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This next Sunday is All Saints Day. I don't know if that is a universal celebration or just a Lutheran one. We recognize and honor The saints like Saint Paul Paul and Saint Peter, but on a more personal and local level we honor those congregational members who have recently passed away, because, as the Bible puts it-"We are all Saints of God". Some of the saints that we will honor this year are Doris Gildesgaard, Sandy Mayes, Bob Sell, Dee Bilderback, Bob Micheli and Pat McCune, to mention a few from our church, and Nancy Setterlund from Fortuna. Each of us in turn, will honor our fathers and mothers and others who have gone on. Getting back to Nancy Setterlund, Nancy was a wonderful person who was taken much too early, and Sandy Mayes the same. Both were victims of fast moving cancer. Sandy was a "different" lady, having had a hard life, but was generous to a fault and would have literally given you the shirt off her back if you needed it. I had known her as a customer for several years, and one day she came to me and said-"I know someone you should meet". Given her peculiarities, I thought-"Yeah-right!" and one day she came into my butcher shop literally dragging this attractive lady behind her. We chatted a bit and I got a phone number, but when I called that evening, I had written down the wrong number. I called Sandy and got that straightened out. I called, ^{the lady} and her ten year old daughter answered the phone. She asked who it was, and I just told her to say I was the butcher. "Hey mom". she

called out-"It's the butcher!" Three months later-thirty five years ago, we were married.*As I was listening to the radio the other day and also read it in the the paper, there was a notice that some paving would be going on, involving in one case, "Myrtle Avenue, where it intersects with Buhne Street. Well, Myrtle Avenue and Buhne Street don't connect. Buhne Street, though it's spelled without the "r" comes from Hans Buhne, an early Humboldtter who came from Boston, where they put R's where they aren't, such as Buhne, and leave them off where they are, such as "I'll take the cah, and meet you theah". It's kind of funny to listen as people, even locals, pronounce it "Boone" Street. I read in the Times-Standard where they are going to fine people who didn't pick up health insurance \$695.00 instead of \$325.00. Is that what they are going to do to folks working at a minimum , or even twice the minimum wage, who can barely survive if they have a family? There was something said about susidizing, but if they are going to do that, why not just sign them up for free insurance? If we are going to go Socialist, why not go all the way? Halloween is upon us- watch out for the little devils and ghosts and angels. Drive safely-and oh-buy candy you like, just in case!

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