

There was a real, warm Welsh welcome for the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh when they began their tour of Wales; and a happy note of informality was struck when Her Majesty's bouquet had to be hidden from a pony that wanted to eat it. This was at the two hundredth annual Breconshire Agricultural Show, where the Queen presented the awards.

An important occasion in this early part of the tour was the visit to the huge new reservoir near Trecastle, where Her Majesty switched open the valves of the three-million-pound project for supplying water to Swansea.

Among the celebrities presented in Aberystwyth was --- Miss Jones of Wales. This was during the opening of the completed building of the National Library of Wales.

The presentation of the bouquet fell to the lot of a little Welsh lady who turned out to be rather shy.

Then ~~Her~~ the Queen unveiled the plaque of this library which will be a treasurehouse of national literature.

Now --- over to Sweden, where Mercedes took the lead in that country's first Grand Prix since the war.

It was a twisting, difficult course --- and skids came thick and fast. And once there was the kind of situation that a motorist normally only meets in a narrow country lane.

Go back! --- no, you go back. It can go on for ever

First and second home were the ~~see~~ Mercedes drivers, Juan Fangio and Stirling Moss.

In Japan --- a crowd estimated at a million and a half thronged the banks of the river to watch what was claimed to be the biggest firework display in the world.

It is said that the Japanese believe that fireworks cleanse the sky of evil spirits; but in the western world, they keep in training with artillery and rockets just in case. American Marine manoeuvres --- near Mount Fujiama.