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Stadt Bad Lauchstädt



"Both yesterday and the day before I spent in Lauchstedt, where I saw 'Firgaro' and 'Egmont.' There too I treated myself to the different tastes on offer, and to idly watching the people and goings-on which are always to be found at the baths. In Lauchstedt there is everything for everyone: countless stalls selling all kinds of refreshments, an ice cream stand, an Italian pavilion where one can sit and relax and a restaurant which has the choicest dishes and a wine list too long to take in. Music, theater and dancing are daily events here, too."

Thus wrote a student from Halle in 1806. One observer comments that so little has changed in the spa town that it had just as well been today.

The earliest town on the location has been traced to the 9th century A.D. By 1430 the city right had been earned. One magnet from earliest times were the brown waters which sprang out of the ground, offering refreshing mineral tastes.

Curative qualities were ascribed to the waters by Professor Friedrich Hoffmann in 1700, and visitors came. By 1710, with the patronage of Duchess Erdmuthe Dorothee of Saxon-Merseburg, the nickname "Pyrmont of Saxon" was soon in use.

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A busy harbor is envisioned for the year 2000, as barge traffic comes from the Ems River via the Kuestencanal.







Writers Gellert and Gleim appear on Note, as do dramatist Gottsched and his wife.



Johann Christoph Gottsched, 1700-1766, was a man of letters who taught philosophy, logic and metaphysics. He raised the style of German drama; and is depicted with his wife.

Charlotte Schiller nee Lengefeld and Karolina von Beulwitz are shown on another note.

The pair to leave the greatest impression on Bad Lauchstaedt are Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, 1749-1832, and Johann Chiristoph Friedrich von Schiller, 1759-1805. They are buried side by side in Weimar.

A school named for Goethe has been expanded in recent years. A youthful Richard Wagner worked in Lauchstedt in connection with the Goethe theater.

Hedges and rose gardens, "straight as an arrow," dominate a garden in the French style, lying along the Laucha river. Adding interest is a windmill first mentioned in documents from 1590. It was part of the castle, a working windmill until 1866.

While the waters have ceased to draw crowds to Bad Lauchstaedt, the name has followed a tortuous route. In a 1913 edition, Karl Baedeker's *Northern Germany* refers to Lauchstedt. The Notgeld issues of 1919-1921 use the term Bad Lauchstedt. But recent correspondence uses the name Bad Laustaedt, and the postal code book uses the same spelling. The postal code number is 06246. Note that the coat of arms of the town shown on the Notgeld remains in use today.

Modern contributions to maintain the tradition established for the town come from the Buna and Leuna firms in the area; Leuna's inflation notes were plentiful in 1923.





Karolina von Beulwitz and Charlotte Schiller are shown on a note, poets Goethe and Schiller on another.





The Bad Lauchstedt Rathaus appears on a 10-Pfennig note, 1919, and a 25-Pfennig note, 1921.

A festive spa hall was constructed and a good business established for bottling the water. Alas, the bottling concession is now privatized but active, though low flow of water from the mineral spring has resulted in closing of the baths.

One bathing pavilion was turned into a museum of local history and another is now a restaurant.

The Laucha creek, which flows through the town from west to east, then flows into the Saale river, flooded in 1965, damaging many buildings of the historic past of Bad Lauchstaedt. Most of the buildings were restored.

In its heyday, the 18th century, the town saw a mingling of royalty, scholars and the rich and famous, drawn there to play, to be seen, to be cured, to gamble in the casino.

Perhaps key to the development of the area, at least from a patronage standpoint, was the oft presence of Saxon elector Friedrich August III, who ruled from 1768 to 1806. He supplied state funds for building and artistic embellishments to the town. Since his palace was in Weimar, many of the prominent figures of each town swung between, wintering in Weimar and heading for Bad Lauchstaedt in the summer.

Local views of the town appear on Notgeld issued for circulation including 10-Pfennig, 1919, depicting the inside yard of the castle; a 1921 note showing the theater built by Goethe, yet standing; and the 50- Pfennig note, 1919. showing the mineral spring source in the 18th Century and the city hall. (P-S 1201)

A set of four 50-Pfennig notes, L-752, depicts pairs of personages from the "Classical Period" of the town, all designed by Wuerzburg artist Heinz Schiestl. These include Christian Fuerchtegott Gellert, 1715-1769, who wrote stories of fables and comedies and Johann Wilhelm Ludwig Gleim, 1719-1803, a poet.



The original Bad Lauchstedt spring is surrounded by trees and the two bathing buildings and the main pavilion, as seen in the 18th Century.

A German reader comments on the topic of "Uncirculated" brought up in the January 1998 issue of THE FRAKTUR.

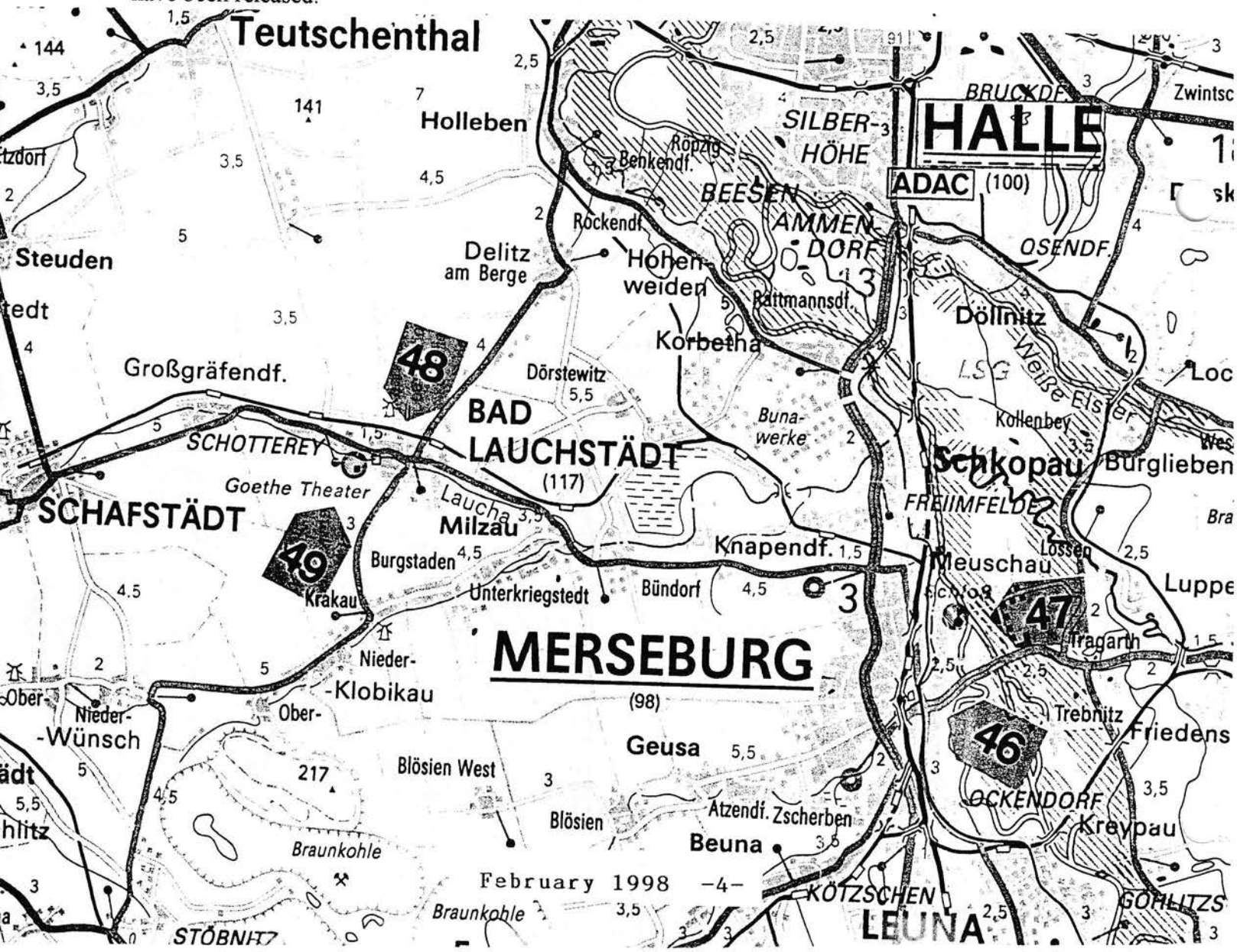
"I appreciate your article on 'Uncirculated' notes. My feeling is that there is too much nonsense made nowadays on 'Uncirculated.' The modern German notes are, strictly speaking, never 'Uncirculated' since they are all counted by machines, probably before being packed.

"The machine holds them in the middle of the bottom, so there is always a little sort of nick, more or less, which makes them, for many collectors, 'not Uncirculated." This is akin to the coin collectors finding 'bag marks' on Uncirculated coins.

"But what to do? Everybody is free to collect what he wants. Of course, it is difficult for dealers offering their notes to decide whether to call them 'Uncirculated' or 'About Uncirculated.'

"Since I concentrate on older issues, which rarely are in 'Uncirculated,' I do not bother too much."

Which brings us close to another paper money contention, though not such a problem to Notgeld collectors. A former high ranking official connected with paper money manufacture told me recently that he has decided it is almost impossible to create paper money which cannot be counterfeited. Embedded codes, strips, inks, items requiring ultra-violet light for detection and other secret security features are often circulating from counterfeiters days after the new notes have been released.



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Wittlich April 1921 25 Pf P-S 2646 e $2.25*
Bad Woerishofen 1921 50 Pf L-1411 $1.25*
Wohlau April 1, 1921 10, 25, 50 Pf P-S 2649 b $3*
Wolfenbuettel Nov. 1919 50 Pf P-S 2655 $1.50*
Wollin June 1921 25, 50 Pf L-1415 $4*
Wunstorf/Hannover ND 5, 10, 25, 50, 75 Pf L-1420 $3.25*
Wunsiedel Nov. 11, 1918 50 (2) Pf P-S 2670 $2.25
Wuerzburg ND 50 Pf P-S 2667a $5*
Wurzbach July 1, 1921 25 Pf L-1421 $.50
Wyk/Fohr ND 50 Pf, 1 Mark L-1423 $9*
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Zerbst/Anhalt July 1, 1921 10, 50 (6), 100 Pf L-1431b $8*
Zeulenroda Jan. 1, 1920 1, 5 Pf P-S 2704e $3*
Zeulenroda Jan. 1, 1920 1, 5, 10 Pf P-S 2704g $4*
Zeulenroda Jan. 1, 1920 50 Pf P-S 2704 h $2.50*
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Zeulenroda Dec. 31, 1921 50 (5), 75 (5) Pf L-1432 $6.50*
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Ziesar ND 25, 50 Pf, 1, 2, 3 Mark L-1435 Schecks $3.50*
Zintan/Ostpreussen Aug. 8, 1914 1 Mark K-449a $25*
Zittau ND 10 Pf P-S 2711 c $1*
Zobten/Berge/Schlesien Oct. 25, 1919 10, 25, 50 Pf P-S 2713a $6*
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Zuelz/Oberschlesien March 21, 1921 10, 25, 50 Pf L-1439 $4*
Zueschen/Westfalen ND (1919) 10 Pf P-S 2724a F. Lange $5*
Zwenkau/Sachsen ND 10 Pf, 1/2 Mark P-S 2730 $3.50*
Zwickau/Sachsen ND 10, 50 Pf P-S 2736a $3
Zweibruecken Feb. 20, 1917 50 Pf P-S 2728a $5*
Zweibruecken Oct. 1, 1918 25 Pf P-S 2728c $3*
Zweibruecken Oct. 25, 1918 20 Mark K-542 $9
Zwickau, Stadt Nov. 11, 1918 5 Mark K-543 Punch-cancelled $2.25

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Zwischenahn, Bad ND 50 Pf L-1440 $2*
Aachen July 20, 1923 100,000 Mark K-1b $2.75
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Annaberg/Erzgebeit/Sachsen Nov. 1, 1918 5, 20 Mark K-17a $6
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Auerbach/Vogtland Aug. 18, 1923 1, 2 Million Mark $6
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Auma July 1, 1920 P-S 98d $1
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