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An only child, Bob said he quickly became acclimated to a big family with his Neisler and Sommers in-laws. "Red and Henry and I are just like brothers," he said.

Bob was in graduate school at Carolina with intentions to get his doctorate but the Korean War interrupted his education and he served a 41 month stint with Uncle Sam's Navy. After the War he thought about returning to school to earn his doctorate but he and his wife had a young son and decided to relocate to Kings Mountain to be near relatives and to open an insurance business.

"We never regretted that decision because we love our hometown," said Bob, relaxing in the family business on York Road with his partners and sons, Bobby and Frank Maner. Daughter, Sarah Maner Lawrence, is a pharmacist in Elizabeth City. The Maners have one grandson, Joseph Martin Maner, 8.

Active in First Presbyterian Church, Bob is a teacher in the men's Bible Class, an Elder and a former Clerk of Session. He is also a former Jaycee. Because of his love for people and community, he joined the Red Cross blood program as a volunteer.

Family and church are high priorities for the popular businessman who says he has no plans for retirement.

"I've been offering a service to people for 43 years and I plan to keep doing just that," said Maner, who enjoys people. On a recent morning, a visitor to Maner's office was Stokes Wright, retired mail carrier.

Callers to the popular insurance business used to ask for Bobby Maner and Bob (the senior member of the firm) would come to the telephone. "Bobby Frank is my name but after our son Robert joined the business people started calling him Bobby and then our son, Frank, joined the business, so I just answer to Bob," he laughed.

When he isn't selling insurance, Bob likes to fish for trout. He and his fishing buddy, Dr. Charles Adams, made a big catch recently at their favorite fishing spot near Marion.

"We turn 'em loose but last week Chuck bagged 43 and I got 22," laughed Bob.

Nothing is better for relaxation than sitting on a creek bank, says Maner.

But giving blood is also the best gift a person can give to his fellowman.

"The life you save could be your own," says Maner.



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♦ The Rose Garden can be used as a place to memorialize loved ones who are buried elsewhere. Many people have relocated to our area from out of state but now consider Gaston County their home. Providing a local memorial for a loved one enables family and friends to remember and reflect.

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Bloodmobile in KM today

The Red Cross bloodmobile returns to Kings Mountain Thursday for a one-day visit from 1:30-6 p.m. at First Baptist Church and the needs are critical.

"We are at emergency level for O Positive and O Negative donors and at critical status for B Positive donors," said Sandi Bolick, Blood Program director.

Bolick said as the July 4 holiday approaches the Cleveland County Chapter of the American Red Cross is encouraging blood donors to make a blood donation to help prevent blood shortages that threaten to occur around major holidays.

"Patients who need blood depend on 1,500 donors each day,

every day in the Carolinas Region," says Bolick. "When we lose collections because of a holiday, our blood supply drops sharply. Our main concern for the holiday week is to ensure that the blood supply is adequate to support the thousands of patients in our area."

To show appreciation for blood donors who make the time to donate close to the holiday, the Red Cross will give special Red Cross t-shirts to everyone who comes to donate between Monday, June 29 and Monday, July 6. To make an appointment other than responding at the local visit, call 1-800-GIVE LIFE.

Blood donors must be in

good health, at least 17 years of age, and weigh more than 110 pounds. There is no risk of contracting an infectious disease from donating blood. You can donate whole blood every 56 days.

"Ninety-five percent of us will need blood or a blood product by the time we reach the age of 72 yet only 5 percent of the total population donates blood," said Bolick.

Bolick said hospital patients require an ongoing blood supply. For instance, coronary artery bypass surgery requires 1-5 pints; other open heart surgery up to 50 pints and organ transplants up to hundreds of pints.

Rezoning request on Council agenda

City Council is expected to settle a controversial zoning request Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m.

Last week the planning and zoning board stipulated a 10th conditional use in a zoning request it will recommend to Council from Butch Kerns to build condominiums on his property on Williams Street.

The additional conditional use is that the access area for the new units would have to come from Sipes Street instead of Williams Street after neighbors of Williams Street objected, citing traffic.

The developer said the cost would be higher to use Sipes Street which would mean a road would have to be cut to ac-

cess the property. The Kerns property is located at the back rear corner of the White Oak property on Sipes Street.

In the motion, member Lou Ballew stated that the recommendation from the planning board would be not to access the existing paved portion of Williams Street to the north but access Sipes Street.

Also Tuesday night City Council is expected to approve the 1998-99 budget. No one spoke at the recent public hearing.

Council is also expected to act on recommendations from the Moss Lake Commission to establish a \$100 late fee to lease property owners who don't pay their leases by July 1.

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