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Lawrence, Kans.
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Dear Dr. Allen:

In accordance with your request for a letter stating my experience in teaching archery, I am presenting my qualifications.

From June to September, I was employed by Mr. Clifford A. Russel at Sportland, a 25 yard outdoor-range, located at Lake Arrowhead, California. Since Sportland is a commercial archery range, 90% of the people had never before had instruction. I taught approximately 5,000 people how to shoot a bow and arrow. A number of these people were famous movie stars, including Spanky McFarland, Freddie Bartholemew, Norma Shearer, and Phillip Morris Jr.

I taught three methods of aiming, first the point of aim which is used for target shooting, second, the snapshooting, used in hunting with a bow and arrow; and third, imaginary point of aim which is used both for target shooting and hunting.

Bows ranging from twenty to forty-five pounds pull were used. Women usually require a bow of twenty to thirty pounds pull, while men use a bow pulling from thirty to forty-five pounds. Lemonwood bows backed with fiber were used, which cost \$7.50 to \$10. Yewwood bows cost usually about \$20. Two-way footed arrows were used, because a footed arrow is heavier at the pile or point and this insures more accurate shooting. These arrows when bought wholesale cost \$5 a dozen. The lengths of arrows used depends upon the arm-length of the individual shooting, and the sizes vary from 22 to 28 inches.

In addition to teaching archery, I also repaired equipment; replacing the fletchings or feathers, knochs or notches, and the piles or points. Another item of expense is the bow strings which are made of special English linen and cost \$0.75 each.

From my experience at Sportland where \$5,000 worth of equipment is bought each year, I am convinced that such equipment will give the best results, and that while equipment can be purchased at a lower cost or at a much greater price the type mentioned above will be the most satisfactory.

Sincerely yours -

Frank D. Gaussi

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