

ings in 1935, 1947, and 1967. He was chairman of the Snowy Owl committee from its inception in 1938, reporting in the *Wilson Bulletin* in 1943, 1947, and 1949 on the periodic southern invasions. In 1947, in recognition of his contributions to Ontario ornithology and his seminal role in the development of the ROM bird collection, he was elected a Fellow.

He was active in the Ontario Research Council's Wildlife Advisory Committee, the committee of 100 of the International Ornithological Congress, and the General Committee of Toronto City Council for the establishment of

zoological, botanical, and horticultural facilities in that city.

Snyder retired in 1963. Apart from participation in the local committee for the 1967 A.O.U. meeting, he ceased all formal scientific activity in 1965. Returning to his rural home near Pottageville, Ontario, he contented himself with his lovely wife and a home-based chickadee study until the end.

EDITOR'S NOTE

R. Charles Long died on 1 April 1986.

IN MEMORIAM: FINN SALOMONSEN, 1909–1983

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Finn Salomonsen, Corresponding Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union, died suddenly on 23 April 1983. He was best known in North America for his contributions to Greenland ornithology. His association with the people and birds of that vast island began when Finn was 16 years old when he accompanied Lehn Schioler to the Upernavik District.

Finn Salomonsen's ornithological interests resulted in over 200 scientific publications, and authorship or co-authorship of 19 books. Besides Greenland and the Arctic, he made expeditions to the Philippines (1951–1952) and to the Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea (1962).

Finn played an active role in affairs of the International Committee for Bird Preservation, the World Wildlife Fund, and the International Ornithological Congresses. He was an honorary member of half a dozen foreign ornitho-

logical societies. He was President of the Danish Ornithological Society for 12 years (1959–1971) and Editor of its journal from 1942 to 1961. He joined the Zoological Museum in Copenhagen in 1943 as an assistant responsible for the bird collections, in 1952 he became curator, and in 1958 chief curator, a position he held until his retirement in 1978.

Finn's greatest contribution may have been as a result of his dedication to the well-being of the people and avifauna of Greenland, his unique banding scheme, and in 1977 the passage of a bird hunting law to help control excessive hunting in a traditional hunting culture.

A more complete statement of Finn Salomonsen appeared in *Ibis* 127: 391–393 (1985). This brief statement does not do justice to the man or his contributions.