

Bethel Pre-Maternal Home: 'Pregnant Lady in Waiting'

The opening of Bethel's long anticipated pre-maternal home has been set for January 2, 1967, according to the Bethel City News. The home will care for pregnant women from over fifty villages waiting to enter the Bethel PHS Hospital.

The opening of the home will solve a difficult problem in Bethel. Women coming in from the villages to wait for the birth of their babies in the past often had nowhere to stay.

The PHS hospital was not

able to admit them prior to the time of the child's arrival due to already overcrowded conditions. The women will now be able to live temporarily at the pre-maternal home. The problem is especially aggravated in the Bethel area by very frequent bad flying weather often making it necessary for the women to come to Bethel much earlier.

The home is funded under the ASCAP program and is under the management of the Bethel Community Action Board.

The home has been officially named "Kingalret Witaviat" or "Pregnant Lady in Waiting."

The CAP Board has also sent to the villages for donations of food for the home. Director of the home will be Mrs. Martha Hoffman. Four other persons will be employed at the home.