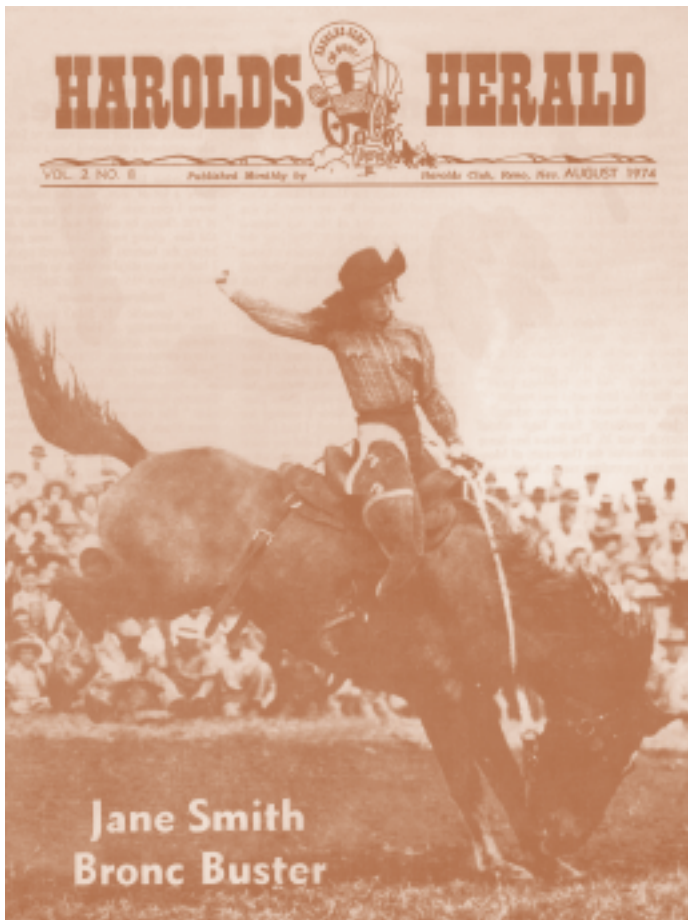


Jane Burnett Smith



was raised on her grandfather's cattle ranch in Montana where her early years as an only child were spent in the dual role of cowpuncher and/or Mother's helper. Her first rodeo experience, at age 11, was riding several steers at a local July Fourth celebration where she and three teenage boys rode several steers each for fifty cents per mount. Jane's earnings of three dollars for a few minutes work was certainly a more lucrative way to spend the summer than the long hours required of a ranch hand. She still did her share of work during the "haying" season, or when gathering cattle for branding, and trailing steers cross-country to the railroad in the fall, with her largest (and only) pay check for the summer totalling \$7.50! Each year until age seventeen she rode in various Montana rodeos having graduated to

saddlebrons by that time, and began traveling throughout the west and Mexico to many major events.

Jane rode saddle broncs and horseback quadrille in Madison Square Garden and Boston Gardens in 1942, the last year the bronc riding competition for women was offered. She served in the WAAC's as a radio operator, then returned to Montana where her children Camille and Loren were born.

In later years Jane worked as blackjack dealer in Reno, a medical transcriber in Phoenix, a creative writing instructor, and an author of several Spanish-English textbooks. She has recently been published in mystery fiction with a rodeo background and is preparing her autobiography for publication at the present time..

Jane has been nominated to the National Cowgirls Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, Texas, and is awaiting induction at this time.