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## NANTAHALA FINE ARTS SHOW 1965 ARTIST'S PROFILE

Norma T. Pierson

One of the most remarkable and talented artists who will exhibit in the Nantahala Fine Arts Show this week is Mr. Francis G. Baldwin. He is the brother of Mrs. Carlos Bean of Kilgore, Texas, who owns a summer home on the Dillard Road.

Mr. Baldwin was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and attended Cincinnati Art School and M. I. T. He has also studied at the Chase School of Art, Sarasota, Florida. His business was the manufacture and installation of flooring and he is now retired.

## "THE FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE"

It is recorded that when the officer of the guard asked the dying Marcus Aurelius for the watchword of the day, he replied: "Go to the rising sun; my sun is settin!" Aurelius, Emperor of the mighty Roman Empire, was not only a philosopher, but a prophet as well; for, although Rome was then at the height of its glory, its sun was setting too.

Marcus Aurelius was a great statesman, and a ruler of profound wisdom; nevertheless for all his brilliance, he contributed to the death of the Roman Empire. For all of his virtues, his wisdom, moral fortitude, he had one weak-

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Mr. Baldwin started painting on his 70th birthday. A few years back, he painted the picture of the Highlands Inn Building which hangs in the lobby and which is reproduced on the Inn's postcards. At present, he designs and hooks rugs. He will enter a watercolor design which has been copyrighted in the show.

Mr. Baldwin has exhibited with the Sarasota Art Association at the Ringlin Museum.

ness, fondness for his son, Commodus, who succeeded him to the throne. Any by sacrificing the happiness and well being of millions of people, the Empire began to collapse.

"The Fall of the Roman Empire" is a magnificent recreation by Samuel Bronston which does more than capture the sweep and splendor of Rome in its last epoch of glory. It points a moral to every nation: that survival depends on the wisdom not only of the leaders of the present, but those to come. The remarkable cast of performers includes Sir Alec Guinness, Sophia Loren, James Mason and Stephen Boyd, who give the feel and sweep when the Roman Forum was the meeting place to decide the fate of Rome. It plays on Wednesday, August 11.

NANTAHALA FINE ARTS SHOW - Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 6, 7, 8 - Hotel Edwards Dining Room

GARDEN CLUB HOMES AND GARDENS TOUR - Wednesday, August 11 - Tours leave from Episcopal Church morning and afternoon

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