

**Opinion**

**Respect our flag**

The flag of the United States has endured over 200 years of strife, turmoil and success. Many have fought for the freedoms it represents and many have died in its defense. For that reason, it should be given respect in its display and use.

The Flag Code provides a number of suggestions for ways in which the flag should

- be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free
- be used as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery
- be fastened, displayed, hung, back, or in, folds, but always allowed to fall free
- be fastened, displayed, used or stored in any manner which would permit it to be easily torn, soiled or damaged in any way
- be used as a covering for the ceiling
- be placed upon, or not on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter word, figure, design, picture or drawing of any nature
- be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying or delivering anything
- be used as a covering for a statue or monument

The list is certainly not inclusive, but should lead the reader to better understand those things which may be considered a sign of disrespect.

Flags should be displayed on or near the main administration building of every public institution, in or near every polling place, especially during the 31 day aside to Honor America from Flag Day through Independence Day.



Do not use as we observe Flag Day tomorrow, June 14.

The flag should never:

- be dipped to any person or thing
- be displayed with the union (blue field) down
- touch anything below it.

**Letters and more letters**

A Lexington, Missouri woman, Sandy Allison, sends information on former residents with Nicholas County connections to the editor. Allison writes that she is organizing a family reunion July 13-14 at Irena Community Center in Hills, Mo. and she'd like to get in touch with descendants who she feels still live here.

Sandy would like to hear from anyone with information on Alexander Allison and Elizabeth Taylor Allison who were married in Nicholas County on June 26, 1880, and died in 1900 in Hills. She would like to know if they had any children.

She'd also send information on the parents of Alfred Allison, born in Hills, Mo. in 1880, but died in Nicholas County, Mo. in 1900. He had two children, Elizabeth, born in Hills, Mo. in 1901, and Lela, born in Hills, Mo. in 1902. The following year they moved to Indiana and then to Illinois. Finally, they settled in Missouri.

Sandy would like to know what happened to an Ohio Allison, possibly Alfred's brother, born in 1880. He was married to Mary Louise Leonard, born in 1880. They lived in three parts until 1880 at which time they left for Illinois.

Anyone who can help her out may write her at Lexington, State Route, Lexington, Missouri, 64806, or phone 234-5348. With a little luck that could be quite a reunion.

Let's what we must contain this letter from Peggy and Graham Verner of Cynthiana.

"Dear Mrs. Wolf: I want to thank you for the news article that you wrote about Stephen Kern Anderson last year. This was at the time that he graduated from Nicholas County High School." — Peggy and Graham Verner, Cynthiana, Mo.

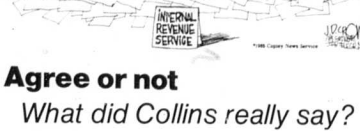
Let the record show

— Not Helen and Charles Hopkins who had their pictures snopped while on the China tour with the William Parkers, who occupied this spot last week. The Hopkins are shown on one of the China tour. And for history buffs, the correct number of people involved in building the Great Wall of China was 300,000, not 30,000 as reported last week.

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