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down my pole, went out to the airport to see the two planes that had circled over Coos Bay and back to North Bend to land. It made me feel as if the two planes might have been flying some 40 years at that time starting one day during WWII and were finally landing in North Bend. They certainly were not the typical airplanes using the North Bend airport.

I went through an evolution of ham gear through the years, both Army MARS gear and commercial gear. After I built the



basement in our home on Liberty St. it gave me a ham shack with very little limitations.

Much accumulated gear. My Central Electronics 10B with the BC 458 VFO.

The Collins receiver I picked up one time at the Presidio in San Francisco. The two big rigs on my right are MARS issued TCMs. (If I am correct.) One is the power supply and the other is the transmitter. Not showing is a TCS transmitter I used, also for CW on a MARS net on 2308 KCS for many years – a stretch of six years not missing a net at 0500Z on Wednesday nights.

I spent hours using my Teletype. Saturday after Saturday I copied a station in California sending pictures on RTTY/Teletype, much as you no doubt have

seen pictures made on a typewriter “back in those days.” One picture of the Last Supper took most of the day one Saturday. I also punched a paper tape that I could use to reprint a picture. Or I actually copied the RTTY signal on a cassette tape some-

