Dr. Patricia G. Smith is known as Pat Smith throughout the Society for Range Management. She hasn't always been editor of the Journal of Range Management nor production editor of Rangelands. The evolution came gradually from the time she was a child growing up in Cleveland, Ohio, until the present time. There were a number of steps she took and decisions made along the way which brought her to her present stature as editor extraordinaire.

Pat has had the usual amount of schooling and educational background. Her first college degree was from Notre Dame College of Cleveland in 1949, with majors in English and art and minors in Latin and education. Summer jobs and extra-curricular activities included work on publications. One summer she served as editor of the Jewish Review and Observer, a weekly newspaper. On that job she worked with the paper from copy preparation through mailing and billing and watched its being produced in the print shop.

After graduation from college she began teaching at private secondary schools in the Cleveland area and continued for 17 years, usually serving as publications advisor. Her next degree was an MA in English from Loyola University of Chicago in 1959.

Seven years after graduating from Loyola University, Pat came to Colorado to work as a photo-journalist for a Catholic weekly newspaper which required her travelling extensively throughout southern Colorado for stories. The next fall (1967), she began teaching writing and literature at the Colorado Springs campus of the University of Colorado.

In 1969 Pat Smith moved to Denver so she could study at the University of Colorado at Boulder and continue teaching at Colorado Springs. Lo and behold—Pat graduated with a PhD degree in communication in 1972 with research dissertation on communication style and cognition. Each step along the way Pat was preparing herself (unknowingly) for eventual work as editor for the Society for Range Management.

That's when it happened—while she was working on her PhD dissertation she met Francis T. Colbert, executive secretary for the Society for Range Management. "Confidentially", said Pat, "I didn't know that range existed except in cowboy songs, which I love." When Colbert learned of Pat's educational and working background, he hired her immediately to "lay out and paste up the Journal of Range Management," which was being brought into the Range Society office at 2120 South Birch Street, Denver. That's the way Francis wanted it; he wanted to see the JRM evolve in the office before his eyes.

Later, as Smith says, "When I was found to be literate, I was also given the task of helping with copy editing of the Journal and proofreading Rangeman's News and similar tasks with newsletters that were being produced at the Society headquarters."

Things were running along smoothly and Pat was learning more every day about the Range Society and its publications. Then Francis Colbert died suddenly of a heart attack on April 11, 1974. After that Smith took over the responsibilities of production editor. Soon the equipment arrived to do the entire JRM in the office, as Francis had planned. That fall, October 1974, she took over the duties of associate editor of Rangeman's Journal, with Jeff Powell as editor.

Pat Smith continued to grow in her job as editor with SRM. She served as production editor, with Don Hyder as editor, for all the publications of the First International Rangeland Congress, which was held in Denver in August 1978.

For JRM she served as production editor with Bert Reid and Rex Pieper as editors and Dave Smith, Lorenz Brede meier, Floyd Kinsinger, and Jan Duck as managing editors. Since March 1983 Peter Jackson has been managing editor. Upon the retirement of Rex Pieper as editor of JRM, Pat applied for the job and was appointed editor of JRM beginning in March 1982. At that time the SRM Board of Directors set up a new system with a number of associate editors to assist with technical matters and advise Pat in putting out the Journal of Range Management.

From time to time, as she gained experience and knowledge Pat has been assigned additional tough jobs around the office. She has worked with authors and editors of the entire scientific and monograph series, production of many being done at least in part in the SRM office where she works. Pat has also worked with newsletter editors and program chairmen for annual meetings, etc. Her latest new assignment is to supervise the editorial input for the Communication on Renewable Resources (CORR) electronic database.

Pat commented, "I don't know whether this constitutes a career in range management, but it is certainly a career in publishing!" I say it is a career in range management because she is devoting 100 percent of her working day to the publishing of range management material in JRM, Rangelands, and other SRM publications.

Pat, like all of us, has hobbies and other interests besides range management. She is an excellent photographer of nature, dogs, and horses. As a result of her reading at SRM, she became interested in landscaping with native plants. She built much of her own greenhouse to further this work, with solar heat no less! She enjoys target shooting too. Her most active recent hobby is early music: she plays with some success the soprano, alto, and tenor recorders and also plays the tenor viola da gamba, (whatever that is), giving performances with an early music group. "It's all fun", she says. "Then, when all else is caught up or the weather is bad I curl up with a mystery story."

I have known Pat Smith since the spring of 1975 when I was appointed editor of Rangeman's Journal at the SRM annual meeting held in Mexico City, Mexico. She does an outstanding-
ing job of putting *Rangelands* together and getting it out on time.

As *Rangelands* Editorial Board members and editor finalize manuscripts and articles, they are sent to Pat Smith in Denver where they are stockpiled until published. Pat's job is to select and choose articles and other material and fit them together for each issue. She strives for interest and variety with very good results.

**We need to review the major journal** publications of SRM so the reader will have a better grasp of just what Pat's job is now.

The *Journal of Range Management* was first published in October, 1948 with 62 pages—only one *Journal* that year. The next two years had four issues each. Beginning in January 1951 and to the present, *JRM* has been published six times a year. So, the *JRM* was a going thing long before Pat Smith was hired. It is a highly esteemed publication, especially by scientists interested in the field of range management. Due to Pat's being there, it has steadily improved the past twelve years since she has been involved in its production and publication. It also has grown in size. Today, each issue contains 136 pages.

*Rangelman's News* (*RN*), a bi-monthly publication, came into being at the insistence of the SRM Advisory Council. The first issue was June 1969 with Francis Colbert as editor. It was published every other month—the months *JRM* was not published—until it was replaced by *Rangelman's Journal* (*RJ*) in October, 1974, with Jeff Powell as its founding editor. While *RN* was in existence, 32 issues were published with a total of 448 pages, or an average of 14 pages each.

*Rangelman's Journal* was established, at the request of the SRM Advisory Council, as a popular style magazine to replace *RN*. *RJ* began with 32 pages in each issue. It came out the same months as did *RN*. *RJ* ended with the December 1978 issue; by then it was averaging 36 pages. By action of the SRM Board of Directors the name was changed from *Rangelman's Journal* to *Rangelands* effective with the February 1979 issue. *Rangelands* started out averaging 44 pages but has grown until now the regular size is 48 pages.

As mentioned before, I was appointed editor in February 1975 and have remained editor the past nine years. I shall be succeeded as editor of *Rangelands* by Gary Frasier during the SRM annual meeting in February 1984 at Rapid City, South Dakota.

One can see that Pat Smith in her pursuit of excellence has had to work with many different people—with one major goal, and that is to improve the two major SRM publications, *JRM* and *Rangelands*. This she has done and is continuing to do.

For the record Pat Smith is editor of the *Journal of Range Management* and production editor of *Rangelands*. In my rare visits with Pat at Denver or at annual meetings the conversation invariably turns to SRM and its publications. She told me once, "I'm the most read person in the field of range management. I read at least once, and usually more, every article that appears in *JRM* and *Rangelands*." That's a lot of reading, but I know she does it.

As we so often hear, no one is indispensable—but I tell you Pat Smith would certainly be hard to replace. SRM, *JRM* and *Rangelands* are better today because of Pat's presence at the SRM office the past 12 years. In August 1982, president Jack Bohning and the Denver staff gave Pat a surprise 10th anniversary dinner in recognition and appreciation of her ten glorious years of devotion and loyalty to SRM and its many publications.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to present this "treatise" on Pat Smith in this issue of *Rangelands* highlighting "Women in Range Management", my last issue as editor.