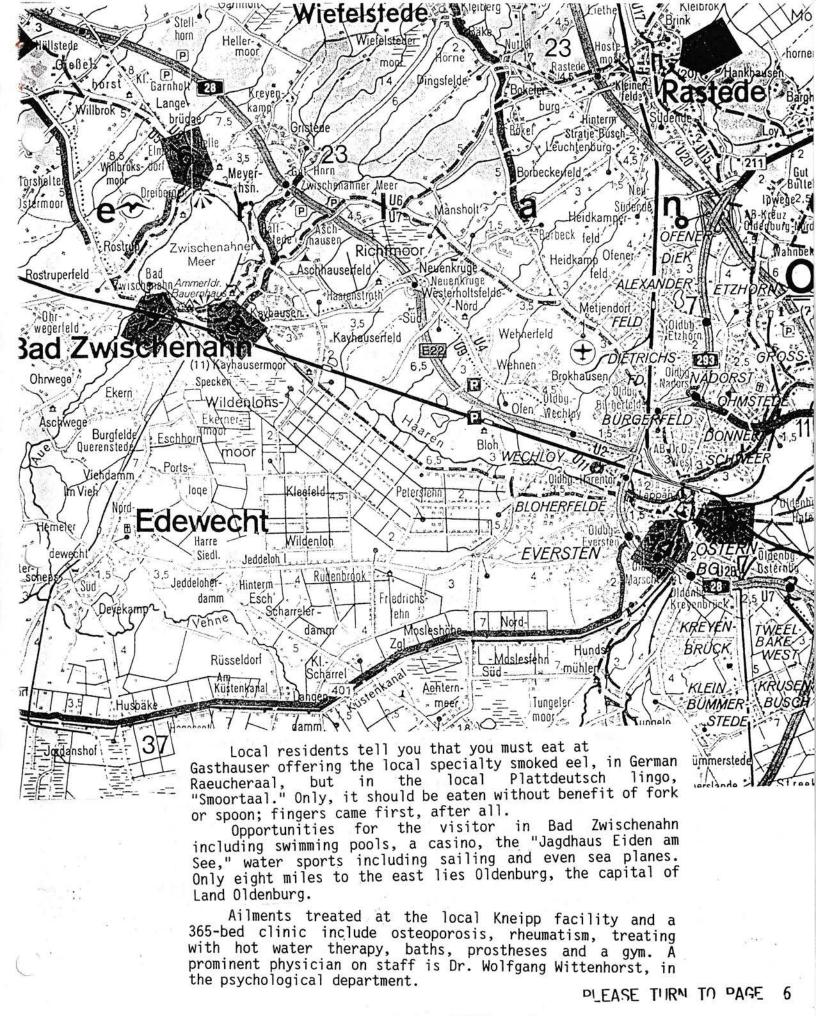








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It is just a piece of paper, perhaps 80 years old, from some small town in Germany. It is Notgeld.

It may mean more when the issuing location can be found

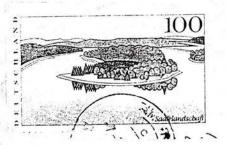
on a map. It is more interesting Notgeld now.

But when the collector of Notgeld can visit that town, it becomes a mecca, a visit of a lifetime, an experience about which discussions can be sparked over many years.

Take the Elberfeld Schwebebahn, the overhead rail line. (See THE FRAKTUR, March 1994) A ride on that line can live in the memory of a railroad enthusiast as well as a Notgeld collector.

Bob and Sue Knepper spent October 1996 tracking down the German Wildman in Wildemann, Germany, and other haunts.

Last summer Werner and Margaret Kroeck traveled the Saale River valley to find haunts mentioned concerning Goethe and other famous personages (THE FRAKTUR, October 1995).



A 1996 100 Pfennig postage stamp issue of Germany offers a view of the Saale River area, described as "Saalelandschaft."

Kroeck writes "Last week we went to Thueringen with some friends to have a three-day hiking holiday. We walked along the 'Goethe-Wanderweg.' We passed the 'Finsteres Loch,' the locale of Goethe's poem 'Ilmenau.'

"Our destination was the town of Stuetzerbach. We had a meal in the Gasthaus Auerhahn near Stuetzerbach. To my surprise I found on the wall in this Gasthaus a picture frame were six Notgeld notes of Stuetzerbach (L-1256), depicting monuments in the area. The Goethehaus in Stuetzerbach was closed for restoration."

In THE FRAKTUR, October 1996, we mentioned Braunfels/Lahn and New Braunfels/Texas. Again, Kroeck comments that later in the summer they biked to a festival in Braunfels. Providing music was a brass band from New Braunfels/Texas, and they got to speak with members of the group.

Kroeck added that the count and his family are among

the occupants of the castle in Braunfels.

The Kroecks have also visited Bad Kissingen (THE FRAKTUR April 1996).

We have been informed that the Altenburger Spielkarten Gesellschaft (THE FRAKTUR September 1996) went bankrupt in 1996.

We recall the Tsingtao account of Notgeld (THE FRAKTUR, July 1992). In the story we told how SMS Cormoran II, in roamed the Pacific, finally surrendering in August 1914, Apra Harbor on Guam on Dec. 14, 1914.

Therein the tale rests until a visit to Iola in mid-October by Richard Upton, a reader from Texas and editor of the Emergency Money Society publication, "Emergency Coins of

Germany," 1970.

But it seems that in the early 1950s Upton was stationed aboard the USS Quataw, sailing out of Guam. On Guam he met a native with a problem. The native knew where the Comoran was resting on the bottom of the harbor, but he lacked funds for necessary gear to conduct a salvage operation.

The pair joined in a partnership, and soon the Comoran's safe was disgorging its contents, including those famous Kiau

Chau coins dated 1909.

Made at the Berlin Mint were 6,100 five-Pfennig pieces, and 6,700 of the 10-Pfennig coins. According to Kurt Jaeger, the coins bear no Mintmarks but were struck after 1909. Upton's share for his partnership in the operation was a good supply of the Kiau Chau pieces recovered from the Comoran's safe.

Several readers recall the literature auctions conducted over the past two years by Frank and Laurese Katen. They've done it again. Offered at auction, closing Nov. 15, are more volumes useful to Notgeld collectors. German authors include

Keller, Meyer, Schoenawa and Reichenberger.

The Katen address is P.O. Box 4047, Colesville Station, Silver Spring, Md. 20914. The sale will take place at the Sheraton International Hotel, Baltimore Washington Airport.

In THE FRAKTUR, October 1996, we reported on a new book by Rudolf Richter, "Notgeld Oesterreich Oesterreich-Ungarn 1914-1918. This book has been received and more have been copies of the Richter book, ordered. Also, additional "Notgeld Oesterreich Deutsch-Oesterreich und Nachfolgestaaten mit Nebengebieten ab 1918."

These two volumes span emergency issues from 1914 into the 1920s of the old Austro-Hungary area. We must clarify again not included in the books are the small denomination issues of Austria around 1920, often in 10, 20 and 50-Heller

values. Books that cover them are now out of print.

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In THE FRAKTUR, January 1996, we reviewed Bad Koesen. In the March 1996, page 4, we quoted Reinhold Jordan describing the swarms of college students who descend on the area, representing perhaps 1,000 student clubs.

Recognizing the 1995 event, May 28 to June 4, in Ilmenau (postal code 98693) a special beer deckel was issued, furnished by Herr Kroeck following his visit to the area.

The Koestrsitzer beer has been produced in Bad Koestritz (postal code 07586). Sometimes a postal code listing aids in differentiating towns of similar names, or to locate them on a map. In the above case, it would appear they are widely separated. In truth, the postal code zones 07 and 98 adjoin one another.

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Bremerhaven, Geestemuende, Lehe Sept. 1920 25 Pf P-S 312c
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Bremerhaven May 1922 50 Pf L-175 $.75*
Breslau ND 25 (3), 50 Pf L-178 $6*
Breslau Aug. 10, 1923 100,000 Mark K-608a $2
Broager, Denmark Feb. 10, 1920 L-180 $3
Brockau Oct. 22, 1920 L-181 $1.25*
Bromberg May 1919 50 Pf P-S 336c $2*
Bruchhausen May 1, 1921 1 Mark L-182*
Brueel ND 10, 25 Pf L-183 Reutergeld $1.50*
Bruehl/Koeln ND 50 Pf, 1 Mark Scheck L-184 $1.25*
Brunde, Denmark April 1920 1 Mark L-185 $2.50
Brunshaupten ND 25, 50 Pf L-187 Reutergeld $1.50*
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