

ROYAL SUMMER SHEEP SHOW:

Special freight planes bring 57 stud sheep to Sydney for the annual Sheep show. They came from Hay, and they're worth £40,000. Brother that ain't hay. Entries in this year's show are the heaviest for years. Judging is done indoors because of heavy rain outside. Sitting up like club members in their favorite chair -- and why not? These aristocrats put the gold in the golden fleece. Judging's not easy when every competitor is a potential champion. But these judges are experts. You can't pull the wool over their eyes. With sheep worth anything up to £2,000 each you have to look out for rustlers - even at the Showground. In the merino section, the Grand Ram champion -- the blue ribbon of blue ribbons - goes to a little-known breeder, F.G. Gebbert. He's congratulated by Sheep Breeders Association president Mr. Falkiner. He seems to be pleased about something. Makes a boy feel all sheepish.

For the ladies, who like their wool made up, there's a mannequin show -- with a specially trained pedigree ram, Saul of Beonoke. The lass wears woollen sportswear - Houndstooth pedal pushers, beige shirt and never-crease cuffs and collar. A pastel toned wool ensemble - beautifully cut frock and simple jacket. Very elegant. The Parisienne effect in an exquisitely styled spit of navy, grey and scarlet. And from Paris to bunny Scotland, with a Royal Stuart tartan skirt, yellow jumper and tartan stole. Another model in wool - this time in grey. A pouch pocket relieves the slim skirt. If only the sheep could see the parade. Then they'd know life's worth while. Think it's a mink? It's worth more than that. It's wool -- a Royal Beaverine stroller coat, specially shower-proofed.

Another coat style, in imported wool tweed. The tent style, worn over a simply cut wool crepe frock. Cocktail time, with a slim, elegant ensemble with an off the shoulder jumper. And for evenings, a halter-neck gown with a swirling skirt and embroidered wool coat. An enchanting bridal gown - intricately embroidered with white leaves. A dress to make any girl look regal on the most important day of her life. Australia rides the high road to prosperity on the sheep's back. For apart from producing a quarter of the world's wool, she is weaving it into cloth to make fashions right up to world standard. Wealth and warmth from the Golden Fleece.