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This page is being written early, since there won't be much time to do it between now and the State Championship.

Those who haven't paid their dues for this year have now been dropped from receiving this newsletter as of this month. Your dues primarily pay for printing and mailing of this newsletter as well as help pay for the range insurance. There is nothing left after that and the club cannot afford to keep sending newsletters to non-members. If anyone complains to you that they did not receive theirs, explain to them, why.

The range and new stages are coming along nicely. Still much work to do and not much time to do it. I just hope we can finish everything on time. Haven't even started work on the Christian Ladies Temperance Union building interior yet. Sure hope we can get it finished before the shoot. It would provide a place for ladies that do not shoot, but who accompany their husbands, to relax in a heated and air conditioned building while they knit or read. Eventually it may be equipped with a CD player and TV. Not a place for kids to play, but a place for ladies to relax and rest. Also a place for anyone suffering from the heat or cold to come in and be refreshed. The bank is pretty much complete, and it has been used as a working stage for the last two shoots. I'll let you know when the official dedication will be. The Saloon has the front finished and all the window and door openings have been trimmed out. Most of the front has been painted and will be completed soon. The sides have been prepared for the application of siding which we will purchase this week. The free standing shelter to replace the tents has been completed.

This coming weekend will be devoted to range clean up, mowing, moving targets, and if time and personnel permit, some of the remaining building projects will be worked upon. The next weekend will be to put the finishing touches to everything before the Big Day. Please, if you can, come give a hand. We can use all the help we can get.

The rifle to be used for the SASS Scholarship Raffle has come in. Gunslinger received it for us. It is a Cimarron Sharps in 45/120. You win that, and you will be talk of the town. If you haven't shot one in this caliber yet, you haven't lived. Just about the biggest 45 there is.

All of our members should make a special effort to be nice to our visiting Cowboys and Cowgirls and offer them any assistance they may need or want. Show them what real southern hospitality is. All the Oakwood Outlaws are proud of their club, and want others to think fondly of us.

The banquet will be held at the Palestine VFW hall this year. It is really nice and we will have a live country western band for dancing after the awards for those who favor that kind of thing. Lots of costume contests, so come dressed in your best. There will be a cash bar for your convenience.

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