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AROUND SCIENTOLOGISTS, life is seldom dull.

Here in Clearwater the cult's activities in recent months have featured the purchase, with cash on the barrelhead, of various motels and office buildings.

Actually, these real estate ventures are tame stuff compared to what's been happening with Scientologists in Portland, Ore., and Riverside, Cal

FOR OUR faithful readers, Friday's Clearwater Sun carried an Associated Press story out of Portland telling of a trial in which a 22-year-old woman, Julie Christofferson Titchbourne, is suing the cult for consumer fraud.

She said the Scientologists

promised her in 1975 that they would help her with her college classwork, develop her creativity and raise her IQ test scores.

MRS. TITCHBOURNE paid the Scientologists \$5,000, she said, but they didn't deliver.

Not only that, but she alleges she suffered from loss of memory, language ability and concentration because of her experience with the cult.

Several trial witnesses referred to a practice called bull-baiting, in which Scientologist trainees were touched in an overtly sexual manner by instructors and counselors.

If anything like that is going on here in Clearwater, we haven't heard of it.

The jury is expected to hand down a verdict this week.

Bible Thought

There is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God. Rom. 13:1.

I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me? Jer. 32:27.

In the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. Isa. 26:4.

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IN RIVERSIDE, the sheriff seized 17 boxes of documents in an attempt to show that Scientologists had borrowed large sums from banks, used the money to pay the cult for their training costs, and then deliberately defaulted on the loans.

The cult, in a court motion, has tied up the evidence. But the district attorney says he feels that millions of dollars in loans were taken out by hundreds of church members under fraudulent methods.

An interesting rumor floating around Riverside is that the cult's founder, L. Ron Hubbard, has bought a nearby abandoned resort and plans to live there.

To which we say, better Riverside than Clearwater.