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BEAM REUNION

ON THURSDAY

Star -- August 17, 1949

Edwin Gill To Be Guest Speaker; Offer Five Prizes

The Beam family reunion, traditionally one of the biggest family gatherings in Cleveland county, will be held Thursday starting at 10:30 a.m. at New Prospect church with Edwin Gill, former commissioner of paroles and commissioner of revenue, as guest speaker.

Several thousand descendants of John Teeter Beam, founder of the family who emigrated to this section from Switzerland, will gather for a brief program in the enlarged and remodeled New Prospect church, near which John Teeter Beam settled in 1801, built a Lutheran church of his own faith but which church was opened to those of all faiths and became a Baptist church more than a half century ago.

Ralph Gardner will be master of ceremonies. Rev. A. M. Kiser, pastor, will give the invocation at 10:30, after which the chairman will deliver words of welcome and present Mrs. Robert Gidney for solos and the leading of congregational singing. Mrs. Helen Lattimore Dellinger will play the accompaniment. Mr. Gill will be presented by State Senator Lee Beam Weathers.

Five valuable prizes will be given with John Beam making the presentation: An \$80 combination Zenith radio to the one who draws the lucky number, a gift for the oldest lady of Beam descent present, a gift for the oldest Beam male present; a gift for the person of Beam blood who has come the farthest distance, to attend the reunion and a gift for the largest family group present.

There has been a reprint of the A. R. Beam's "Sketches of the Life of J. T. Beam and his Fifteen Children up to the Third Generation" and copies will be offered for sale at tomorrow's reunion. The sketches have been out of print for a half century and copies were rare until the D. A. Beam Co. took it upon themselves to have the booklet reproduced.

Dr. E. B. Lattimore of Shelby is at present preparing a new Beam genealogy and is engaged in collecting data for this historical document.