OLE FEIRING

1887  Born Jan 2, in Oslo, Norway to Otto and Jacobina Paulson. Ole took his name from the family farm.

1903  Won a ski tournament at Holmenkollen, Norway at age 16.

1905  Came to the United States at age 18, with his sister and a cousin.

1906  Placed third at a tourney in St. Paul, MN and won $15.00 in gold. He also won a gold medal for the highest number of points. Was national Champion at Ishpeming, MI, prize being $100.00.

1907  On Jan. 20, Ole broke the National record at Red Wing with a standing jump of 112 feet. A week later won second place at the St. Paul tourney; won first place at Cameron, WI, was runner-up at the National tourney at Ashland. On Mar. 10 he won the local championship at Chester Creek Hill against Ole Mangseth.

1908  Early in the year he won the annual Duluth Club tourney, won second place at Chester Creek Hill, won first place at Coleraine, MN, won first place at Ishpeming with a jump of 119 feet, and, won second place at the Superior, WI tourney with 321 points. He often heard “Yump Ole Yump”.

1910  On Jan. 16, Ole broke all national records with a jump of 144 feet at Duluth, MN. On Feb. 12 placed third in a meet at Duluth. Feb. 20 placed 3rd with 263 2-3 points at a national tourney in Coleraine, MN. Feb. 22 jumped 139 feet at Eau Claire, WI but fell in high winds.

1915  Ole wed Sena Klove on May 15 and has three sons: Robert, Howard, and Richard. Considered the most popular ski jumper of his time.