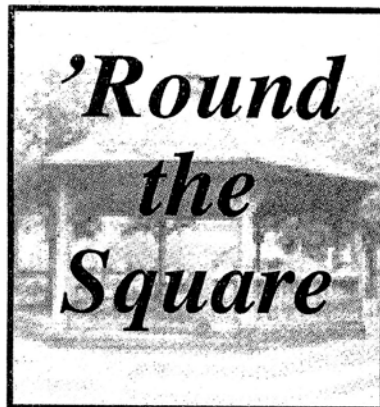


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**CANOE TRIP JOURNAL:**  
“It was a clear blue June day. The sky was especially beautiful, with cumulus, cirrus, and stratus clouds all day. As we went under a bridge at West Hickory, we saw two eagles flying high over the ‘narrows.’”

These words are from a journal entry by Howard Zahniser, written in June 1937 while he was on a two-week-long canoe ride with his wife, Alice. The pair traveled down 100 miles of the Allegheny River from Olean, N.Y., to Tionesta. On Thursday, Friends of the Allegheny Wilderness (FAW) of Warren announced they’d published his journal from the trip. The publication, called “Alisonoward,” is available for purchase at <http://tinyurl.com/alisonoward>. It includes photographs from the journey, too.

Zahniser, who grew up in Tionesta and died in 1964, was a long-time advocate for the outdoors. According to a press release from FAW, Zahniser was a “long-time director of The Wilderness Society and primary author of the federal Wilderness Act of 1964.”

The FAW tells us the Wilderness Act led the way for more than 100 million acres of land across the country to be designated as wilderness areas, including the Allegheny Islands Wilderness and Hickory Creek Wilderness, both in the Allegheny National Forest.

The Zahniser’s son, Ed Zahniser, seemed thrilled to have his parents’ words immortalized in print. He told the FAW, “The Zahniser family applauds Friends of Allegheny Wilderness for making this journal widely available. It gives insight into our parents’ love of birding, nature, and camping. More of the Allegheny and its watershed need higher levels of protection as the great public treasures they are.”

FAW also describe where the book’s title came from.

“Howard and Alice Zahniser are laid to rest beside their beloved Allegheny River in Tionesta’s Riverside Cemetery. With characteristic wordplay, Zahniser named their canoe and his journal Alisonoward, linking the couple’s first names. The journal is published to support designating more wilderness in the ANF.”