

AUTO MEN BANQUET

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SPEECHES ENLIVEN OCCASION

Enthusiastic Gathering of Dealers Is a Fitting Climax to Great Auto Show Week.

As a fitting end to the first auto week in Indianapolis 200 automobilists gathered at a banquet in the dining room of the Grand Hotel last night. Music by Beiser's Orchestra started the evening. Speeches and vaudeville were next in order.

Sentimental and comic songs by Johnson made a hit, and the singer was encored until he had made at least three appearances. A. E. Benton spoke on "The Prospect of the Auto." He said, in part, that the Indianapolis Auto Trade Association expected to promote shows and give races during the coming season.

On Wednesday night in the clubrooms of the Indiana Automobile Club a meeting will be held to arrange for a hill climb and a road race. The speaker also added that the association would try and start a fund to improve the roads.

The Burtons, Ilean and Courtney gave a musical act. They were well received. Courtney Burton imitated a number of animals, much to the delight of the automobilists.

H. T. Hearsey was called for and responded with one of the best talks of the evening. The substance of his speech was: "Make the two big political parties put a plank in their platforms for good roads." At the close of his speech three cheers were given for Hearsey.

Perhaps the most mystifying and interesting feature of the program was the sleight-of-hand performance given by W. H. Shoemaker. His card tricks were so well done that he was able to pass among those present and do tricks that had the "wisest" of them guessing.

H. H. Wright, president of the Indiana Automobile Club, gave the closing speech of the evening. His talk was in a humorous vein, but it was plain to be seen that he felt proud of the success of the first auto week in Indianapolis.

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