June 2, 2011 - The Leonard Preservation League (LPL) recently decided to liven up the old Abernathy-Tucker gin scale house that they acquired several years back, which sits just off of U.S. Highway 69 by Leonard Pool. Believing the building only needed a coat of paint to freshen it up, they hired Greg Grooms with Rose Marie's Painting to do just that, but soon discovered other problems that needed to be fixed as well.

As Grooms arrived on location and began work he found a hive of bees had moved into the building and scurried to get help to remove them. Darvin Nolen, City of Leonard Works director, removed the exterior wood siding on the back side of the building and removed the bees over the next few days.

Rex McCreary noticed that some of the removed wood was not in any condition to be reattached to the building and went to his own supply of old wood to find several pieces to replace the original ones. This wood was from the same era of that when the scale house was originally built, and McCreary donated his supply.

Mike McCoy of Mike McCoy Construction was also informed that the handrail was not secure and he assisted in securing the rail and other minor repairs at no charge to the Preservation League.

Jeremy Nolen also saved the preservation league an expense by donating the paint for the project from his new supply of Farrell-Calhoun paints recently stocked at Nolen Floor Coverings.

Grooms suggested these men should be recognized for volunteering to help restore this old building. which the LPL hopes to use as an office or tourist center in the future. It is now

complete and ready to be occupied once water and sewer are run.

Greg Grooms was one of several men who assisted the Leonard Preservation League in fixing up the former Abernathy-Tucker scale house that sits by Leonard Pool. He is pictured here scraping the old paint from the wood siding. - Ava Barlow staff photo