



English countryside is pictured in travel film "Britain's Holiday Islands."

Britain shown on film

"Britain's Holiday Islands"—a visual journey through the eyes of photographer Robert Davis—will be presented at The Community House in Birmingham on Friday and Saturday. Davis will personally narrate his film journey. The 8 p.m. programs will be preceded by dinner (served from 6 p.m. by reservation only) featuring foods native to the areas being visited on film.

The Isle of Wight, the Channel Islands (Guernsey, Sark, Jethou and Jersey), the Isle of Man and the Isle of Skye are all part of the in-depth adventure film.

Off the south coast of England, the Isle of Wight invites the audience to visit the palatial mansion of Queen Victoria—Osborne House—swesome by its gradiose architecture, magnificent seascapes and charming little villages.

THE CHANNEL ISLANDS (closer to France than to England) are filled with narrow streets, gift-jammed shops and French flavor abounding. Then on to Sark, a two-square mile island of quietude that allows only bicycles and horsedrawn carriages and is host to rugged cliffs and quaint farms scattered among the countryside. Jethou, an island for solitude, boasts



Playing the bagpipe is a sequence in Robert Davis' color production.

a quiet seashore, beautiful wildflowers and colorful birds, while Jersey, within sight of the French coast, offers storybook villages to fill memory books.

On the Isle of Man, viewers see colorful gardens, a Victorian Steam Train and a Viking Festival. Off the northwest tip of Scotland on the Isle of

Skye, the armchair travelers will watch a piper's marching band, visit Dunvegan Castle and the Boringarrig Celebration.

Tickets for the travel film are available in advance as well as at the door, at The Community House, Bates and Townsend. For further information, call The Community House at 644-8832.

Author, critic speaks

Popular lecturer, critic and author Bosley Crowther will be the featured speaker Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Detroit Film Society.

The program, which also includes a screening of Orson Welles' "The Magnificent Ambersons," will begin at 7 p.m. in the Detroit Public Library Friends Auditorium, 3801 Woodward.

A 1928 Princeton University graduate and recipient of the first annual Critics Award of the Screen Directors Guild in 1933, Crowther was the New York Times' motion picture critic for 27 years. He retired from that post in 1958 to become a consultant for Columbia Pictures.

After speaking on Hollywood and the art of the cinema, Crowther will introduce "The Magnificent Ambersons," a 1928 production which followed director Welles' highly regarded premier effort, "Citizen Kane," by one year.

SET IN THE early 20th century, "Ambersons" stars Agnes Moorehead and Tim Holt, both of whom won the National Board of Review's Best Acting award for their performances.

It has been called "a remarkable film by any standards" and "a resourceful character study of a family group." This season, running until June 9, the Detroit Film Society is featuring movies of the '30s and '40s.

Memberships for the six remaining private showings can be purchased prior to showtime Jan. 13. For further information, call the Friends of the Detroit Public Library Office at 833-4048.

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