

Supplement to SCIENCE FICTION NEWS LETTER, number 29.

Late bulletin:

OTHER WORLDS reported folded. Although editor Ray Falmer has not been contacted at this writing for verification, reliable Chicago sources indicate that OTHER WORLDS will be suspended with its July issue, now on sale.

Palmer launched this magazine in the late summer of 1949 and copies of the first issue were available at the Cincinnati convention that year. Several months ago he increased the word rate to 2¢, and again a few weeks ago to 3¢. The companion magazine, FATE, is to continue. Bea Mahaffey, associate editor, is due back from Europe early in July.

Two Chicago-area writers report they are quitting the SF field and going into other ventures.

Warning:

Ted Carnell of London warns that a confidence man is contacting science fiction people in this country and obtaining money from them under false pretenses. Do not fall for his hard luck story.

It works like this: a long distance phone call for you arrives from a prominent British fan or pro, "now in the States." When you answer the phone you discover it is not the well-known name at all, but another person pretending to be a relative. The trickster spins a tale of woe, usually to the effect that he is stranded at an airport and badly in need of funds. He taps you. Two U.S. fans have already fallen for this trick -- if you get a call, DO NOT SEND MONEY, but request the police to pick up the person at the address he supplies to you.

Note: Joe Fann has switched to Old Woodchuck. (There's one item not yet reported in Fantasy Times!)