

Mother of Nine Sent to Prison

Sentenced for Violation of Parole

A mother of nine children today was to begin a one-to-year sentence in the Nebraska Women's Reformatory at York.

She is Mrs. Thelma Faulkner, 33, of 2210 Seward Street. She pleaded guilty to parole violation Monday before District Judge James T. English.

Mrs. Faulkner charged \$1.3 worth of household appliance furnishings and clothing to another Omahan at several downtown stores.

"I did it for my children," she sobbed to police. "I wanted them to have things other children have."

Her children range from months to 17 years. They have been taken into custody by the Juvenile Court.

Mrs. Faulkner burst into screams and tears after Judge English pronounced sentence.

The Rev. John Markoe, S. C. Creighton University mathematics instructor, spoke in her behalf. He expressed belief there "is a reason" why she obtained the property by fraud. He asked the Judge to parole her to him.

"I've reached the saturation point as far as leniency to the woman is concerned," Judge English replied.

Mrs. Faulkner was placed on probation in February, 1949, for hiking the value of money orders she received. In June, 1949, she was paroled for cashing bad checks.