Protesting from the experience of the past, a grand jury committee, made up of E. J. Chatelain, foreman, E. G. Arceneaux and Sam Cobb, recently received a cross-sectional town reaction to the plan for the court house renovation when some 40 Lafayette people, representing civic clubs in the city but not officially reflecting the stands of their clubs, gave their approval.

In turn, a steering committee comprised of representative citizens carried the report to a recent police jury meet and received the jurors' okay for the plan.

Making up the committee were Malcolm Fischer, F. M. Burleigh, Wilson Trahan, Alex Hernandez, Mrs. Dallion LeBlanc, Mrs. George Armstrong, Mrs. J. C. Chargois, Miss Inez Neyland, Byron Piauche, Judge A. Wilmot Dalfeses, Mrs. Walter Rocque and Mrs. Thelma Toce.

Chatelain explained the plan to the jurors.

The jury, also asked to approve a 13-member citizens committee to carry out the $425,000 project, gave its assent.

In the breakdown for the proposed court house repairs and renovation are listed the following estimates: painting, $25,000; wiring, $30,000; plumbing, $15,000; plastering, $10,000; flooring, $11,500; roofing, $12,500; exterior, $8,500; stonework, $10,500; miscellaneous repairs, $10,000; air conditioning, $65,000; jail repairs, $12,000; elevators, $35,000; jail furnishings, $12,000; miscellaneous renovations, $8,000; and furniture and fixtures, $75,000.

Once the steering committee gets into action, Lafayette, the third smallest parish in the state in size and one of the fastest growing in new "bourgeoisie," will have a fairly respectable looking parish seat befitting its "come-uppance" of late.

OLD AND WORN — The city of Lafayette has seen three parish court houses go up on the square at West Main between Lafayette and South Buchanan Streets during the past 130 years. A movement is now underway in the parish to give a complete face-lifting to the present worn, dilapidated court house. In the top photo is the previous court house completed in 1861 as it looked the day it was hauled away to make room for the present parish structure built in 1928. In the foreground center is George Crouchet, secretary of the police jury at the time, who had the picture made and later gave it to Judge A. Wilmot Dalfeses. Dalieres is a presiding judge in the present court house and in his spare moments collects items of historical interest in the parish. Also with Crouchet is Adam Sonnier. The vault-like structure at the right in the top photo was the office for the clerk of court and storage place for parish records. The court room in the old court house was located on the second floor with a small winding stairway leading to it. In the bottom photo is shown the present court house which has become an "eye sore" because of its poor upkeep and maintenance. (Advertiser Staff Photo)