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This is the photo taken for the ID badge of Marjorie Van de Water when she was a teenager and worked at the National Bureau of Standards as a laboratory assistant in 1918. She went on to become an award-winning science journalist. Van de Water was part of a small group of female journalists who pioneered science reporting aimed at the general public. She published more than 100 articles that appeared in newspapers throughout the U.S., in addition to writing several books and appearing on the “Adventures in Science” radio program. To see more historic NIST images visit www.nist.gov/digitalarchives.

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