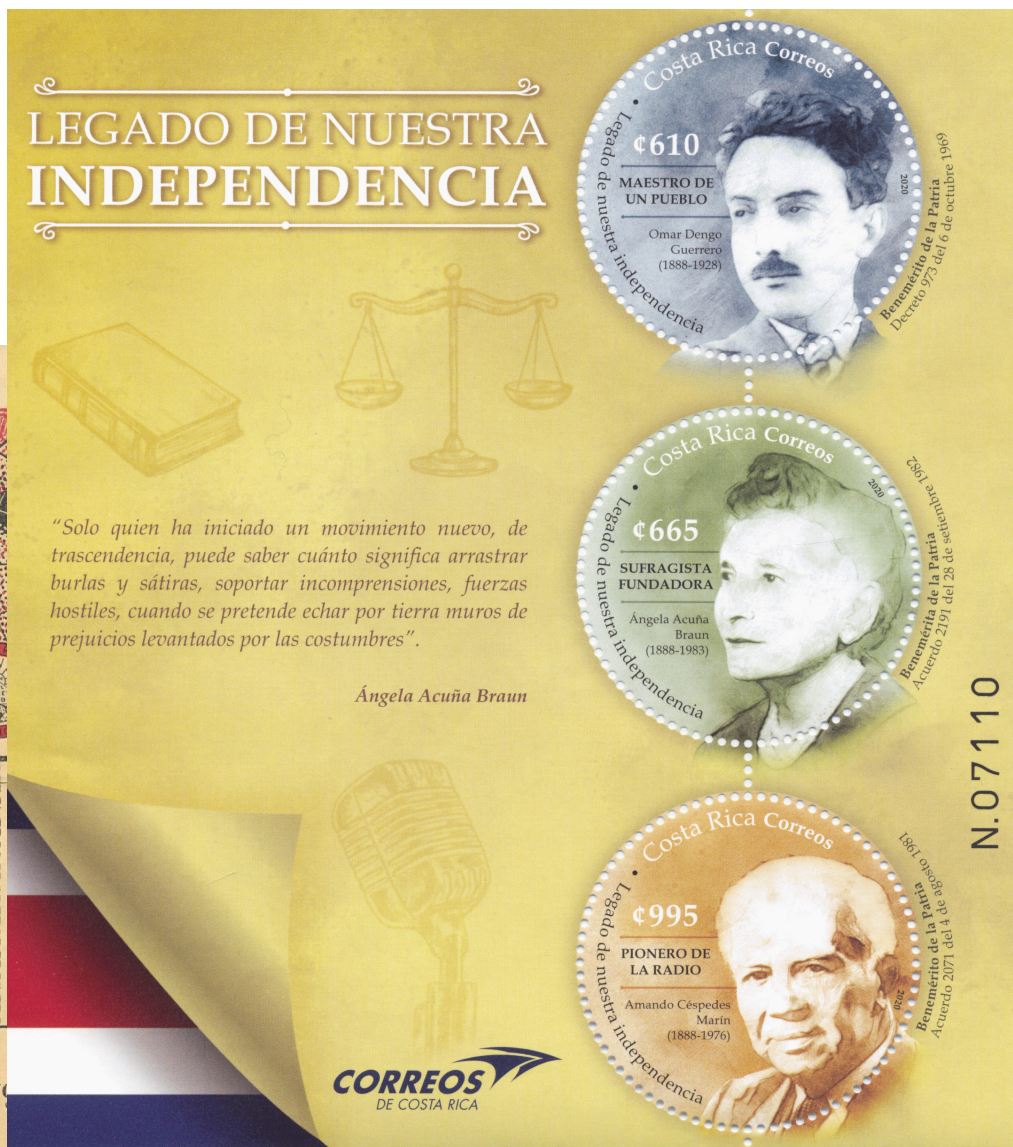


TI4NRH – A Picture Gallery

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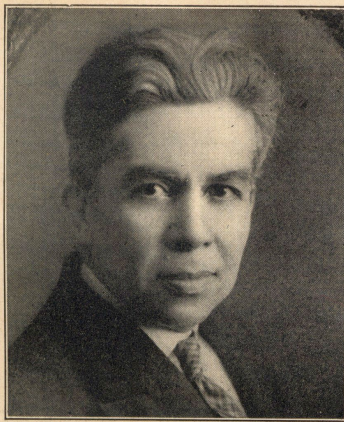
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In the world of shortwave broadcast history, Amando Céspedes Marín is well known as the founder of tiny (7.5 watt) Costa Rican shortwave station TI4NRH, which went on the air in 1928. Now the Costa Rican postal service has included him as one of three honorees on a “Legacy of Our Independence” stamp sheet issued in 2020 (the other two personages are a teacher and a suffragette). The sheet is shown below; Don Amando’s stamp is the bottom one. To the right of it is a picture of a younger Don Amando as he appeared on a QSL issued by TI4NRH in 1936 (you can see the QSL in the clear [here](#)).



In 1931 Don Amando wrote a book about his station called "Me and Little Radio NRH." In 2006 I had access to a copy for a short period, and I wrote a review, which you can find [here](#). Subsequently I was able to obtain two copies of my own, one in excellent condition that I am reluctant even to crack open, the other a "reading copy," whose binding may have provided nourishment to a small critter or two during its very rough life. But the folios are intact, and from them I have scanned the book's radio-related photos, which you can see below (they include, at the end, an inscription by Don Amando).

If you can get by in Spanish, you can learn more about Amando Céspedes Marín in a very nice booklet about him that can be found online [here](#).

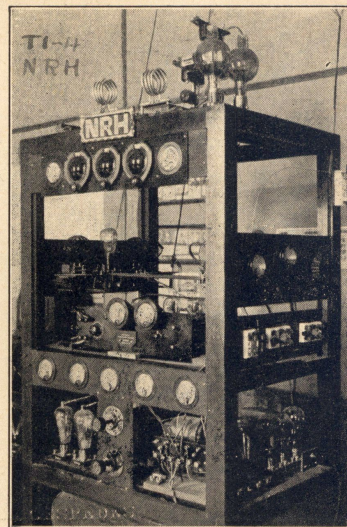


The Author, celebrating with this book his birth day on August 1st, 1931, when a half century of years, are more than enough to enthusiasm the World, to start a real League from Friendship and Radio, under the Trilogy of his famous "N. R. H."

Me and little Radio T I - 4 - N R H
HEREDIA — COSTA RICA

His own "junk" with which the World, since May 4th, 1928, has verified through 7½ watts "radio" all about his country COSTA RICA; a name inscribed with gold letters in the map of 32 countries up to this date. Céspedes Marín, it is considered in Latin America, as the Pioneer of short wave broadcasting in Spanish, and has been titled, "a true Ambassador of the air".

CÉSPEDES MARÍN,
PHOTOGRAPHS.





*A home
built
by the
"I will"
by
Radio
and
for
Radio*



*The "gritoncito" whose
command must be obeyed,
in all N R H.*

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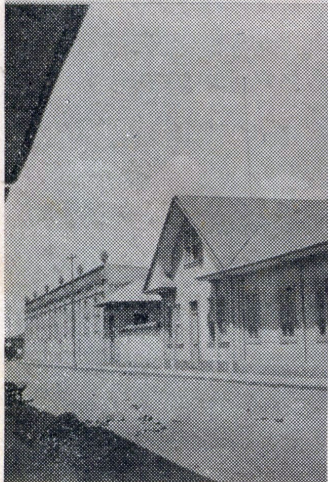
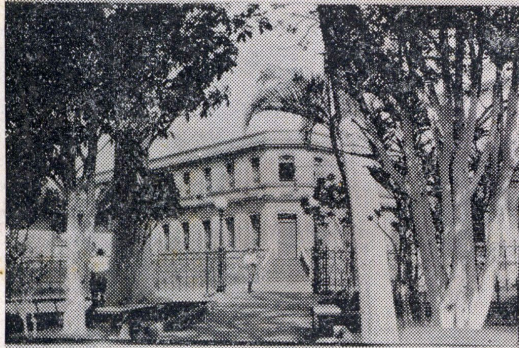
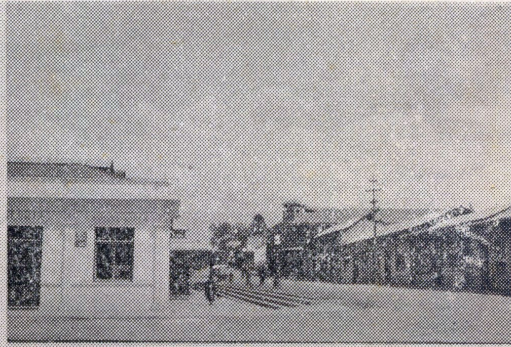
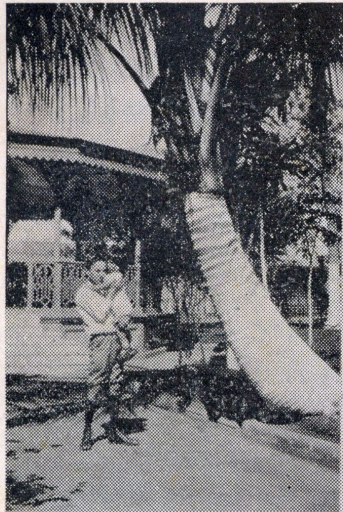
The East corner in N R H Studio that has handled in three years more than seven thousand letters, from thirty two countries.

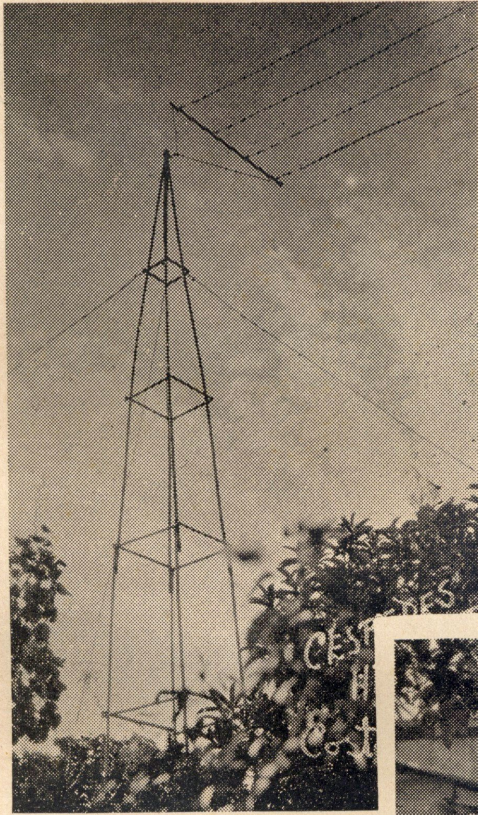


The West corner where the Mike and the whole bugs are very anxious to take notice at every fine report to the little N R H.



City of Heredia.—Amando Céspedes junior in Central
Park.—Near the markets.—Argentine Public School.
—An old Spanish Colonial Fortress.—
N R H building.—Central Street North.





The Bambu mast, for the first antenna, thrown down by the earthquake.



A cosy corner under the N R H antenna, with N R H staff near the Volcano flower Kiosko. It is a cool backyard, OB.

Miss Céspedes and her brothers.



Miss Lydia, once in a while entertainer, when the old boss is tired or ill.



The gifts to N R H when building the .150 watt master oscillator, which "some time" will play the trick.





*The noise at the little N R H. (Page 94).—The first Detector that beat my heart.
The 200 page Post Card and newspaper clipping Album with 600 N R H days.*

RADIOFONIA T I

N R H

**HEREDIA
COSTA RICA, A. C.**

Certifica que *Mr. Walter W. ...*
... is a devoted amateur that does
recognize our efforts towards ...

Y CONMEMORA LA ADQUISICION del Oscilador Amplificador *...*
 de 150 watts con 2000 voltos P.A.C. y del *...*
 para regularse por muchos aficionados *...*
 de la *...* y el apoyo de
 la Honorable Municipalidad de la Ciudad de Heredia. CONMEMORA TAMBIEN
 el hecho unico en el mundo, como lo es la *...*
 por el Supremo Gobierno de la Republica, y los *...*
 por la diminuta estacion NRH en ondas cortas de 30.8 metros y *...*
 con 2 1/2 watts y 800 voltos en la *...*
 sea día noche a noche en los países indicados *...*
 cruzar el Atlantico hasta Europa, cual otro *...*

AND COMMEMORATES THE ACQUISITION of the 150 watt *...*
 Oscillator Power Amplifier with 2000 volt P.A.C. and of the *...*
 being *...*—both *...*
 together with several USA radio *...*
 Municipality of the City of Heredia. IT ALSO COMMEMORATES the *...*
 fact, as *...* the free use of Service *...*
 Government of the Republic, as a Prize to the efforts and *...*
 being 30.8 meters of waves with 2 1/2 watts power only, with *...*
 after night, did established famous records of *...*
 registered below on this Diploma, titling our Short Wave Station as the
...

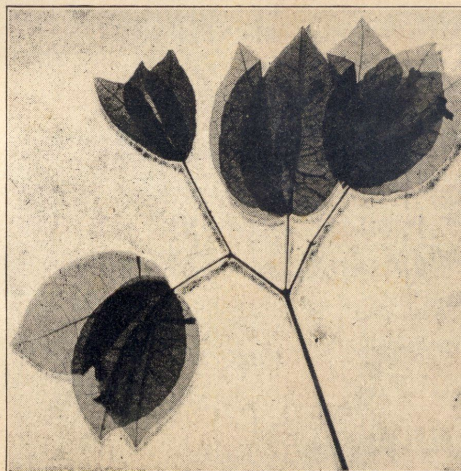
Nº 01511 Feb 12 de 1938 Amando Céspedes Marín
 Inaugurada en Mayo de 1928 *...*

ENGLAND, ESPAÑA, Canada, United States of América, México, Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti, Bahamas, República Dominicana,
 Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Panamá, Canal Zone, Colombia, Ecuador, Perú, Brasil.

The most unique verification, which the amateurs have under frame, all over the World. It is printed in four colors and it is a "mascotte" to each one.



Can you see the Lady of the Blossom? Read about it on page 222. It is a photographic phantasy of N R H dancing girl, as seen in Mass. U.S.A. A very fine verification!





Sample letters covering the six continental areas of the World. "The whisper of the N R H has grown to a thunder heard all over".

Radio Perifonia





**HEREDIA
COSTA RICA, A. C.**

Extended to Radio listener Mr. *Robert Hertzberg*
 Editor "Radio Design" - *Brooklyn, New York*



CONMEMORATING the first year, May 4th 1928 to 1929, of our Amateur Broadcasting, "doing it for fun just to please you" and in behalf of culture and universal fraternity, the undersigned owner, operator and announcer of the NRH Radio Station, working with a wavelength of 30.5 meters, and using 7½ watts oscillator with its corresponding modulators on Fiero transmitter circuit set, as built by him, wishes you a full measure of Pleasure and Prosperity, for a better appreciation of his consistent phone radio work.

Amando Céspedes Marín

Countries that have reported our phone broadcasting: Canada, Bahamas, Honduras, Jamaica, St. Domingo, Haiti, United States, Mexico, Cuba, Guatemala, Salvador, Nicaragua, Panamá, Colombia, Ecuador, Perú, Brasil, "SS Utua", Puerto Rico

*To Mr. Richard A. Russell
 in Bellerille, Illinois, - with
 the best affection from the
 one he has never met!*

The Author

Amando Céspedes M.
 RADIO EMISORA
 TI-4-NRH
 HEREDIA
 Costa Rica

Amando Céspedes
July
1931.

Me and Little Radio NRH

February 14, 2021