

MERBACK, JOHN RICHARD
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Three persons were killed in two unrelated auto accidents on Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8, west of Guernsey. Dead are Johnny Merback, 21, Wheatland; Cindy Bartow, 14, Guernsey; and Floyd Rosentreter, 65, Torrington (formerly of Wheatland).

The Saturday evening accident occurred about three miles west of Guernsey at approximately 11:15 p.m. when the car driven by Johnny Merback, who was eastbound, went out of control on a curve and collided head on with a pickup driven by Albert Martin. Everette L. Ayers, investigating patrolman, reported that Merback and Miss Bartow, a passenger in the Merback vehicle, were both killed instantly. Another passenger, Dale Bomgardner was injured as was Albert Martin. Both the injured were taken to the Platte County Memorial Hospital before being transferred to the Laramie County Hospital in Cheyenne.

Floyd Rosentreter died instantly in a one car accident about 3:10 p.m. on Fri., May 7, near the same location of the Merback-Martin crash, when the vehicle he was driving went out of control and rolled several times. Patrolman H.W. Ritterbush, investigating officer, said the Bronco left the road on the right side of the road, throwing Rosentreter out and apparently rolling over him, causing fatal injuries.
