Bottle bill—a 'smashless' success

could you survive?

tips from the Air Force Survival School

You and a companion have gone hunting in a remote mountainous region. The roads are abandoned logging trails which are covered with drifting snow. The temperature is near zero, and it is snowing.

Your four-wheel-drive land cruiser becomes stuck in a snowbank after traveling over these mountainous roads for some eight hours. All efforts have failed to free it. Darkness is settling, and the temperature has dropped below zero. The wind is now blowing at about 20 m.p.h.

WOULD YOU...

A. Abandon your vehicle and prepare to backpack out of the area?

B. Stay with your vehicle, but begin preparing an emergency camp from available materials?

C. Stay with your vehicle and turn it into temporary lodging until help arrives?

D. Stay with the available until morning then blice out of the area.

D. Stay with the vehicle until morning, then hike out of the area for help?

TO SURVIVE...

Alternative B offers the best assurance of a successful survival episode. Staying with your vehicle insures all your available supplies are with you and, provided you stayed with your original travel route, will assist searchers in locating you.

By stablishing an emergency camp—shelter and a fire—you will have taken care of your most urgent needs in the face of current weather conditions. The shelter can be made from materials you have in the vehicle or it can be constructed from natural materials.

materials.

A snow cave is an excellent cold weather shelter. Your vehicle is not a desirable shelter. It may expose you to carbon monoxide poisoning while the engine is running, and it becomes cold-soaked very quickly once out of fuel.

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The best research, they say, confirms what you already knew. Supervisors at the eight Oakland County parks are saying the "bottle bill," which went into effect a year ago this week, best our parks cleaner and their cleaning lobs easier. Kids are littering less and picking up more. They can earn a nickel for each 12-ounce beer or pop bottle and a dime for each can or larger bottle they redeem.

redeem. "Our 55-gallon drums used to be full all the time," said Skip Roche, former maintenance aide at Springfield Oaks County Park near Davisburg. "They're never very full any more." Roche, now groundskeeper for Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills, added, "The woods aren't lined with cans and bottles any more, either." Less litter means parks personnel



can work on other projects. Said Independence Oaks supervisor Ray Delasko, "I used to send someone every day to pick up cans and bottles. Now I only have to do that once every two weeks. We're diverting our time used to pick up cans and bottles to do other things."

"The biggest change seems to have

occurred in the children," said Clyde
Herb, a supervisor at Groveland Oaks
near Holly.
Bob Fey, another Groveland Oaks supervisor, agreed: "Before the law took
effeet, children would usually walk
sast bottles or cans without attempting
to pick up anything. Now the children
will go around picking them up so they
can earn some spending money."
Groveland Oaks' major attraction is
overnight camping.
At the south end of the county, Mike
Thibodeau, chief of golf course operations at Red Oaks in Madison Heights,
said, "The kids used to throw their bottles over the spence and smash them on

tles over the sence and smash them on the golf course. The problem has total-

the golf course. The problem has total-lystopped."
"There are less broken bottles to pick up, less cut feet and less cut thres on our trucks," said Frank Ostrowski, supervisor of Addison Oak, north ore supervisor of Addison Oak, north ore primitive camping, swimming, picnick-ing and an English Tudor-style confer-ence center.

EACH YEAR anglers who want to take trout or salmon must purchase a trout stamp to paste on their fishing li-

censes.
The state Department of Natural Resources is sponsoring a contest to design the 1981 trout stamp, and it's open to Michigan residents age 18 or older. For rules and entry information, write: DNR_Fisheries Division, Box

30028, Lansing, Mich. 48909.
Entries must be original works, not duplicates or photographs. A number of area artists have been winners in DNR's duck stamp competition, so I wouldn't be surprised. If we have a trout stamp winner, too.

NO STATISTICS are available yet, but hunters appear to be having a normal year, DNR officers report. Some big bucks have been taken around Holy, Best deer hunting areas are large blocks of private lands with swamp and woods in north Oakland.

Macomb and St. Clair counties are reporting poor deer hunting.

A \$1 HIKE in state park camping fees is being considered by the Natural Resources Commission today in Lans-ing, If approved, the 20 percent higher fees will take effect Jan. 1.

Park officials say the increase is needed to match the reduction of state general fund money going to the parks division in the 1979-80 operating budg-

DNR currently charges \$5 a night at most campgrounds with modern facilities.

The increase would not, however, affect campgrounds with less than modern facilities, where fees would remain at \$2 to \$4 a night.

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