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## TIME OUT FROM SAFARIS

Baroness W. V. Alvensleben is a native of Africa married to a German who leads safaris in Mozambique. The

slender brunette, of Portuguese descent, and her husband are guests in Dallas. (See story on Page 5.)

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## Storybook Adventure's Real

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Hollywood could have picked the script: A German baron who leads safaris on a concession larger than the country of Belgium; his beautiful wife, a native African with the background of a famous old Portuguese family.

But Baron and Baroness W. V. Alvensleben of Lourenco Marques, Mozambique, are for real, and are in Dallas as guests of Col. D. Harold Byrd.

Col. Byrd returned to Dallas three weeks ago from a hunt on the huge concession 1,000 kilometers north of the seaport city of Lourenco Marques.

**THE CONCESSION**, rented from the Portuguese government, can be reached by "bumpy roads that are agony to travel," or "charter plane—there are two airstrips," says the olive skinned baroness.

Clients are mostly American and have included Dr. Vander Davidson of Dallas and two Wichita Falls couples, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Vincent and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gose.

The baroness' father arrived in Mozambique in 1914 to practice law. He was married by proxy, and his wife came to Mozambique later. "My moth-

er's parents had a fit," says the former de Sousa Costa. "Going to Africa was like going to the end of the world in those days."

Educated in Lourenco Marques and in Portugal, the baroness speaks perfect English she learned at a Portuguese convent and from tutors at her grandparents' estate.

She married Baron Alvensleben, former manager of a gold

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mine in Rhodesia, 18 years ago, often accompanies him on safaris.

**THE FIRST ANIMAL** she shot was the "sweet, harmless impala," and she has gotten to the stage where "I shoot but feel sorry to kill. To satisfy a caprice of mine, I'd still like to shoot an elephant."

To hunt, the baroness takes khaki clothes "so the animals won't see," khaki hats, comfortable boots and sweaters for mornings and evenings during the cool months of June, July and August.

"Even though it's a sport, it's hard work," explains the tall slender brunette. "We rise at 4 a.m. because my husband likes it that way.

"It's a beauty to see the sun rise and the animals come out

from under the trees. The fauna is the wealth of our nation."

**BARON ALVENSLEBEN** has also reached the stage where he prefers looking to shooting. The only animal they have mounted is the buffalo. "You can't put those heads just anywhere. Anyway, when you are in contact with the animals, you don't care about mounting them."

The concession is closed during the hot rainy months from Dec. 1 to April 1, and the Alvenslebens have been in the United States since the close of the season.

Baroness Alvensleben, who speaks six languages (German, French, English, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese), has traveled all over the world, but claims that "here in the United States are the biggest quantity of beautiful girls and women."

**THE BARONESS AND** her husband accompanied Col. and Mrs. Byrd to the ball Mr. and Mrs. N. J. DeSanders gave Saturday night for his debutante granddaughters Sue and Janet DeSanders. "Above all, I am a woman," says the chic baroness, "and I enjoyed seeing the elegant decorations and beautiful gowns."

From Dallas, they will go to Wichita Falls. They were also in Las Vegas for the presentation of the Weatherby Trophy to the best hunter of the year, awarded Dec. 7. "We are enchanted with our American friends and the kind hospitality they have shown us," says the baroness. "We have been to so many parties that I have gained several pounds and lost much sleep."

When the baron and baroness return to Mozambique at the end of January, she will "rest and restore my energies."