

SKI JUMPERS.

Getting together at Trenton, New Jersey, are men with a mission - to win the world parachuting championships, which will be held in Moscow this summer. Parachute jumping, to them, is the greatest sport in the world. With stopwatch set and altimeter checked, each jumper is ready to go aloft for a practice dive.

The Sky diver says there is no other feeling like it - and his anticipation quickens as he steps on to his jumping position on the wheel of the plane, and gets ready for the drop.

He's away!

This is spot jumping, with the sky diver trying to land in a circle far below - or if possible, on the cross inside the circle. By skilfully manoeuvring the lines of his parachute, he can control his descent.

He's making straight for the circle - and believe it or not, he lands smack on the cross - a perfect drop.

Another sky diver goes aloft to try a free jump. This man won't open his parachute immediately - Flinging himself into space, he spreadsagles like a bird and drops for thirty seconds or more. Instead of rolling or somersaulting, he control his body like a swooping hawk.

A shrinking speck thousands of feet below the aircraft, he plummet towards the earth at 80 -90 - 100 - 110 miles an hour, watching his altimeter and stopwatch, till at the last split second the chute mushrooms open.

A sport for all kinds of men - sign painters, car mechanics, steeplejacks, carpenters, business & but with two things in common; a love of adventure, and nerves of steel.