

ROYAL WELSH SHOW.

It's a change to be able to report an agricultural show starting in fine, warm weather, with the ground in good condition - but the Royal Welsh Show, at Welshpool, does just that. And the entries in the sheep classes are as fine as the weather.

In the Welsh Black event, one farmer Alderman Dafydd Jones, practically sweeps the board with seven class championships and five special awards. It's a good thing he's not entering Herefords as well - that gives someone else a look in.

The Welsh Mountain Ponies are, of course, as big an attraction for the crowd as ever - and as frisky as ever.

There's a sheepdog demonstration on each of the three days, by 27-year-old champion Mr. Merion Jones. His dogs are like professional actors - quite unruffled by the size of the audience.

How Mr. Jones manages to control so many dogs at once is a mystery to the layman. But they all obey him, and make the sheep obey them, like a military operation.

The only members of the cast who think the balance of fordd is slightly unfair are the sheep.