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A new report from Germany has been received from our traveling Notgeld specialist. Foregoing their roost overlooking the Mississippi River, Hermann and Gretchen Krause returned to Germany this past fall, to again visit places highlighted on Notgeld and to visit friends and relatives, in that order.

After roaming the highways and autobahns, he clarifies some highway identifications. In our November 1993 issue, we referred to the distinctions of highways, using available maps. In actual use, Krause explains:

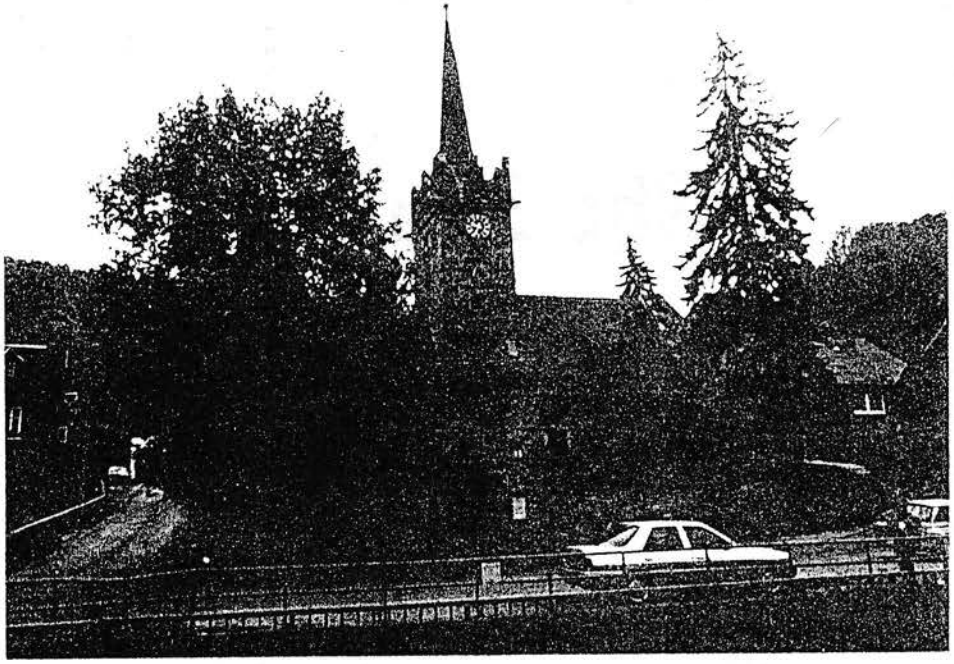
A: before a highway number indicates the Autobahn, using blue road signs. For instance, the Autobahn from Hamburg to Flensburg is marked A7, with blue road signs. But because it also continues to Denmark, the same road is marked E45 with a green sign.

E: Europa-Strasse, extending into other countries. Krause comments, "My observation was that the E-numbers are rarely used; everyone goes by the A-numbers. As we know, there were no road numbers whatsoever before World War II, but they went with designations such as 'Autobahn Hamburg-Hannover and so on.'"

At that time there were no theme roads either; they were created many years later. Today there are more than 20 theme roads.

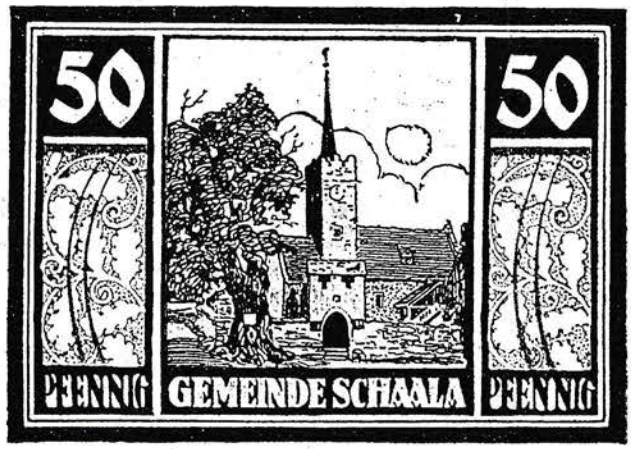
The region called Wetterau is not north of Marburg but far south of it, between Hanau and Giessen. And so is Ronneburg castle. The town of Wetter, on the other hand, is north of Marburg but it has nothing to do with the Wetterau region.

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The tree prominent before the church in Schaala has been replaced since it posed for the artist in 1921. Then, a pillory surrounded it, and the artist imagined a lion smiling at him from the base of the tree.



A frontal view of the Schaala church on the 50-Pfennig note shows the tree and entrance, surmounted by the by the steeple.

" On our visit early this fall, we visited Schaala, near Rudolstadt in Thuringia," Krause writes.

He continues, "the old church is now designated a "protected monument" and almost nothing of the scene, familiar from the 50-Pfennig Notgeld piece, L-1140, has changed.

"Only the ancient linden tree with the pillory-like 'iron collar' on its trunk has gone. It died years ago, replaced with a younger tree. Incidentally, the tree with the iron collar, used for the public display of offenders, is featured on the 25-Pfennig note of the same set."



A radiant bowl of farm produce is the central theme of 25 and 50-Pfennig Notgeld from Schaala, L-1140, as a farmer plows his field behind horses, and a factory belches smoke. The notes are dated Aug. 15, 1921, printed by Lorsch & Nachbar, Rudolstadt.

A close examination of the two notes by your tireless assistant editor and stamper-of-envelopes, Wanda, sees at the base of the tree on the 25-Pfennig note, a relaxed lion or huge dog, with a goose walking toward it. And in the cloud, on the 50-Pfennig note, is that a face looking down on the tree?

On the church, over the doorway, starting at the cornice, it is not hard to imagine a pair of eyes, a nose and a cavernous mouth.

Classified Advertising

GERMAN METAL NOTGELD bought and sold. Sell municipal, private, POW, transportation, encased postage, beer tokens and some French. Also sell related literature. T. J. Orlik, P.O. Box 947, Lewiston, N.Y. 14092.

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GERMAN-FRENCH world paper Notgeld. Over 10,000 pieces in stock! Large free lists. Ian A. Marshall, Parkway Mall Box 62509, 85 Ellesmere Road, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada MIR 5G8.

Interesting gleanings can come from dealer pricelists. We share some items which may be of interest to our readers.
PORCELAIN coins and medals are featured in a recent pricelist of William P. Houston, Boecklinstr. 2, D-60596 Frankfurt/Main, Germany.
RUSSIAN emergency paper money from the World War I era is featured in a recent pricelist of Lee Gordon, P.O. Box 25780, Chicago, Ill. 60625. Included are talons and local issues from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Central and North Russia. Other emergency notes are from Danzig, Latvia, Mitau and Libau.
FRENCH emergency paper issues are found in a bound catalog issued by Victor Gadoury, 21, Boulelvard d'Italie, MC 98000 Monte Carlo, Monaco.
GERMAN METAL and paper emergency issues are featured in pricelists issued by Muenzen Schoenawa, Ostlandstr. 12, D-38315 Werlaburgdorf, Germany. He is also the publisher of Notgeld books, arranged by provinces.
BARTER UNITS of Germany from World War II were listed recently by Stanley A. Furman, P.OO. Box 83-2104, Delray Beach, Fla. 33483.
SERIES NOTES of German Notgeld are featured in pricelists by Hans and Beate Rauch, P.O. Box 2380, Los Angeles, Calif. 90078-2830.
ALSACE TO POSEN emergency notes of Germany were offered recently in pricelists of Ian A. Marshall, c/o Parkway Mall, Box 62509, 88 Ellesmere Road, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada M1R 5G8.

Books seem to be much in demand, even years after they have been out of print.

LANCE K. CAMPBELL released a 144-page book in 1989, "Prisoner of War and Concentration Camp Money of the 20th Century." In 1993 he released the 200-page second edition. The book can be ordered from BNR Press, 132 East Second St., Port Clinton, Ohio 43452-1115.

Campbell comments, "The first edition of this book had the effect of awakening interest in the subject of camp money as a collectible. Hopefully, the second edition will have that same effect and more enthusiasts will be developed. There is room for many more in the hobby."

Not included in the second edition but reported by Campbell in a recent issue of the "IBNS Journal" is a note from the Natzweiler concentration camp. It was the only major concentration camp in France, located in Alsace.

Retailing for $20 is the newest effort of HARTMUT SCHOENAWA, a 102-page volume describing notes of "Mecklenburg/Pommern."

While the boundaries of the region have moved over the years, generally listed are notes issued east of the Oder River, the current state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and include the old district of Grenzmark Posen-Westprussia.

Notes are listed from the 1914 issues to 1923 inflation notes, and include the 70 cities which issued notes in the series sponsored by the Mecklenburg Travel Office, dear to collectors as "Reutergeld."

Notes are listed alphabetically by city of issue; under that city are included official or city issues, those by banks, businesses, prisoner of war camps and others, such as donation notes. Minor variations of color, serial numbers and signatures are ignored by Schoenawa.

An English-language Introduction was prepared by Beate Rauch, Los Angeles, Calif.

Helps offered the reader include a table of abbreviations, in English and German; a bibliography of sources; contributors to the volume; and a section of professional dealers who handle Notgeld.

The book is available through THE FRAKTUR.

Other volumes called to our attention recently include, preceded by author, include:

DR. JENS-UWE RIXEN, history professor at the University of Tuebingen, "Notgeld im Kieler Raum 1812-1948, Band I, Ausgaben der Stadt Kiel, der Provinz Schleswig-Holstein und der Reichsbehoerden."

The effort is part of a commemoration of the 750-year of Kiel, home of Dr. Rixen. It was issued by the Landesbank Schleswig-Holstein, Kiel, in 1992.

WOLFGANG FRIEDRICH, "Noerdlinger Notgeld 1917-1923," has 142 pages, illustrated. The 1992 book retails for 40 DM.



Wagrowiec, Poland, is located at 52° 49' N; 17° 11' E, between Bydgoszcz (Bromberg and Poznan (Posen). The Marka note is dated Dec. 1, 1919.

GADOURY-ELIE, "Monnaies de Necessite Francaises 1789-1990." 688 pages, including 9,000 issues of France, Alsace-Lorraine, military jetons, colonies and Monaco. Available from Gadoury address above.

PIROT, "Les Billets des Chambres de Commerce," 1989, 188 pages, illustrated, describing Chamber of Commerce notes of France, available from Gadoury.

PETER MENZEL, author of "Deutsche Notmuenzen und sonstige Geldersatzmarken 1873-1932," has issued a new edition of the book, first published in 1982 in Berlin. Inquiries may be made to Tim Orlik, P.O. Box 947, Lewiston, N.Y. 14092. Orlik publishes regular pricelists, specializing in metal emergency tokens, including POW and transportation.

JOE BOLING and FRED SCHWAN describe "Military Currency of the Second World War" in Vol. 32, Nr. 4, 1993, of the "International Bank Note Society Journal. Included are army issues, occupation issues, Liberation/Government in exile issues, emergency issues, Occupied governments, propaganda notes, camp money, club chits and the ever-present bug-a-boo, counterfeits. IBNS applications for membership may be requested from THE FRAKTUR.

So often do we associate emergency paper money only with Austria, Germany and perhaps Hungary, that we ignore issues from other lands. So here we show notes from Algeria, Belgium, France and Spain. Notes for collectors were rarely issued outside of Austria and Germany; thus it is more difficult to locate them in Uncirculated condition.

A Two-Franc note of Algeria, issued under a law of Jan. 31, 1944, shows the value in the Arabic language also. Jean Manasselian wrote "Les Monnaies de Necessite Francaises et Coloniales."





A franc note of Belgium, dated Oct. 4, 1917, is catalogued by Dr. Arnold Keller and Wladimir Ouchkoff in "Le Papier-Monnaie Belge de Necessite de la Guerra 1914-1918."

The nice note from Nice, France, is a 50-Centime issue of the Chamber of Commerce, April 30, 1920. These notes are catalogued by J.R. De Mey and B. Poindessault in "Repertoire des Billets de Necessite Francais (1914-1926."





August 24, 1917, is the date of a 25-Centime note of El Vendrell Tarragona, Catalonia, Spain. The note is catalogued by Kenneth Graeber in "Local Paper Money issued during the Spanish Civil War."

Koeben/Oder Dec. 24, 1920 25, 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-694 $4*
Koelln Reisiek ND 50 (2), 75 (2) Pf L-695 $5
Koeln (Coeln) 1917 25 Pf P-S $.50
Koeln July 13, 1921 10 (4), 25 (5), 50 (4) Pf total of 17 notes, all different serial designations $7
Koeln Sept. 12, 1922 100 Mark K-314 bad fold $1.50
Koeln July 2, 1923 50,000 Mark Series B K-2684b $2
Koeln Sept. 14, 1923 200,000,000 Mark K-2684z $3
Koeln-Muelheim ND 50 Pf L-700 $1.75*
Koenigsaue June 10, 1921 40, 50 (2), 100 Pf map, chessback L-701 $2.50*
Koenigsberg/Franken Nov. 1918 20 Mark K-264 tear $2.50
Koenigsberg/Neumark ND 2 Mark L-702 $1.25
Koenigsberg/Ostpreussen (Provinz Ostpreussen) Dec. 10, 1918 P-S 2006g $4*
Koenigshofen/Bayern May 1, 1919 50 Pf P-S 1132a $2.50*
Koenigshuette/Posen (Kroelewska Huta) date value bilingual Plebiscite L-706 $1.25*
Koenigshuette/Schlesien May 30, 1921 Maiaufstand 1921 Meyer 23 $3*
Koenigsee/Thuer. Jan. 1, 1921 25, 50 Pf L-705 $4.25*
Koenigssee/Bayern March 26, 1921 10, 20, 25 Pf L-707 $5*
Koenigswinter Nov. 1, 1921 50 (8) Pf L-709 $5*
Koenigswinter July 15, 1921 25 (2), 50 (2), 75 (2) Pf L-710 $4*
Koennern April 19, 1920 50 Pf P-S 1136b $1.75
Koesen, Bad July 9, 1918 10 Pf P-S 1138 (brown and grey) $.75 each
Koesen, Bad June 1, 1921 10 (3), 50 (3) Pf L-713 $4.50*
Koeslin/Pomm. 1921 25, 50 (2), 75 Pf, 1 Mark L-714 $6*
Koestritz L-715a ND 50 Pf; L-715b Oct. 1, 1921 50 (3) $4.50*
Kolberg/Ostsee Sept. 1, 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf blue; 25, 50, 75 Pf, 1 Mark green L-716 $4.50*
Kolberg/Pomm. March 1, 1917 10, 25, 50 Pf P-S 1141 $1.75
Kolberg/Pomm. Nov. 12, 1918 5 Mark K-268a $2.50
Kolberg/Pomm. Sept. 1, 1921 green 25, 50, 75 Pf, 1 Mark; blue 25, 50, 75 Pf L-719a $4.50*
Konstadt/Oberschlesien June 15, 1919 10, 25 Pf P-S 1144f $42.50*
Konstanz/Baden Nov. 1918 20 Mark P-S 269 $4*
Konstanz/Baden July 1919 50 Pf P-S 1145b $1.25*
Kotzenau-Mallmitz/Schlesien Nov. 3, 1923 10, 60 Goldpfennig K-261 $8*
Kranichfeld Feb. 22, 1921 10, 25, 50 Pf L-720 $4*
Krappitz/Schlesien ND 25 Pf P-S 1152 $.50
Kremp Dec. 1920 25, 50, 100 Pf L-721 $2*
Kreuznach, Bad 1917-1918 50 Pf P-S 1156d bridge $2
Kreuzburg/Oschlesien Jan. 18, 1921 25, 50 Pf L-723a Plebiscite $1.50*
Kreuzburg/OberSchlesien Oct. 18, 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf L-723b $1.75*
Kreuzburg/OberSchlesien ND 1 Mark (3) L-723c $2.25*
Kroelpa/Thuer. July 31, 1921 25 Pf L-724 $.60*
Kronach/Bayern Dec. 1918 5 Mark K-272 $2

Kronach/Bayern 1921 25 (3), 50 (3) Pf Schiestl L-726 $4*
Kudowa, Bad/Schlesien ND 25, 50 Pf L-727 $1.25*
Kulmbach 1918 50 Pf, 1, 5, 20 Mark K-275 $6
Kummerfeld ND 25 (2), 50 (2), 75 (2) Pf L-728 $4.50*
Kunzendorf/Posen March 1, 1921 50 Pf, 1, 2 Mark Bilingual Plebiscite L-729 $1.75*
Kyritz/Brandenburg July 1, 1920 25 Pf P-S 1172 III $1*
Labes/Pomm. Oct. 1921 50, 75 Pf, 1, 2, Mark L-734 $2.50*
Laehn/Riesengebirge ND 25, 50, 75 Pf, 1 Mark Scheck L-735 $5*
Lage Feb. 1921 10, 25, 50 Pf L-736 $1.75*
Lahr/Briesgau June 12, 1917 50 Pf P-S 1178 $1.75*
Landeck/Schlesien March 11, 1921 25, 50 Pf L-1181e $5*
Landkirchen/Fehmarn ND 1 Mark L-749 $.60*
Landsberg/Lech Jan. 1921 50 Pf L-741 $2*
Landsberg/Oberschlesien May 24, 1921 50 (3), 75 (3), 100 (3) Pf L-742b $27*
Landsberg/Warthe ND 5, 20, 50 Mark K-284 $6
Landeshut ND (1920) 50 Pf P-S 1186 Otto Schumann $2.50*
Langenhorn ND 50, 75 Pf, 1 Mark L-747 $4.50*
Langensalza 1921 25 (5), 50 (3) Pf L-749 $10
Langewiesen/Thuer. 1921 5, 10, 25, 50 Pf L-751 $5*
Lassan ND (1920) 25, 50 Pf L-1197b $2.50*
Lassan-Zinnowitz April 1, 1920 1 Pf P-S 1198 Carl Duden $2*
Lauban/Schlesien Oct. 1920 10, 25 Pf P-S 1199 $1.25*
Lauchstedt 1921 25 Pf L-753 $.60*
Lauenburg/Pomm. Nov. 15, 1918 5, 10, 20 Mark K-286 $6*
Lauenburg/Elbe July 1, 1921 10, 25, 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-753 $2.50*
Lauenstein June 1921 10, 25, 50 Pf L-754 $1.75*
Laufen Oct. 20, 1920 25, 50 Pf P-S 1204 $2*
Laurahuette/Oberschlesien May 3, 1921 1 Mark $5*
Lauterberg/Harz July 15, 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf L-758 $4*
Leck/Schl-Hol. ND 25, 50 Pf, 2 Mark L-759 $5.50*
Leer/Ostfriesland Oct. 1921 25, 50, 75 Pf, 1 Mark L-761 $2.5
Leipzig ND 50 (3) Pf Volkhaus L-765 $7*
Leipzig Oct. 17, 1918 5, 20 Mark K-289 $6.50
Leipzig August 1922 500,000 Mark Fall fair K-3083 $4
Leipzig Aug. 27 - Sept. 4, 1921 25, 50 (4) Pf Notgeld Show L-763 $9*
Lemgo May 25, 1921 10, 50 (2) Pf L-768a $1.50*
Lemgo May 25, 1921 10, 25 (2), 50 Pf L-768b $2.50*
Lenzen/Elbe ND 50 (3), 75 (3) Pf L-771 $4.50*
Leobschuetz ND 5, 10, 25, 50, 75 Pf L-772 $3.25*
Leopoldshall July 25, 1921 25 (3), 50, 75 Pf L-773 $3.25
Leutenberg/Thuer. 1921 25, 50 (2) Pf L-775a, b $2*

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