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Soon after he was born, his fath-er was taken off to war, and al-shough he was away most of the time, Mr. Alphin remembers his father coming home once or twice hefore he was wounded. His father died because of the wounds and never returned home. It was while he was in a cot-ton field picking cotton with his mother that the batile of White Hall was waged. 'I don't remember seeing anything,' he said, 'but as we walked through the cotton patch that day, I remember the

we walked through the cotton patch that day. I remember the sound of the shells bursting and the thunder that it caused.' Not long after the war was over, Mr. Alphin went with his brother it white Hall to carry some naval



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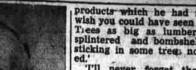
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Weil, Sally, they're in here on us.' Although his early life is marred by the memory of the War in which he lost his father, Mr. Al-phin has lived to a ripe old age, and on Sunday, May 25, he cele-brated his 92nd birthday.

After working on the rarm for several years, he left home and started on his own. It was a long road to success, but he made it, When 16 years old, he was a hired hand on the farms, where he trav-eled, but then he decided one day to hedin a business of his own to begin a business of his own.

which I would put on front street. 1 lived tight then,' he added, 'and Loon saved a little money. How-ever, I still had to use a barrel and that was my beginning."

At the time when he was moving from place to place on the streets of Goldsbore, the mayor of Goldsboro was Joe Peterson, who was a very good friend of his. Police Chief

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Never was Mr. Alphin idle and always he was thinking up some method to improve the conditions about him. So one day while look-ing over a window shade hanger and curtain holder, he saw that the fellow who was working with it didn't know what he was doing.

After arriving at home, he was doing. After arriving at home, he went self occupied. The tecond one is to work and invented a Curtain to take care of your money and and Shade hanger which he had batented. The first model was not as good as he liked, so he im-proved upon it and had another mind and that will cause you not patent for it. 'I made right much off the invention,' he said, 'and after about five or six wary 1 he ware a second to be the said of the second to be the said of the second to be the said of the sa

Goldsboro was a small place then, he said, but I went there and and started selling apples and pea-nuts. My counter and whole place of business was a barel he ad

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his present wife for 50 years. Be-fore their marriage, he was marinen he decided to go back to the farm, so he purchased a 400-acre farm in Duplin County and still owns the farm today. Gilbert Jr., is running the farm now, for when Mr. Alphin was 75 years old he decided to retire. When he re-tired he moved to Mt. Olive, built himself a home, and has been there ever since.

children. When asked to what he attribu-ted his long life, Mr. Alphin didn't have to ponder about it. I attri-bute my ripe old age to a number of things, but there are three main ones. I adopted them when I was very young boy and have held o them throughout flife. The to first one is to be industrious, not be lazy and wait for someone else to do it all. In other words keep your-

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d, but he's still , is a ull of life of life. A lot has entered the of Gilbert E. Alphin, but he lived it well. I think you a holy life." His eyesight is 'not as good as it could be, but pretty good.' His should live and be happy, for life retired some 17 year ne 17 year sago.

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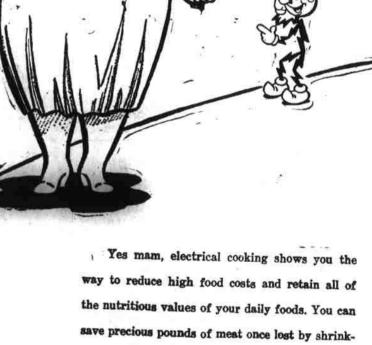
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