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## Unveiling of Cenotaph to Bugler Boy.

### STORY OF HIS HEROISM

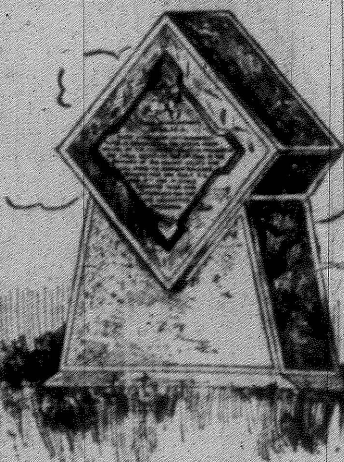
KILLED BY TARLETON'S DRAG-  
OONS IN 1781.

### THE CEREMONIES AT THE UNVEILING

Invocation, Rev. T. M. Johnson--Poem by  
Mrs. E. D. Hundley--Oration by Hon.  
John R. Webster--Unveiling by  
Several Young Ladies.

The monument to the memory of Gillies, the little fifteen year old bugler of Light Horse Harry Lee's legion was unveiled at Guilford Battle Ground yesterday.

Gillies, (first name not recorded in any history), was killed by Tarleton's dragoons near Oak Ridge on the morning of February 12, 1781, during Green's famous retreat to the north side of the Dan river. He was with a scouting party; but had just dismounted and made to exchange horses with the guide, and had been ordered to the rear with information for the colonel. The guide and others who had gone forward had met the enemy, and being outnumbered dashed down the road. The dragoons overtook the bugler, who was left in the race owing to the country man's inferior horse, and killed him with their



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swords. The Americans, now reinforced, rushed to his rescue, but too late to save him. They killed eighteen of the dragoons in the fight and captured the captain.

The Literary societies of Oak Ridge Institute have erected this cenotaph to the memory of the Bugler. It cost them about \$250. The bronze plate is very beautiful. At the top is the figure of the bugler, in uniform of Lee's Le-