

ORANGE FREE STATE CELEBRATES CENTENARY

Bloemfontein and its neighbourhood was the happy hunting ground of wild game, now systematically preserved, when the Boers from Cape Colony ~~trekked~~ north to what is now the Orange Free State.

1000 horsemen dressed as their historic forebears, re-enacted the ~~last stages of the~~ treks of the 1830s, as part of the Free State centenary celebrations. Traditional Dutch dances were featured and Bloemfontein itself, capital of the Free State, marked the 100th birthday in a big way. In 1854 Britain gave the new Boer settlement independence. Today the Union of South Africa has no prouder people than the inhabitants of the Orange Free State.