

Parker Gets Post

Judge Swears Ex-Clerk As U.S. Commissioner

Atty. Thomas F. Parker of West Hartford, a former law clerk to U.S. District Judge T. Emmet Clarie, took the oath of office again from Judge Clarie Tuesday.

Parker, an associate in the Hartford law firm of Gross, Hyde & Williams, was sworn in to a four-year term as United States commissioner for the U.S. District Court in Connecticut.

As U.S. commissioner, Parker will hold preliminary hearings and issue warrants for suspects arrested on federal charges. He is charged with the responsibility of determining whether a crime has been committed and whether the suspect in custody may be held responsible to answer to the federal judges. The commissioner does not determine guilt or innocence.

Succeeds Hastings

Parker succeeds Atty. George C. Hastings, also of West Hartford, who resigned last week to accept endorsement as the Democratic candidate for the Board of Education in that town.

Parker was nominated for the post by U.S. District Judge M. Joseph Blumenfeld and Judge Clarie. Chief U.S. District Judge William H. Timbers and Judge Robert C. Zampano also approved the appointment.

In swearing-in Parker to his

new post, Judge Clarie said he was confident that the West Hartford attorney would show the same loyalty and responsibility that he demonstrated during his one year term as law clerk which ended in September of 1963.

Parker was named law clerk after graduating with honors from the University of Connecticut Law School. He ranked first in his class in the evening division.

Was Filing Officer

While attending law school, Parker, who is 29, served as chief filing officer for the Uniform Commercial Code in the office of the Connecticut secretary of the state. He was also an assistant to the elections division attorney in the same office.

The new commissioner is a graduate of Fordham University, class of '57. He served in the Army in 1957 and 1958. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Parker of 42 Brookline Dr., West Hartford.

He is married to the former Julia K. Smith, daughter of Mrs. Ernest M. Jennings of Wethersfield and the late Burke Smith of West Hartford. The couple live at 5 Milton St., West Hartford. They have one daughter, Katherine, 10 months.