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S.J. Triplett wrote:

RUNNYMEDE LODGE WONDERFUL ASSET TO OSCEOLA COUNTY

I often wonder if the people of Osceola county, and especially those of Narcoossee and St. Cloud, realize what a wonderful asset they have in Runnymede Lodge, than which there is no resort in Florida better or more costly furnished, better managed, or more delightfully located.

Runnymede Lodge is owned by J. Edward Krause, of Indianapolis, who also owns and manages the Washington and Edward hotels at Indiana's capital, who is regarded as one of the foremost hotel men of America, and so well does he stand with the hotel men of Florida, that he was made first vice president of the state Hotel Men's Association at its recent convention at West Palm Beach.

Runnymede Lodge is located directly on the east shore of East Lake Tohopekaliga, a cement walk leading from the main building to the amphitheater and bath house, the walk running an avenue of dozens of varieties of tropical plants, evergreens, fruits and flowers, which is a marvel to those who are so fortunate as to be a guest at that delightful resort during the winter months.

The main building contains some fifty sleeping rooms, every one of which it (sic) furnished with every comfort and convenience, the furnishings being costly and beautiful, though designed to provide the maximum of service to guests. The rooms fronting the lake are what might be termed double rooms, as each has a sleeping porch, furnished for use either as a sitting room or as a bed room. This furniture is a novelty even in Florida, where every ingenuity has been brought into play to attract and please the snow birds who come among us during the winter months, and has gone far to give Runnymede Lodge the reputation of being the acme of perfection as a place to spend the time when the snow flies in the north and flowers bloom and birds sing in Sunny Florida.

The spacious parlors, lounging room, lobby and halls are all furnished with those articles of rare beauty and design that only such an artist as Mr. Krause could

select, and those who have had the pleasure of being a guest of the Lodge are ready to remark that at no other resort, either in America or abroad, have they been privileged to see more taste -----in harmonious blending of -----But it is in the dining room and kitchen that appeal to the most of us, for “Man can live without music and live without books, but where is the man that can live without cooks.”

The dining room is simply a dream of beauty---nothing more can be said---while the kitchen is kept as clean as milady’s parlor. In fact, the state inspector of hotels rated 100 per cent perfect and said he was sorry he could not make the percentage 1000.

The grounds surrounding the Lodge contain besides cottages for grouchy old bachelors, a cottage where those inclined to try their hand at fishing or hunting can change their apparel, skin their deer or scale their bass, and cottages for everything else necessary to the successful management of a resort of the magnitude of Runnymede Lodge. A school house, equipped with those thing necessary to the education of the children of the guests and the favorite bungalow of Mr. Krause which is simply a gem, a rare rose in this grand bouquet of beauty and splendor, hundreds of palms, pines, cypress and oaks, and practically every variety of vine and flower known to Florida-----in all a fairyland of beauty and grandeur.

Such is Runnymede Lodge and how few of us realize what a wonderful asset it is to Osceola County, and especially to Narcoossee, near which it is located.

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