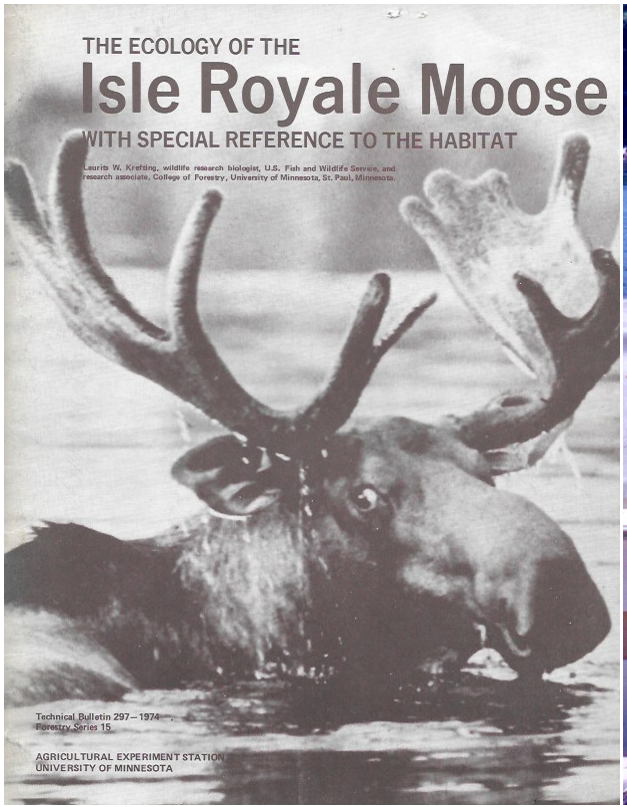
LAURITS (LARRY) KREFTING (1909 - 1978)— Pioneering moose researcher (Isle Royale) US F&W Service, St.Paul Minnesota.

Larry was instrumental in forming the Great Lakes Deer Group who met annually (ie - Dryden 1965, Isle Royale 1965). He also attended several North American Moose Conf's over the years up to 1974. Larry hosted several Ontario Biologists to visit Isle Royale in 1966, where he conducted Moose Habitat Research for 25 years 1944 - 69. Ontario reciprocated & took Larry to visit Simpson & St. Ignace Island in 1970 where much of R.O. Peterson's 1955 background on his North American Moose book took place. Subsequently, Larry published his research in :- The Ecology of the Isle Royale Moose with special reference to the Habitat in 1974.

"The Tenth North American Moose Workshop had the distinct pleasure of recognizing the contribution made by a pioneer in moose research, Laurits W. Krefting, after a long productive career as Research Ecologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, retired from active duty with the Service. Larry was presented with an appropriately inscribed plaque as a small token of the group's appreciation of his contribution to our knowledge of moose ecology."- Duluth Minnesota , March 1974 - pp iii.

"In 1974, prior to the establishment of the Distinguished Moose Biologist Award, the group recognized the pioneering moose research of the late **Laurits (Larry) Krefting**, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, with an individual award." - Alces Vol. 24, 1988 - pp. 223.
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