

Esslinger Weinerlebnisweg

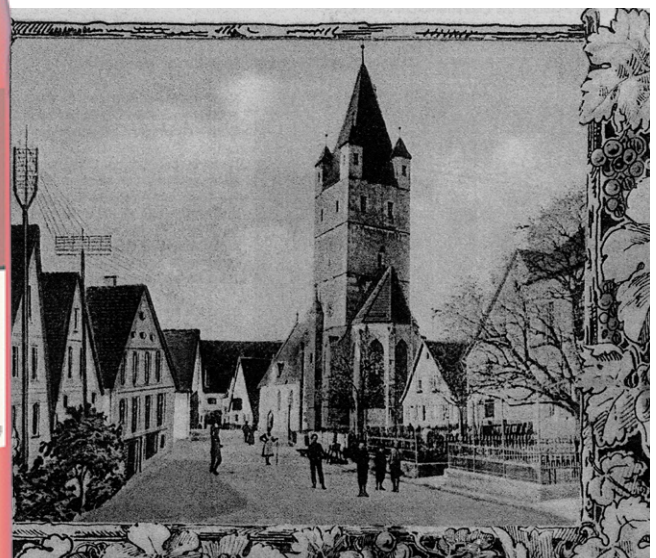
Station 23

5, 4 & 3 – Faifegrädler and three-pointed star



View of Mettingen, Andreas Kieser, approx. 1680-1690, Main State Archive Stuttgart, H 107/15, volume 7, page 29, image 1

View of Mettingen is shaped by the Church of our Lady with its five peaks. One says that only four of the five peaks can be seen at the same time from every place in Mettingen. So the inhabitants are said that they like to take life easy, sometimes they are a little bit lazy and let grass grow under their feet. In Mettingen the five is an even number and so popular parlance calls the church of Mettingen „Faifegraedler“. Maybe, information board No. 23 is the only place where all 5 peaks of the church can be seen at once. Faifegraedler is also the name for a good wine which grows here: A Pinot Noir Weissherbst (Vin Gris) Kabinett. It is a sweet, but strong refreshing rose made from only one type of grapes. There is a harmonic interplay between acidity and aromas and a scent of strawberry, apples and blackberry.



Ortsansicht Mettingen, Postkarte von 1905 (Herbert Clauß)

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Another landmark of Metting can be seen very clearly from here: the three-pointed star on the roof of the Mercedes-Benz-factory Mettingen as a symbol of motorization on land, at sea and in the air. Gottlieb Daimler wanted to build motors for cars, ships and airplanes.

The logo of the carmaker weighs 7 tons and has a diameter of 8 m. It is the only star in Esslingen you can see even when the sky is cloudy.

Looking at the direction of the star you can see the historical building of the foundry which was opened on 22nd October 1913 as iron foundry of the machine factory Esslingen. In 1965 the former Daimler Benz AG took over the foundry. It is still in use today. Today turbine housings for turbochargers are built.



Work in the foundry Mettingen, beginning of the 20th century.
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