

Carl Dannerth W3LH *1903-1981* King of the “Elmers” - Of Yardley PA and the Oxford Valley. Serving in WW I USN as an enlisted man approximately 1914-1918. Then his college years at Penn State (A Nitney Lion) He earned a Electrical Engineering degree.



After college, Carl accepted a position with we believe Westinghouse that lasted up into the poor times of the depression. He entered teaching at Trenton NJ Central High School that had a new vision of teaching more useful subjects to kids. Their electrical class began and Carl was the man for the job. It was said Doctor Paul Loser the new Central Superintendent and former physics teacher was way ahead of his time in his views of teaching pupils.

Carl mentored many students during his long career at Central and most came out far better because of the chance to excel in the physics fields. As trustee of W2WOC the Trenton Central Radio Club, we had a start in life that would be long remembered. The club also had issued W3JOX pre war.

Our Trenton NJ friend W2FDE Sid recalls “bicycling out to the Dannerth home with several school electrical class friends” The Dannerth’s enjoyed gardening and had an extensive vegetable garden. Both he and wife froze a good deal of the produce they grew. Carl built the freezer himself and was a bit of a pioneer in home freezing, as commercial frozen food was just beginning to be a national popularity for Birds Eye Foods.

Sid said “I would stop back at THS after graduation and visit Carl in the 50s to see what was happening and advise him what I was doing in my work status with the U.S. Navy Jet Lab.”

It was in the 80s Sid said “A radio friend and neighbor of Mr. Dannerth’s mentioned, our subject was in a nursing home with cancer and thought it would be nice some of the former mates would pay a visit since Dannerth was in the terminal stage of illness. Carl didn’t recognize me at first Sid said - but when he mentioned Carl’s kindness to give Sid a ride to school and a ride back home for a period of time, began to click in Mr. Dannerth’s memory. I’ve heard many in recent years that praised Carl with credit. He would have not wanted it any other way, giving them a good start in life. Soon in 1958 I would be serving in the Coast Guard on the Cutter Citrus in radio central, operations division in the Territory of Alaska. Due mainly because of Carl Dannerth W3LH and Gene Singer K2LEM.

Your author came along from Ohio in the middle 50's attending Trenton Central and met Mr. Dannerth holding code and theory classes at the School station W2WOC. I remember it was so easy learning code in a group setting. Everything was included. Our nice sized group obtained our Novice class tickets in 1957 (I became WN2RIE) and life immediately became far better. As usual there were a few gals enrolled and author was distracted once again. “Here is a toast to W3LH Carl Dannerth a FB guy” Scripted with help from W2FDE Sidney L. Deitz - w8su 2007