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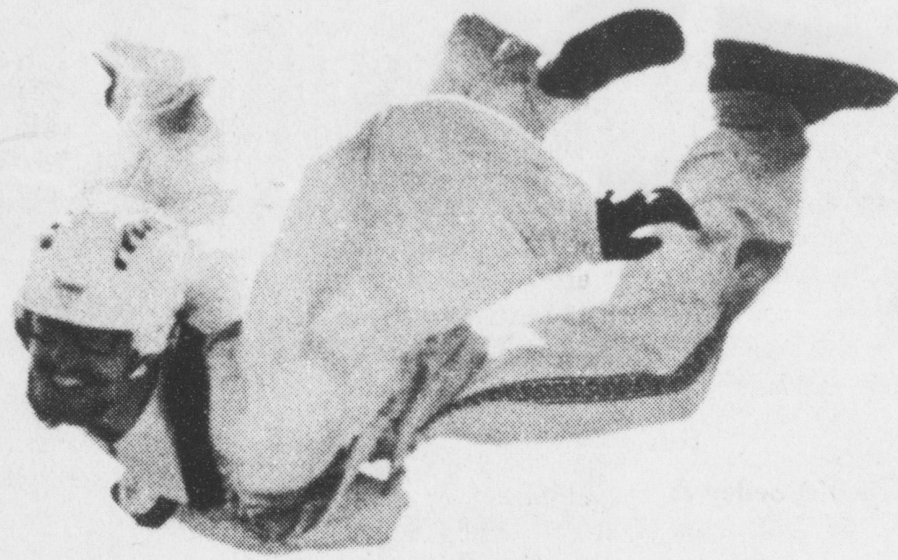
2,000 feet lower than Mount Everest. He used oxygen tanks to breathe, and free fell for 2 minutes and 10 seconds.

In addition to all this, Joe is also a Master Parachute Rigger, a trade he learned in the Navy (he retired two years ago). There are only three Master Riggers in PA, perhaps 100 in the country. In order to become one, Joe had to be a Senior Rigger, then serve a two year apprenticeship and pass a battery of F.A.A. tests.

Since leaving the Navy, Joe has been practicing his trade at home in Lewisberry, PA. He makes custom parachutes in ten different styles. The size is fitted to the customer's body weight, and colors fitted to his or her taste.

Joe's trade is in profitable flux now. In the last year design advances have halved the bulk and weight of parachutes, and lots of people want the new styles.

Joe is one of the lucky few who have combined their hobby and profession. When he isn't making parachutes, he's using them. Virtually his whole life is parachutes.



This parachutist seems to be enjoying himself in this photo by Joe Smith.

Joe told us that his intense involvement in jumping contributed to the breakup of his first marriage, to a woman who had no interest in the sport (his present wife has made 300 jumps). He has also dislocated his arms and broken his legs as a result of bad landings...but he won't stop. "I've been trying to quit jumping for 22 years," he told us, "it's worse than dope."

Sr. League to meet

The Marietta Senior League will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 7th, at the home of the President, Mrs. Mary Portner, on Fairview Avenue, Marietta.

The meeting will start at 3 p.m. There will be a "White Elephant" Auction sale following the meeting.

A covered dish supper will be served at 5 p.m.

The whole affair will be held out of doors.

Each person is to bring a covered dish; their own place setting; a White Elephant item, for the auction sale; and a lawn chair.

Rain date is Wednesday, September 8th.

Grand Square Club to present dance

The Grand Square Club of Lancaster proudly presents its **Free Promotion Dance**, Wednesday, September 8, 1976 at the Mount Joy Vo-Tech School Cafetorium from 7 to 10 p.m.

Learn to square dance, meet new friends, and

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Our club members would like to meet you and have the opportunity to square dance with you. Please come join us. We'll be looking forward to meeting you September 8th, at 7 p.m.

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