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CLARKSBURG, W.Va — The Exponent Telegram,  
96, of Clarksburg, has not passed away yet,  
As of February 13, 2023, but its former president,  
J. Cecil Jarvis, of Clarksburg, died in  
A freak bicycle accident on May 22, 2007.  
Perhaps my family knows about this;  
My great-grandparents still receive the paper.  
Sundays of when my grandpa, uncles, aunt,  
And I, would drive up to their parents' house,  
The conversation topic would eventually  
Steer into them reading the obituary section  
To see if they could recognize anyone.  
They would talk at length of various anecdotes,  
And I sat nearby, hearing but hardly listening.  
My great-grandpa is 97, needs no wheelchair,  
And is able to listen but can hardly hear.  
When the time comes, not just for him,  
But for all of my older family members,  
I wonder what will die along with them?  
The physical newspaper subscription model?  
Nostalgic but morbid conversational fixations?  
Perhaps it's being able to know  
The weight of those that I've lost.