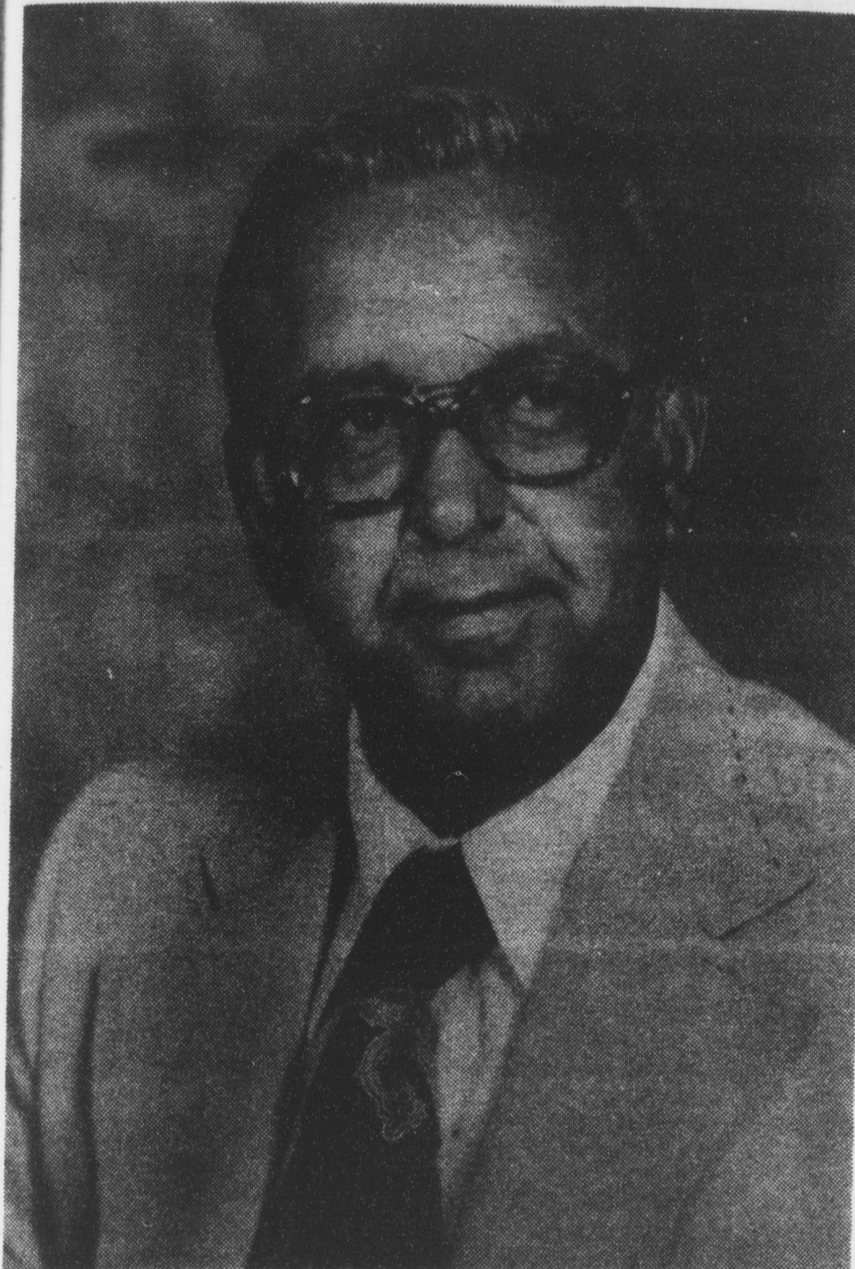


Matoney speaks to Governor's Council on Vo-Tech



John Matoney

which was sent to 200 sponsors.

The results of this survey, which generated a 48% response, are as follows: 18% of the respondents rated their local Vo-Tech schools excellent, and 52% rated them good. 63% said that they recruit workers from the schools.

7% rated Vo-Tech graduates' work excellent, 43½ said it was good, and 25% said fair.

Mr. Matoney told the group that he himself has a very high opinion of Vo-Tech.

He noted that the survey covered a small sample (there are 200,000 employers in the state), but he noted that any indication is valuable, since the attitude of employers toward Vo-Tech is all-important when the Vo-Tech grad goes looking for a job.

The job market has been tight for some three years now, Matoney said. There are thousands of skilled but jobless people. He noted that the new Volkswagen plant in Westmoreland County got 10 times the number of job applicants it needed.

He expressed the opinion that the major challenge facing the Vo-Tech schools today is making sure that the graduates have not only good training, but training in an area where jobs are available.

In closing, Matoney stated that the burden on the Vo-Tech schools can be lightened by carrying out policies and programs aimed at creating jobs. "The Vo-Tech schools can turn out well trained, motivated potential workers," he said; "It is really up to the economic system, and to our National leadership, to make sure that they have the jobs in which to use their skills."

John E. Matoney of Florin, director of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth's Apprenticeship and Training Council, testified last Monday before the Governor's Council on Vocational Education in Philadelphia. He addressed his remarks to the status of the Vo-Tech schools.

Matoney told the Governor's Council that there isn't anything wrong with the Vo-Tech schools; if Vo-Tech graduates have trouble finding jobs, he said, it's the fault of the larger society for not providing the openings.

Matoney began his address by noting that he himself had graduated from the Patton School in Elizabethtown, where he accumulated 2000 hours of masonry and 1000 hours of machine shop training. For twenty years after that, he said, he put that training to use as a mason. Thus, he said, he is well qualified to comment on the Vo-Tech schools.

Matoney then told the Council that he had conducted a survey of Vo-Tech program sponsors. This study was in the form of a 6-question questionnaire

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