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Some people snicker at the mention of combining pickles and Christmas. Not so in this southwest Michigan corner — an area bossting a long history of pickle production. The townspeeple, numbering just shy of 1900, take their pickles seriously.

"We are the Christmas Pickle Capital of the world, recognized by the Pickle Packers International," asid Glen Unainowicz director of the Berrien County Historical Association.

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Why the pickle crace? Uninowicz espinion, "Fulls and vegetables were used long before atore bought ornaments came into asistence. A Christmas pickle is a blown; glass ornament based on a German tradition dating back to the late 1890a. Parents would hide the ornament on Christmas Eve in the tree. The first child to find the pickle received an extra present from St. Nicholas.

Pickle Jars, labeled with the names of candidates rempited of their monies prior to the festival

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weekend. Will the salt-and-pepper bearded Duke of Dill once
again win the prestigious position of
leading the town's Christmas
parede? In the past, he has
marched along the streets, passing out pickles-on-astick to the
crowd.

Or will Holly D. Pickle be the
first woman to upset the pickle
cart and reign as Grand Dillmeiatand reign as Grand Dillmeia-

## 'My Favorite Year' sparkles, but could use a bit of polish

Village Players present "My Fa-write Yeor" 8 pm. weekends to Dec. 9, at the playhouse 752 Chestnut St., Birmingham. Tich-ets \$12, students, \$10. Call (810) 852-8941

Tis the season to be jolly, and the Village Players of Birming-man are doing their part by stag-ing the musical comedy version of 'My Favoriot Year,' directed by Steve Tadevic. The backstage nostalgis play could spar

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"My Favorite Year" is the story of comedy writer Benjy Stone (played by Jay Kaplin), who in 1954 is assigned a special task. He is to keep his boyhood idol. Alan Swan (Warren Reidecker), sober long enough to perform on an upcoming live TV show. Not suprisingly, this assignment turns out to be a daunting one. The has-been awashbuckler Swann is hell-bent not on merely failing off the wagon; he is bound and determined to leap from it.

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Jay Kaplin as the lightly twenty of the lightly twenty by Benju has a kind of starry sped quality that serves him well and the lightly than a serves him well the lightly than a serves him well the lightly than a serves him well to the property of the lightly than a serves him well to the property of the lightly than a contract, but not seriously so. More than that, he can wear a 50s bow tie with all the goofy aplomb of a Robert Q. Lewis.

As Swann, Reidecker displays enough fatal charm to nuke Manhattan. No metter that his singing voice is papery and the words

polish find its way to the right places.

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Linda Hammell as the quintes-sential Jewish mother is a perty unto herself. Mark Hammell as the "caliph of comedy," King Kai-ser, has his bolsterous momenta. And lovely Cathy Abelson pigyapen penjy's love luterest, K.C., knows how to deliver a song. Stephanile L. Hindmarsh, cast as a member of the TV writing team, shows ab-can really wow an audience, espe-cially with a tembourins. Linda Hammell as the quintes

A mostly unwieldy chorus never quite gets off the ground, often making the stage appear cuttered, rather than pleasingly lively. A few of the chorus mem-bers perform as if they are under-rehearsed.

Music director Joan Bowes and her orchestra try not to overwhelm the thinner singing voices but they don't always suc-

ceed.

Peripherals are inconsistent too. Lighting repeatedly seems just one step off the action. Sets appear overly filmsy, although the cartonish colors and flavor of the backdrop are certainly apropos. Some close attention to costuming has been paid along the way, down to the jewelled aweaters, white "shorty" gloves, and the aforementioned bow ties — all authentic relics of the mad mid-fifties.

In this production, when per-formers perch at the edge of the stage for a chat, most of the audi-ence loses eight of them. In the process, sometimes it's also diffi-cult to hear what they're saying.

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