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Features Policewoman
Mrs. Alice Stebbins Wells, the first regular policewoman in the world, who has been a member of the Los Angeles police department over four years and who has delivered lectures in more than 100 cities in the United States and Canada, is preparing to enact the leading part in a four-reel moving picture to be staged by the Balboa Amusement Producing Company at its studios in Long Beach, California. The scenario, "The Policewoman," written by the company's photoplay editor, F. M. Wiltmood, depicts the many activities of a policewoman and shows the scores of ways in which she benefits a community.
Mrs. Wells, who is still a member of the Los Angeles department, believes the film will have great educational value throughout the world, in showing the ever-present need of policewomen in cities to aid and protect girls, unfortunate women and erring youths. She created her position as policewoman.



Policewoman Alice Stebbins Wells.

A Department School was established on November 1, 1916, for training of police officers in a more thorough understanding of the nature of their work, and for the purpose of giving a course of instruction in those phases of law which policemen most frequently use. The officer in command, Captain R. Lee Heath, and his assistant were both graduate attorneys. With no department precedent, they established a system of classes that ran every month with the exception of April 1917, when school was temporarily suspended owing to unsettling war conditions and the drilling of men in the use of firearms. Attendance at school was required and classes were scheduled to interfere as little as possible with the officers' time off duty. The average monthly enrollment for the school was 573. The value of the instruction was demonstrated by the grading received in civil service examinations for advancement taken by those who have been pupils in the school.



In 1914, the Flying Squad was founded. Planes weren't involved, just touring cars utilized for rapid responses to calls for service.

"Lost Persons Bureau" was established February 1, 1917, for the purpose of answering letters from outside the City, inquiring for lost members of grieving families. Its work is purely humanitarian and outside the sphere of regular police activity.

In 1917, the crisis in national affairs resulted in the purchase of 400 rifles and adequate ammunition. Members of the Department were trained in military manipulations of arms, loading and firing, via drilling.

1914

In 1915, the San Fernando Valley is annexed by the City of Los Angeles.

In 1917, Mary del Valle became the first Hispanic female appointed to the Department.

A detail of detectives started a special "Narcotics Squad" on March 1, 1917, to discourage the importation, sale and use of narcotics.



The LAPD Concert Band was formed in 1914 as the official band of the Los Angeles Police Department and the City of Los Angeles. Originally made up entirely of sworn officers, it played regularly for police recruit graduations, and a wide number of police and civic functions.



In 1917, due to the cooperation of public service corporations, it became possible to signal a majority of the officers on duty in Los Angeles by winking of street lights, the blowing of a given signal by every whistle on industrial plants; the flaring of huge electric torches on the top of high buildings, and by certain other devices not made public.

Officers Serving Nation

At the end of the last fiscal year ten members of this Department had applied for and received leave for military service. During the year closing this number has been increased until at the present there are 81 regular and temporary appointees in the military and naval service. Many of these policemen have won commissions. More than two score of them are already in France, or in foreign waters. At the present time an excess of 11% of the total personnel of the Department is in the National Service, their places being taken by emergency appointees, while rank and seniority are held pending their return.

NASC		Patrolmen (Continued)	
Sergeant	Nassey, H. T.	Patrolman	Wasson, C. E.
O'Brien, T. P.	Neadler, H. C.	Patrolman	Walton, J. Y.
Motorcycle Officer	Miller, J. R.	Patrolman	Waters, W. E.
Hartan, Frank	Nast, H. A.	Patrolman	Wicklund, C. W.
Patrolman	Norgard, E. E.	Patrolman	Wilhoit, E. E.
Abercrombie, R. L.	Pliman, F. D.	Patrolman	
Allen, G. E.	Powers, W. P.	Patrolman	
Balbridge, Allen	Reed, Earl G.	Patrolman	
Barnett, Blaine	Rosier, W. J.	Patrolman	
Bauer, Geo.	Roos, W. D.	Patrolman	
Bernasconi, J. J.	Schiefer, B. L.	Patrolman	
Berry, C. E.	Scholle, H. F.	Patrolman	
Bunker, W. J.	Schweikhard, G. A.	Patrolman	
Carter, S. F.	Shelton, D. F.	Patrolman	
Davidson, D. A.	Stinson, Wm. R.	Patrolman	
Davis, W. J.	Slaten, A. T.	Patrolman	
Dohmann, F.	Smith, W. W.	Patrolman	
Douglas, Jas. C.	Sockerson, E. E.	Patrolman	
Dowell, F. M.	Spencer, H. A.	Patrolman	
Draper, H. L.	Stone, F. A.	Patrolman	
Evana, W. E.	Thomson, G. E.	Patrolman	
Fowler, H. M.	Walton, J. Y.	Patrolman	
Freudenberg, E. A.	Waters, W. E.	Patrolman	
Glass, Jos. S.	Wicklund, C. W.	Patrolman	
Green, R. M.	Wilhoit, E. E.	Patrolman	
Haak, E. E.		Patrolman	
Hanes, W. F.		Patrolman	
Hawkins, R. T.		Patrolman	
Holser, R. L.		Patrolman	
Inackson, Pete H.		Patrolman	
Kallmeyer, A. R.		Patrolman	
Kilson, E. H.		Patrolman	
Kimrough, J. L.		Patrolman	
Kirby, J. L.		Patrolman	
Knovies, Hearl		Patrolman	
La Barge, H. C.		Patrolman	
Lane, L. M.		Patrolman	
Lucas, R. J.		Patrolman	
McCaleb, J. A.		Patrolman	
McLaughlin, M. J.		Patrolman	
MacLaine, R. A.		Patrolman	
Mackay, J. A.		Patrolman	
Mudler, Walter		Patrolman	
Martin, Geo. H.		Patrolman	

List of Employees Deployed in 1918

War Squad established April 1, 1918.

Bureau of Statistics was established January 1, 1918.