

Late Forger Averts New Court Woe

Failure of Frank Campbell, 19, to plead guilty to a forgery charge promptly at 9 a.m. Friday caused some extra work for Criminal District Judge Henry King and almost cost Campbell a heap of extra trouble.

Campbell was not present at the appointed time. So Judge King forfeited Campbell's \$750 bond, set a new bond at \$1,500 and ordered Campbell arrested.

Fifty minutes later, Campbell walked into the courtroom. He had taken the wrong streetcar to reach the courthouse, Campbell explained.

The judge then set aside the bond forfeiture and heard Campbell's plea of guilty. He assessed Campbell a 3-year sentence, suspended.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Clarence Bentley recommended the suspended sentence, saying that Campbell had not been in trouble before.

Campbell admitted typing out an \$850 check which a neighbor friend, Willie Ray Wood, 18, signed "Elizabeth McGowan, 3503 Meyers." Wood attempted to cash it April 10 at the First National Bank here. A teller became suspicious and called city police.

Wood told officers where to find Campbell. Wood earlier this month received a 3-year sentence, also suspended.