

# New rules set for state fair exhibitors

In an attempt to prevent chaos at the exhibits registration booth and to avoid having people with livestock entries turned away because there is no place to house the livestock, new registration methods have been instituted by the Alaska State Fair.

Fair organizers have announced that all nonperishable items to be judged at the fair will be accepted several days before the fair, rather than one day before as had been the custom for past fairs.

The items effected are beekeeping, macrame, photography, art, ceramics, handwork, and needlework, clothing, canning, crafts, hobbies, painting.

Entries in these categories will be accepted from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 21 and from noon to 9 p.m. Aug. 22.

Mailed exhibits in the above categories will be accepted as usual, as long as they arrive in time.

The remaining exhibit departments, including crops, livestock, fowl, rabbits, flowers, baked goods and confections, and mushrooms, will continue to be registered on the day before the fair - Aug. 27, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The second day of entry for perishable items - crops, flowers, baked goods and confections and mushrooms, will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 3.

The dual entry system had long been avoided because of the inconvenience to possible entrants who live a distance from the fairgrounds who might wish to enter items in both perishable and non-perishable divisions. But

it was decided that the large number of exhibits cause entry-day confusion and led to late-night judging so the dual system was instituted.

Pre-registration for livestock has been instituted to avoid having to turn away hopefuls who arrived after the livestock pens were filled on entry day. For the past several years, the fair has turned away hopefuls once the livestock pen was filled.

Pre-registration will be conducted in Department C on Aug. 17, 18, and 19, at the fairgrounds. Forms are available and will be available any time after Aug. 1 from the fair office, Mile 40, Glenn Highway, or P.O. Box 1128 Palmer, AK., 99645, or by calling 745-4827.

The state fair begins on Aug. 28, 1981.