

years and accommodate approximately 7,000 students and staff members.

SEE, an educational organization based in Potomac, Md. will go ahead with plans to develop the school if it does not come up against too much negative reaction by the Clarke County residents or the press, said Garcia. He said that so far, he had only observed "cautious neutralism." He admitted that because SEE is "growth-

tionary" way, he said, "the same way the human race acquired the same information" beginning with studies of early civilizations. The curriculum, he said, would integrate the humanities and sciences while gaining practical experience working on the farm.

Although SEE is a non-profit organization, Garcia said that the project would make "a business out of Fairfield." He said that most of crops grown on the farm would

Buckland Tavern to be auctioned

HISTORIC Buckland Tavern will be offered for sale at public auction Monday, August 25, at 11 a.m. The property includes one acre of land and the stone building where legend has it three "generals" have visited—George Washington, Lafayette and Tom Thumb. It is hoped by many that any purchaser will restore the eighteenth century building, which may be the only historic landmark still standing between the Bull Run Battlefield and Warrenton.

H. H. Douglas, executive director of the Pioneer America Society, and an admirer of the handsome old stone building, said he hopes that terms of the sale can be drafted to require the purchaser to restore Buckland Tavern. Douglas has said he will try to talk with Thomas O. Beane, the legal committee for Mrs. Grace Bear, who owns the tavern, and urge him to include restoration in terms of the sale.

Mrs. Bear has lived in Manassas Manor Nursing Home since 1970. The court appointed Edwin Pierce to look after her affairs. During his tenure as committee, Mrs.

Bear's account with the nursing home fell into debt in May of 1973 and continued to increase at the rate of \$532 a month. Because of Pierce's failure to provide the necessary information on two occasions, Mrs. Bear's old age assistance was canceled on December 31, 1972, says Douglas.

ALSO following Pierce's appointment as committee, the tavern building was left open and was ransacked and vandalized. Rain comes through places in the roof and has badly damaged the interior. Pierce and Judge Arthur Sinclair were reminded of the situation early in 1974, but neither Pierce nor the court made any move toward allowing the building to be sold. Early this year after an article appeared in the **Piedmont Virginian** describing the conditions of Buckland Tavern and the apparent intransigence of the court and attorney Pierce, the judge appointed Thomas O. Beane as committee to replace Pierce. This summer, Beane prepared the necessary papers and a decree of sale was approved by the court. □

FOLLOWING his explanation, the floor was open to questions. Tom Byrd, editor of the Winchester Evening Star, asked Garcia how such an expensive project would be funded.

Garcia said funds for buying the land and building facilities, which include a 20,000 square foot classroom building and a sewage treatment plant capable of turning the waste of 7,000 persons into sterile fertilizer, would come from private citizens who had already made verbal commitments. He said that there are 20 people, including himself, who have agreed to give their financial support. Garcia said that SEE would have enough money to buy the land and have \$500,000 left over to begin construction of facilities called for in the plans. He said the question of money would "only determine how fast we can grow."

John Friant of Berryville expressed some concern about whether the school could get proper Virginia accreditation. Because the school is so new in concept, Friant wondered if this may present a problem.

GARCIA said that point had not been looked into yet. He believed that the school could meet most of the requirements and there "should be no trouble" with this aspect. He said further that if getting accreditation for the school presented any unusual problem this could have some bearing as to whether SEE would locate in the state.

Tyson Gilpin, the county's Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, asked what the entrance requirements would be. Garcia said that a minimum of a 500 SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) score would be required or the student would be required to go through a six-month program designed to