

## *Augustus G. Parker Sr.*

Augustus Garland Parker Sr. was a native of Greenwood, Mississippi. He attended Ohio State University, studying journalism, and received his B. S. in 1923. He went on to pursue a law degree, which he earned in 1929. Here in Cleveland, he engaged in private practice.

Parker became active in Cleveland politics, serving on City Council seven terms in total, from 1940 to 1949 serving Ward 11 and again from 1958 to 1961, representing Ward 25.

Governor James A. Rhodes twice chose him for important positions. He served first on the Ohio Industrial Commission in 1963 and 1964, and again when he was appointed to the position of Chief Justice of the court. He was the first African-American to hold that post.

He passed away suddenly in 1965 at the age of 65.

Augustus G. Parker Sr. served Cleveland Municipal Court from January 4, 1965 to October 16, 1965.

