

Woman Given 640 Days for Check Frauds

Mrs. Elizabeth Margaret Campbell, an attractive 33-year-old mother, pleaded guilty to eleven cases of passing worthless checks Friday and was sentenced to 640 days in the county jail, plus additional time for unpaid court costs.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Clarence Bentley, head of his office's hot check section, said Mrs. Campbell had admitted writing nearly 150 hot checks during several months. They all were under \$50, putting them in the misdemeanor class.

"I don't know exactly why I did it," the weeping defendant told Bentley in court Friday.

Most of the checks were given in payment for clothes, some for food and a few for cash. The checks, said Bentley, were mostly for between \$10 and \$30.

After Mrs. Campbell was jailed a few days ago, Bentley said, detectives found many of the clothing items she had bought with worthless checks—jammed and crumpled into trunks and boxes at her home.