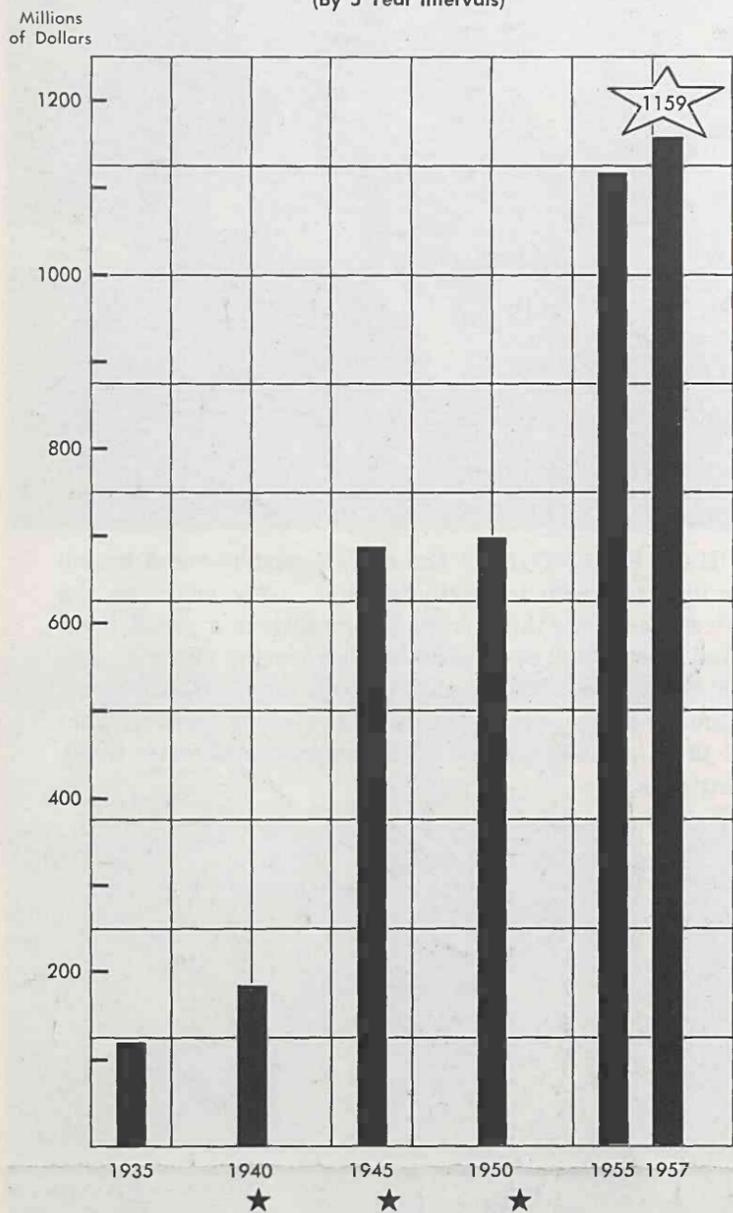


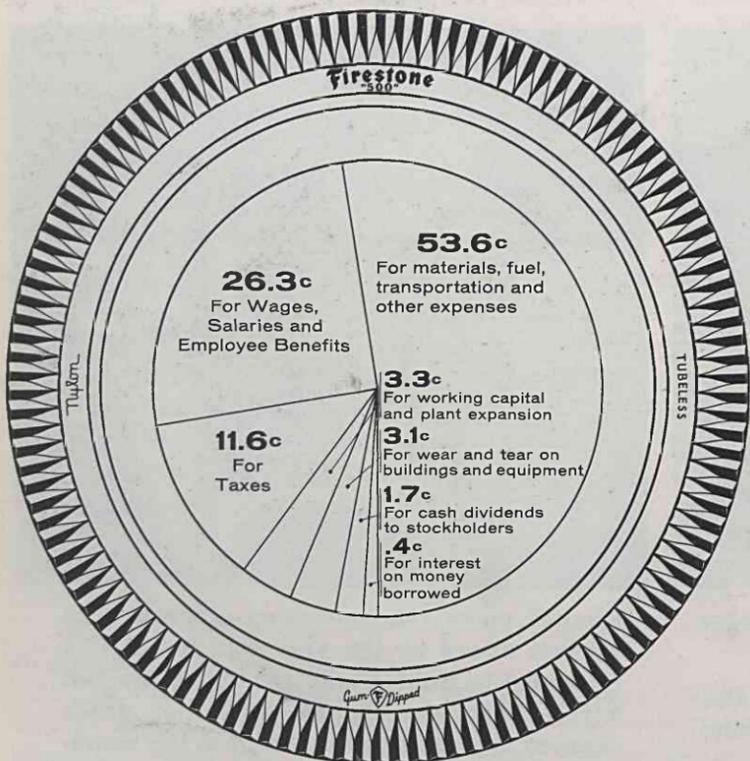
# Charts Show Volume, Distribution Of Sales Dollar

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**FIRESTONE GROWTH IN DOLLAR SALES 1935 - 1957**  
 (By 5 Year Intervals)



THESE CHARTS show the growth of the company in sales volume for the last 22 years (in millions of dollars) and how the dollar was distributed during 1957 to operate the company. It may be noted that taxes took more than six times as much of income as did dividends to the company's owners, the stockholders. It also may be noted that, besides costs for materials, fuel, transportation and other outside expenses, employees received more than all other items combined, in wages, salaries and benefits.

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# Joseph Thomas, Joseph A. Meek New Company Vice Presidents

The election of two new vice presidents, Joseph Thomas and Joseph A. Meek, was announced by Harvey S. Firestone Jr., chairman, following the board of directors' organizational meeting, January 18.

Joseph Thomas, secretary and general counsel of the company for 11 years and one of Akron's leading citizens in business, professional, civic and community affairs, will be vice president, secretary and general counsel. He has been a director of the company since 1951.

Joseph A. Meek, director of industrial relations since 1953, has been with the company for 33 years. He advanced through a series of management posts, many of them in key production capacities. He was named to the office of vice president, production.

MR. THOMAS WAS born in Akron and was educated in Akron's public schools. He was graduated from the University of Akron with a Ph.B degree and went on to the Law School at Ohio State University. He received his LL.B degree in 1917.

Upon graduation, he was admitted to the bar and became engaged in general practice of law in Akron. During World War I he served with the American Expeditionary Forces in France.

After the war, Mr. Thomas returned to practice law again in Akron. He continued in this field until 1943 when he joined Firestone as assistant secretary and general counsel. In 1947 he was named secretary and general counsel.

Mr. Thomas served as president of the Akron Bar Association in 1929 and has been president of the Akron Law School since 1938.

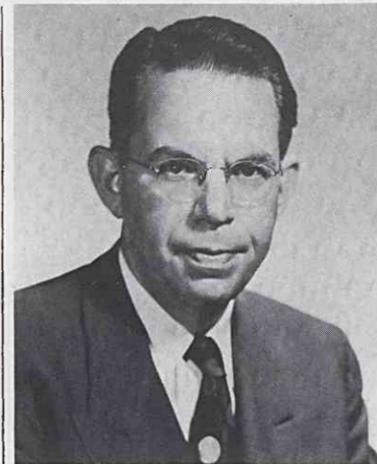
HE HAS BEEN extraordinarily active in community affairs, serving as president of the Community Service Center, Inc., a director of the University of Akron, a trustee of City Hospital, the Akron Automobile Club and the United Foundation of Akron. He was chairman of the United War Chest in 1942.

For a number of years Mr. Thomas taught the young peoples' class at the First Methodist Church. He is a member of several Masonic bodies and served as Monarch of Yusef Khan Grotto in 1929.

He is a member of the American



Joseph Thomas



Joseph A. Meek

Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Portage Country Club, the Akron City Club, and Phi Delta Theta and Acacia fraternities.

Mr. Thomas is married to the former Laura Grace Sturdevant of Linesville, Pa. They have one son, Charles Grant Thomas, a lawyer. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas make their home at 2427 Covington Road, Akron.

MR. MEEK IS A native of East Palestine, Ohio, and a 1925 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University.

He joined Firestone in 1925 in the cost department and in 1928 he went to California where he established the industrial relations department in the company's Los Angeles plant. This was the first domestic tire plant Firestone had built outside of Akron.

Mr. Meek later served as production manager of the Los Angeles plant and, in 1942, he was transferred to the Firestone-operated Nebraska Ordnance plant as production manager. In 1943 he was named general manager of that plant.

In 1944, the U. S. Army's Chief of Ordnance selected Mr. Meek to serve the nation as chief civilian adviser directing the operations of the Army's more than 60 powder, explosives, rocket and ammunition-loading plants in the United States.

AT THE END of World War II, when Mr. Meek's service to his country was completed, he received the War Department's highest award for civilians, the Exceptional Civilian Service Award, for

his outstanding contributions to the war effort as deputy field director of ammunition plants.

Mr. Meek returned to Akron in 1945 as assistant director of industrial relations. In 1951 he was assigned to Firestone's largest tire plant, in Memphis, Tenn., as general manager.

HE RETURNED TO Akron in 1953 when he was named the company's director of industrial relations.

Mr. Meek and his family make their home at 333 Afton Avenue in Akron. Mrs. Meek is the former Clara Phillips of Seattle, Wash. The Meeks have a daughter and two sons. They are: Marilyn M., a junior at Buchtel high school; Donald C., a student at Ohio State University's Medical School; and Phillip J., a junior at Ohio Wesleyan.

Mr. Meek is a member of the board of trustees of Akron's Westminster Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the University Club of Akron, the American Ordnance Association and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

MR. MEEK'S SUCCESSOR as director of industrial relations is J. V. Cairns, who has been assistant director of industrial relations since 1951.

Mr. Cairns joined Firestone in 1943 as a time study man in the industrial relations department. He was named manager of industrial relations at the company's plant in Des Moines in 1949 and returned to Akron in 1951.



MORE EMPLOYEES than ever before participated in recreational activities in Akron and in other plants. LEFT—W. A. Karl, president of Firestone Textiles, crowned Safety Queen Nancy



Cloninger at the Gastonia plant's All-Sports Banquet. RIGHT—A group of employees, members of an Akron golf league, check scores. Left to right, Bill Ingersoll, Calvin Capple, George Haidnick and Howard Hall.