HISTORIA DEL ROVERISMO EN EL REINO ÚNIDO AÑOS 30 PRIMERA PARTE

Una plática inolvidable de Juan Lainé en 1965





INTRODUCCIÓN

En junio de 1965, se celebró en Meztitla el II Curso Preliminar de la Insignia de Madera para Jefes de Grupo y Comisionados. Se había invitado a Juan Lainé para dar una plática sobre la historia del Roverismo, pero no le fue posible ir por motivos de salud. Varios de los participantes, entre ellos Miguel A. Martagón Vázquez., habían estado en las conferencias de Lainé de principios de año (ver los álbumes)

Así que, semanas después Martagón y otros, organizaron otras dos conferencias que don Juan dictó en el auditorio de un colegio en la colonia Campestre Churubusco de la ciudad de México. Y ahí estuvimos con Rovers y dirigentes.





INTRODUCCIÓN

A partir de una grabación y las notas que tomé fue posible elaborar este relato en 1980. Cuando tuve acceso a la colección "Lord Baden Powell Papers" de la Universidad Brigham Young (iniciales en inglés, BYU) identifiqué algunos documentos relacionados con los párrafos de la plática de Lainé, conformando así este álbum.

Los textos en letras cursivas corresponden a la plática de Lainé. Las notas que se incluyen explican los documentos BYU relacionados con los temas.



"Voy a continuar estas pláticas sobre el desarrollo del Roverismo en el Reino Unido, con la finalidad de mostrarles como se fueron estableciendo las bases del programa que después aplicamos en muchos países, incluyendo México, donde el primer Clan de Rovers se fundó en 1935 en el Grupo 3 de la ciudad de México.

Mi hijo, José Antonio, formó parte de ese entusiasta grupo de jóvenes, algunos ya Scouts veteranos y otros, como mi hijo, era su primer contacto con el Movimiento Scout.

Ese primer Clan lo vivimos intensamente y aún tenemos muchos recuerdos, después de 30 años.

Y ahora, este año de Conferencia Mundial en México; No les parece emocionante"

Nota. Así inició su plática, transcrita de una grabación que apareció años después. Desgraciadamente fue lo único que se rescató.

Fines de los 20 y principios de los 30.

En 1927 se inician las acciones para elaborar un manual para Rovers para facilitar la preparación de las pruebas de adelanto de la rama mayor.

En esta labor intervienen Percy B. Nevill (Comisionado de Rovers de la Oficina Imperial) John S. Wilson, en su carácter de Jefe del Campo de Gilwell, F.W.W. Griffin (Asistente del Comisionado de la Provincia de Londres) y John F. Colquhoun (Comisionado de Lobatos de la Oficina Imperial) quien coordinó los trabajos de una conferencia en Bournemouth en abril de 1927 que conllevó al establecimiento del "Grupo Scout" formado por las unidades de Lobatos, Scouts y Rovers.

A todos ellos los conocí y tuve la oportunidad de conversar sobre el desarrollo del Roverismo.

La preparación del mencionado manual se extendió hasta 1929. Baden Powell escribió un prólogo.

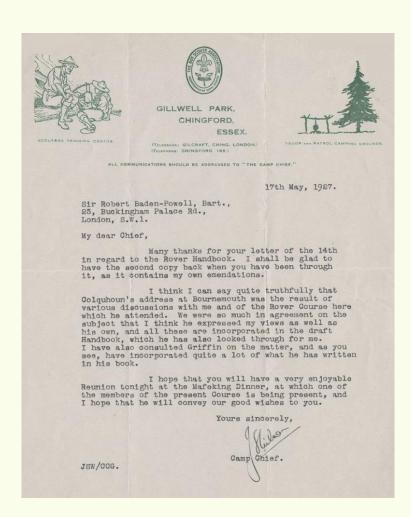


P.B. Nevill



J.S. Wilson

Nota. Documentos relacionados con el manual Rover



14th May 1927. Dear Wilson. I have returned to you the MS of your Rover Handbook in order to save time, so that you can go ahead with it. I have not really had time to study it though I have glanced at it and it seems to me to be exactly what is wanted. I must congratulate you on having got it into shape and on the right lines. I am keeping the second copy for further study in the next day or two when I will return it to you also. I wonder whether Colquhoun 's address and suggestions made at Bournemouth have been incorporated in this ? Possibly you had all his ideas in already. Also could not Griffin offer any suggestion on it since he has written so well on this subject? It is just as well to get all the opinions you can before actually getting into print and repenting later at something important missed out. But so far as I have looked through it myself I cannot see any improvement to suggest. Yours sincerely,

Nota. Documentos relacionados con el manual Rover

29th September 1929.

My dear Nevill.

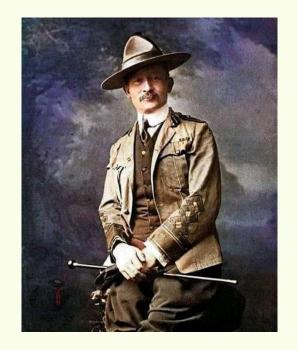
I return herewith your amendments to the Rover book and cannot suggest any alterations.

At the same time I would urge you not to add to the length of the book but if possible to cut it down here and there, as I am convinced that too much book puts off the best fellows. Far tetter to give them sketchy principles and leave them to fill in the details themselves.

Also you have very bravely tackled the religious question, but before putting it into print I should suggest consulting the authorities - particularly those of the Roman Catholic persuasion - they always manage to find snags where none are intended.

I enclose a foreword in the hope that it may be what you want.

Yours sincerely.



Prólogo de Baden Powell para el manual Rover

Nota. Cabe mencionar que Lainé no tenía ejemplar de este manual de los años 20.

FOREWORD

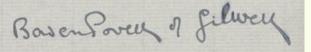
The fellow whose heart is in it and who means to take up Rovering because of the opportunity it gives him of expressing his sense of service does not need a book of Rules and Regulations to guide him.

This booklet need not therefore be shied at as such since it is not intended to cramp a fellow's style or to tie him down to limited grooves.

On the contrary it will make clearer to the man who wants to know what are the true aims of Rovering and the best methods for attaining them.

This necessarily involves a certain amount of organisation but we don't want thereby to produce long-faced and stodgy prigs. On the contrary our aim is a cheery brotherhood of good pals bent on being happy, healthy and helpful citizens.

So I earnestly hope that this book will be helpful to every Rover Scout and Leader in bringing success to his efforts and happiness to his life.



El desarrollo de la rama Rover fue continuamente analizado, mediante la realización de las reuniones denominadas Moot (palabra escocesa, que significa reunión de familias o clanes). Baden Powell enviaba mensajes a los asistentes, dando a conocer su punto de vista.

Nota. En los documentos BYU se encontró un mensaje de BP para el Moot de Birmingham en mayo de 1928.

Mensaje de BP para el Rover Moot de Birmingham, 1928

MAY 1928

AN ADDRESS TO ROVERS BY THE CHIEF SCOUT



HINES ON QUESTING FOR ROVERS

Look Out:

As Rovers you have arrived at the point of crossing the threshold of manhood where, if you are sensible, you will take stock.

As a boy you only look at the present. As a man you look forward.

Also it is helpful to give a backward look at what other men have done and to get hints from them.

When I wanted to learn drawing I looked at pictures done by artists and tried to copy their methods.

Similarly, in one's career, it has been helpful to study the lives of great men and to get hints from them.

As a soldier I used to study the life of Mapoleon.

Napoleon was a master of strategy. His method when planning a battle was to think out the natural and proper course to take under the conditions of enemy, terrain, tactics, etc.

This first plan would probably be foreseen by the enemy, so he would think out an alternative one that might also be feasible.

Then he would go into the matter again and worry out a third one, and as this would probably be the least expected by the enemy it was usually the one he played off on them.

Well you will find that system - as I have done - a very useful one in dealing with many a difficult situation or problem in life, or with a difficult person.

Play Polo

Then I have often urged Scouters and Rovers, when faced with

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a difficult opponent, to "play polo" with him, by which I mean don't charge bullheaded at him, but get on his side, see his point of view, and if it is wrong gradually edge him off it till you gain your own point.

A Day Wasted.

Then it has generally been my habit at night to run over the doings of the day, and if these have not tended to have further results on the morrow or later, that day has been more or less wasted.

A Sure Lead.

In dealing with any difficult or troublesome situation it is good to remember that a sure and certain way out of it can be found if you ask yourself "What would Christ have done in the circumstances?" and act accordingly.

Where to Look.

Lord Allenby told me how his little boy, in his first lesson in Scouting, climbed up a tree and hid in the branches. As his father rode beneath him he called out "Father I have shot you. You are not half a Scout. A Scout looks out in front and to either side and also upward. You never looked up so you are dead."

A principle which has often been my guide in life is to look at one's environment in two ways, A. and B. A. stands for Above, B. for Beyond.

Let us take B. first.

Look B.

Look wide, beyond your immediate surroundings and limits, and you see things in their right proportion.

Has it ever struck you how many of our great men - men of action I mean, not merely popular politicians - have written to their eminence outside their own country? Of our sountry plenty, but most of them have made their name overseas. Rhodes (South Africa) Kitchener (Egypt), Milner (South Africa), Roberts (India), Strathcoma (Ganada) etc. etc.

It would look as if, within our little island, there was

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Mensaje de BP para el Rover Moot de Birmingham, 1928



not sufficient scope for big-minded men; they have looked further afield. They looked wide and acted accordingly.

C.J.Rhodes.

C.J.Rhodes, as a young man of 24, said: "It often strikes a man to enquire what is the chief good in life. To one the thought comes that it is a happy marriage, to another great wealth, to a third travel, and so on; and each seizes the idea and works more or lass for its attainment.

To myself, thinking over the same question, the wish came to render myself useful to my country."

And he confessed to being greatly influenced in his aim of expension of the Empire by Ruskin when, in addressing undergraduates at Oxford he said what is equally true to-day:

There is the highest deating possible before our country. Will you youths of England make your country again the royal throne of kings, for all the world a source of light, a centre of peace and . . . of goodwill towards men. That is want England must either do or perish. She must found colonies as fast and as far as she is able, formed of her mo t energetic and worthis st men, seizing any fruitful waste ground and there teaching her colonists that their chief virtue is to be fidelity to their country, their first aim to advance the power of England by land and sea. There are men who will plough and sow for her, who will bring their children to love her, and who will cladden themselves in her glory more than in the light of tropical skies.

You think it is an impossible ideal. Be it so: refuse to accept it if you will; but see that you form your own ideal in its stead. All I ask you is to have a fixed purpose of some kind for your country and for yourselves; no matter how restricted so that it be fixed and unselfish"

That ideal appealed to Rhodes and though he started poor and in feeble health he made it his fixed aim and carried it through to success before he was fifty, and thereby opened up new lands and careers for thousands of his overcrowded fellow-countrymen.

Your Opportunity

I don't say that you need all try to build further colonies; I do say that by helping to promote loyalty, goodwill and dooper-



ation among the Dominions you will be contributing directly to the peace of the world.

The British Empire of federated Free States will, if it keeps its unity, be the most powerful agent for beace in the near future.

Also, many of you will before long be wearing the golden chains of Mayors of your cities or at least be in office as fown Councillors and the like. If you have looked upard and beyond you will accept office not for the honour and glory, for the banquets and the beanos, but for the opportunity it gives you for serving your fellow men, for doing away with the disgrace to our country, the slums, and for giving a fair chance for making his career to the under-dog.

In any case Ruskin's appeal to you to look beyond and to have a FIXED AND UNSILESSA PURPOSE IN YOUR LIFE is one for you to consider and adopt.

By this looking Beyond you serve your fellow-men.

Look A.

In addition to looking beyond remember A. to look above the level of things around you and see a higher aim and possibilities to your work, i.e. how to serve God.

This Conference will be a memorable one to most of you; probably a life-memory for many and very assuredly so for some, seeing that, in the nature of things, there are those among us here to-day who before twelve months are over will have passed on to Hagher Service.

So I would advise you to take half an hour off by yourself, this day, and go through a quiet period of thought - a "vigil" such as we have in the ceremony of the Rovers' Investiture, when you can think over for yourself what you are making or are going to make of your life.

Look at life not merely from where you stand but beyond, where you will stand at the end of it, looking back on what you have cone with life, with the body and mind that God has lont you to make the best use of.

Have you made - are you making - the best use of it? or are you frittering it away on things that don't matter? If so how can you improve your ways?

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A Chance to Serve God.

Look higher above your daily grind or frivolities and think of what is no e worth while. The most worthwhile thing that you can do is to serve God.

You are not a parson - how then can you serve God ?

Well it is open to every single one of you.

We pray daily for God's Kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth. But it is no good praying without lending a hand to help.

God's Kingdom is, as we know, "Peace on earth and goodwill among men".

Just now the Devil's Kingdom is too provelent, the rule of envy, hetred and malice of nation against nation, class against class, even creed against creed.

This should not and need not be if only men were all determined to be good-natured, tolerant, helpful, and fair to one another. To be self-less instead of selfish.

It is here that we all have our opportunity of serving God. Think it over in your Vigil, how best you can, in the first place, fit yourselves individually, by developing your health, commanding your temper, checking amy selfish inclinations, and exercising your kindness and service for others; and in the second place pursue as your quest the development, in your own circle, of goodwill and cooperation, and of the peace and happiness of others.

But look here! Above all things don't take your opportunities in the spirit of being weighed down by their seriousness, or of being puffed up to priggishness by their importance; rather go at them with a cheery grin as for a joyous adventure.

The Spirit of Adventure.

A discussion has lately been going on in the press on the adventure which distinguished their predecessors. It was declared that they are too inclined to lounge and look on, to go in for early pleasure rather than happiness, gamble on luck rather than ness of their fathers.



I don't know. During the war there was plenty of proof of pluok and adventure among them. To-any there are a good many who play the game even if there are others who look on.

There is no lack of candidates for the flying corps and that surely implies some spirit of adventure. Never in our history have so many boys gone out, as they do now in their thousands, each year, to fend for themselves when hiking and camping.

In the Scouts we are sending out close on a thousand every year to adventure their fortunes in oversea dominions, while many thousands of you Rovers are reviving the keen spirit of adventure of the ancient knights in pursuing your quests of service.

Mevertheless, don't let that spirit slacken and die.

Forward.

To you I would say "Press on with your (mests". By their practice you do good to the community, by your example and teaching you lead your younger brothers on to become like yourselves - good men for the nation.

By all means have your fun and enjoy your lives, but also look widely, beyond your surroundings, look high and above them. Be guided in what you do by what Christ would have done.

Contribute each year your share of love and effort towards bringing about God's Kingdom of peace on earth and goodwill among men.

Make that your quest and you will be giving the truest service to God.

EL uso del uniforme por los jóvenes era un tema de discusión constante, pero Baden Powell siempre fue firme en su posición de que el uso correcto del uniforme era importante para la unión del Movimiento Scout.

Nota. En 1929 aparece una nota de BP, sobre el uniforme de los Rovers, posiblemente publicada en alguna de las publicaciones oficiales.

ROVERS' DRESS

One point I want to urge upon Rovers, and that is that, although they may not know it, they are often watched and closely followed in their doings and sayings by their younger brothers, the Scouts.

I have had more than one complaint, and I have noticed for myself, that some of the younger Rovers go off the line a bit in adopting fanciful articles of that kit with their uniform. This is quite natural with the younger ones. You see it everywhere among young bloods Just growing out of boyhood, with their fancy socks, Oxford bags, or shiny hair; and it is all right so long as it only concerns themselves.

But in our case, where it is a question of uniform (and uniform means a good deal for brotherhood) we want the Rovers to be particularly correct in every detail, since it means so much to the discipline of their younger brothers the Scouts.

I see for one thing a tendency to go about hatless when in uniform. Well I know if you have shingled hair or a fluffy quiff it must be very tempting to show it. At the same time it is rather swanking over other poor chaps who can't show as fine a crop. And moreover it is not uniform.

So I do hope that Hovers will bear this in mind sime we look to them most particularly to give the right example to Scouts.

I was very glad to see at Yorks Wood that correct unfform "above the knees" was insisted upon.

En un contexto de limitaciones en el mercado laboral en el Reino Unido en esa época, uno de los aspectos interesante del entrenamiento Rover era la preparación de los jóvenes para el trabajo.

La Asociación británica promovía en varios sectores la oferta de trabajo para los Rovers y en ocasiones las autoridades apoyaban para que los jóvenes consiguieran puestos en las industrias, comercios, etc.

Nota. Uno de los documentos encontrados, aparece un mensaje del Alcalde de Londres, titulado "An epítome of Rovering" ("Un compendio del Roverismo") valorando a los Rovers.

THE MANSION HOUSE, LONDON. E.C.4.

Dear Sir.

I regret that you were unfortunately prevented from accepting the invitation to be present at Guildhall on 12th April at a most impressive function when I made an appeal (not for money !) to all employers in the City of London.

Therefore I am sending you a Press cutting which summarises that part of my speech which I was particularly anxious should reach you.

Will you do me the honour of reading it and giving it the widest publicity you can ?

I am, dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully,

Lord Mayor.

Kypaston Sinds

Apoyo de autoridades para los Rover Scouts

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THE NEWSPAPER FOR CITY MEN.

Friday, April 19, 1929.

"AN EPITOME OF ROVERING"

"To a world in which man's chief efforts are directed towards the aggrandisement of self comes St. George, Patron Saint of England. He points to a nobler ideal; the giving up of self in service to others. Rover Scouts have heard this call, and in various ways carry out the ideal of 'service' which has been adorted by them as notice." adopted by them as a motto.

Such was the prologue of "An Epitome of Rovering," which was witnessed at the Guild-hall on Friday by the Lord Mayor. There were also present in the Great Hall over two thousand London Rovers, who form part of the section of the Scouting movement which is exclusive to men

INITIATION.

Surrounded by a sea of shadowed faces, an Altar was placed in a small circle of light. Before it a Scout knelt in vigilance preparatory to his initiation as a Rover. After a white his initiator appeared, and told him that, if he would become a Rover, he must give himself up to service, and prepare to do those things which were not always pleasant; for service must entail sett-sacrifice. The young man took oath, and, as a symbol of atonement for past misdeeds, dipped his hands in the clear water held out before him. After prayers his investiture was complete.

At the conclusion of the Epitome, Capt. C. Lisle Watson, London Rover Commissioner, welcomed the Lord Mayor, remarking that his Lordship had consistently followed in the footsteps of St. Christopher, the Patron Saint of Rovers, and the Patron Saint of the Mansion House, to whom he was again showing his devotion by his presence that night.

ROVERS AND CRICKET LAW. The Lord Mayor said that he had always appreciated the Scout Movement. That evening his appreciation was enhanced, and he had been provided with a somewhat unex-pected thrill. He found that the laws of the Rovers very much resembled the laws of cricket—"Keep your word; keep your temper; keep your wicket up." There were many organisations whose object was Service to the Community, but the Rovers were unique in three very important respects. In the first place, although they admitted anyone over 18 years of age, their main source of recruits comprised the Boy Scouts. Thus, before they joined the Rovers, those young men, for the most part, had already received training in good citizenship as boys. Secondly, he knew of no other organisation which was so comprehensive in its curriculum. The Rovers' doc trine was that God created them (body, mind, and soul) to be Servants. The third reason was that they were under a very strict dis-cipline and rule of life. Duty to God and duty to the King, to their fellow-men, and to themselves were contained in a wonderfully simple formula. There could be no stricter discipline for a Britisher than to pledge his

APPEAL TO EMPLOYERS.

I desire to appeal to all employers in the City of London to help these young men as well as their younger brothers, the Boy Scouts, who enter their employment.

We all know that when a boy first enters the great world of business, there are all sorts and kinds of temptations to leave the old paths of good thinking and good doing.

I want to make a concrete suggestion to you that you should welcome the formation of Scout Societies in your business houses. Thus, when a boy or young man who is a Rover or Boy Scout comes into your employment, he will have a welcome from his elders, who are already employed by you, and he will be helped and supported by the fraternity to hold fast to his solemn obligations.

You will, I am convinced, appreciate the fact that a man who looks upon life in the way that Rovers do is likely to be a more satisfactory

A very large proportion of these Rovers are Scoutmasters, giving up their leisure, and often their annual Summer holiday, to take their Scouts to a training camp. It is quite customary to allow employees who are Territorials extra leave for their annual camps; but the character training of the younger generation is surely one of the most valuable ways in which a man may serve the community.

WHAT THE MAYORS CAN DO.

I am glad to welcome a number of Mayors of the Metropolitan Boroughs.

In our mayoral duties, we, Mayors, are faced continuously with the need that various institutions have for men who are willing and fitted

In the Rover Movement, there are numbers of Postulants anxious to be invested as Rovers

who have not yet found their vocation. Many will never be fitted to become Scoutmasters and other openings for Service must be offered

May I offer a suggestion? Here are institutions and societies crying out for men and here in this Movement are men anxiously desiring work.

Cannot you bring the two together? Perhaps, you could call a meeting of all managers, secretaries, etc., of philanthropic institutions, and let the Rover Commissioner for your Borough address them, and then let them explain their needs so that the Postulants may find suitable Service.

In conclusion, on the proposition of Lord Hampton, D.S.O., the Chief Commissioner of the Boy Scouts' Association, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Lord Mayor.

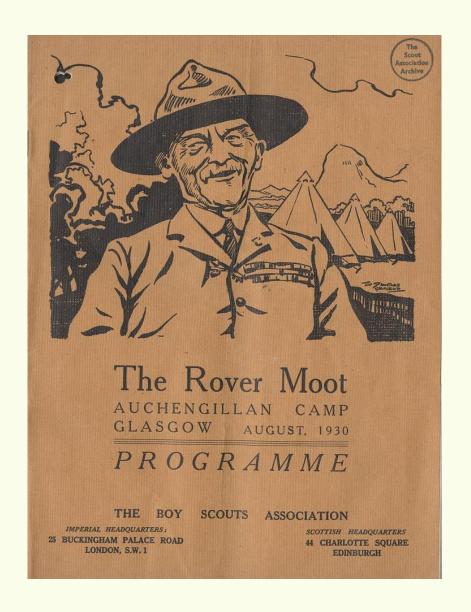
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Baden Powell insistía a los dirigentes de Rovers de una constante actualización del programa para Rover para que los jóvenes tuvieran oportunidad en un medio difícil para ellos, debido a los problemas económicos de finales de los 20, que llevaron al cierre de un tercio de las industrias y comercios del Reino Unido.

Baden Powell decía- Si el Movimiento Scout no los apoya para remar su propia canoa, buscarán en otro lado-

Nota. Recuerdo que Lainé presentaría datos y fotografías de las ciudades inglesas, donde se veían largas filas de hombres maduros y jóvenes en busca de empleo-

La revisión de las reglas para la rama mayor se realizaba cada año, en función de las opiniones recibidas en los Moots.



Nota. Existe un memorándum en el cual indica la necesidad de conformar un grupo de trabajo para analizar las propuestas de modificaciones a las reglas.

MEMORANDUM FOR IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE.

The preparation of the revised Book of Rules for Rovers has brought to a head the question of whether this branch is proceeding altogether on the right lines. So many divergent opinions have been expressed that I feel it incumbent upon us to go into the matter more thoroughly before issuing further rulings.

Clear definition of principles and revision of certain details seem urgently needed. To this end I would suggest that possibly the best way would be for the Committee to take the matter into consideration and if they think desirable to appoint a Sub-Committee to go into the whole question and report to them.

I suggest for such Committee such men as Nevill, Everett, Godfrey-Faussett, Walton, and Wilson, etc.

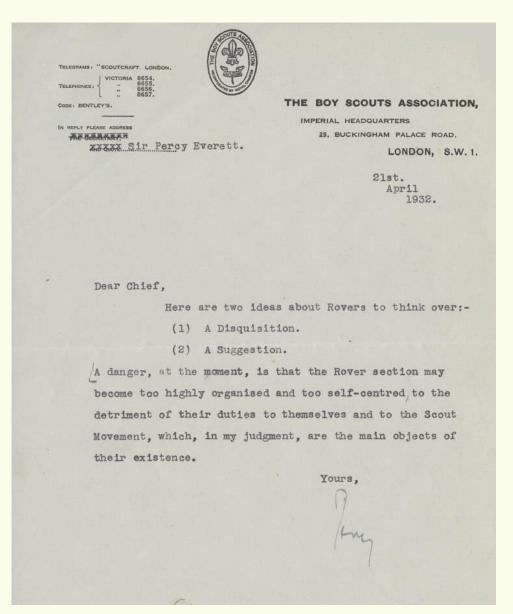
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Uno de los puntos que presentaban con frecuencia los jóvenes Rovers era que en los Clanes había miembros arriba de los 30 años, con intereses muy diferentes a los de los miembros de 17 o 18 años.

Baden Powell le pidió al entonces Comisionado de Rovers de la Oficina Imperial que analizara las reglas para las edades en la rama mayor.



Nota. En los documentos BYU aparecen varios documentos sobre la revisión de las reglas y la definición de la participación de los jóvenes y adultos en el Movimiento Scout. Sin duda, era una época en que había que dar claridad a la participación de la gente mayor en los clanes de Rovers.



Adultos en el Movimiento Scout

A SUGGESTION.

TWO CLASSES OF Adults connected with the Scout Movement.

(1) ROVER SCOUTS. All those who have passed throt
the Cub and Scout stages with good character and
record from their Scouters.
Whether warranted or not, they should be entitled
to be Rover Scouts, and should be attached to some
Group.
In addition, older fellows of any age who are
admitted to a Crew under our present Rules.

character, and take the Scout promise.

(2)

SCOUT ASSOCIATES. All members of Local Associations,

non-Executive ranks, old Scouts and others interested in the Movement, - provided they are people of good

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Confidential.

A DISQUISITION.

The Future Position Of Rover Scouting In The Movement.

THE future of Rover Scouting is the 'present' of Scouting (in the Troop).

Both the quality and quantity of Rover Scouts clearly depend upon the training of the Swout while in the Troop. This is the real significance of the Rover Scout and to this extent he is the important person!

"By their fruits ye shall know them"

Scouting, like any other Movement - animal, vegetable or mineral - must be judged by its fruits. The Rover Scouts can rightly be considered the 'fruit' of the Scout Movement.

When the Chief sowed the seed of Scouting, the harvest he looked for was the formation of good citizens, - i.e. good men - not only good boys. He sugared the pill in the most effectual way by appealing to the boy's instincts, but the pill (of discipline, character-training, service forh others, not self,) is there all the time. Admittedly his great love for boys as boys induced him to pile on the He knew they liked sugar!

The real test comes when Rover age is reached and the young man, knowing the pill is a pill, swallows it deliberately and cheerfully, because his Scout training has taught him that the good of the community as well as his own is best served by putting his Scout Promise and Law into practice throughout his life.

If he is prepared to be invested as an R.S. he is a successful 'fruit' - if not he is one of our failures - at least, something not so ripe and full-flavoured as a good fruit should be.

Hence the number of Rover Scouts, (genuine practising Rover Scouts) is the measure of the success of the Scout Movement; hence then the importance of the Rover Scout - not to himself but to the Movement. He should be recognised and encouraged as the adult section round which everything else should centre after Scout age.

'Old Scouts' who are not Rovers will, in the future, be our 'failures' and, as such, the Movement should not smile on them officially. The F.B.A, beloved of the Indian Student, is not found in the University records!

I say "in the future", as, clearly before the Rover Scout section was formed, those who wished to remain identified with the Movement had to attach themselves to the 'Old Scouts' or similar affiliation.

Now there is an official adult section which can, without difficulty, in time embrace all the others, and to which all good Scouts would as a matter of course attach themselves on leaving the Troop.

If a Scout, on reaching the age of 17 or 18, or even 20, cannot face up to renewing the Promise for life from a man's point of view the Chief's ideal of forming a good citizen by means of Cub and Scout training has not been achieved in his case. It has stopped short at the one vital or testing point.

I believe that all S. Ms. and A. S. Ms. should definitely bring their Scouts up to the Rover idea - that is, let it be taken for granted and acted upon, that they are all the time on their way towards becoming R.S., much as Cubs anticipate the day they will become Scouts.

If this were the accepted policy, quite definitely there would be much less loose thinking and loose talking about Rover Scouting. For instance, one hears apparently serious discussions on "What age should a Rover cease to be a Rover?", "Should a Warrant holder be a Rover?" etc. All, to my mind, based upon an entirely misconceived notion of a Rover Scout. As well say "Should a Vicar be a clergyman!!"

There is obviously still a long transition period to be got through, particularly as we are still under the necessity of recruiting Warrant-holders from outside the Movement. This is a slur which the future must remove. One day the rule will, with justice, turn on us when we appeal to it for Scouters, and say "What in the world happens to all your loos and loos and say "What in the world happens to all your Rover section and say "what in the world happened by year? Your Rover section of Scouts growing to manhood year by year? Your Rover section alone must number 1000s in this country. Have they all lost interest in Scouting that you have to appeal to non-Scouts to fill your Ranks?"

> If the Rover Scouts in 20 years' time cannot be counted upon to supply the needs of the Troops and Packs there will be something radically wrong with the Policy which has let such a state of affairs prevail.

> The transition period has its own temporary difficulties, but, if the Rover Movement is to be the permanent avenue for Scouting after adult age is reached, it should be carefully re-orientated to the extent of pointing it in the required direction emphasising in particular its 'universability'.

Adultos en el Movimiento Scout

Without making it 'easier' to become a Rover Scout it should be possible to make it the 'normal' thing for all Scouts to become Rover Scouts. At present the idea of becoming a Rover Scout is looked upon as an exceptional one - a specialised state, if I may so put it - which seems quite wrong.

It must be in the Troop and the work of the Troop that this outlook toward the *blessed state' of Rover Scouthood must be born and nurtured!



En 1931 se realizaron el primer Rover Moot Mundial y la Primera Conferencia Mundial Rover, lo cual fue una oportunidad para recabar opiniones de jóvenes y dirigentes de Rovers de todo el mundo.

Baden Powell analizó detalladamente las opiniones y recomendaciones de todos los delegados.

Nota. Esta plática fue ampliamente ilustrada con imágenes de documentos que había colectado por sus contactos con los dirigentes británicos que en esa época, con quienes platicó ampliamente durante las estancias que realizó en Londres.



Uniforme de Rovers a principios de los 30 en el Reino Unido.

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