

## Committee hits some red tape

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# Boyle's remains to linger longer in England

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The remains of Klondike Joe Boyle won't be brought home to Woodstock before next spring, said Ed Bennett, co-chairman of Joe Boyle Repatriation Committee.

The committee had hoped to bring Boyle back this summer, but bureaucratic procedures and personnel changes in the Anglican Church in England delayed the plans.

Bennett and Len Taylor of Vancouver, the other

committee co-chairman, made a three-week visit to England in July and were encouraged with the discussions they had with officials of the British government and Anglican Church.

Boyle is buried in the cemetery of St. James's Church in London.

After a 90 minute meeting with the 14 parish council members of St. James, only two seemed opposed to moving Boyle's body back to Canada, Bennett said.

The Archdeacon of Middlesex has also given his support to the repatriation committee.

The parish council must give its okay before the archdeacon can act, Bennett said. St. James has a new vicar and he hasn't had time to study the committee's request.

### ENDORSED

The office of the British Home Secretary and the Canadian government have also endorsed the repatriation plans.

"Canadians don't have many heroes in their history," Bennett said. "There's no doubt Joe Boyle is a hero and everyone there (in Britain) seemed impressed with Canada's need for heroes during this period of disunity in our country."

Bringing Boyle back to Canada seems to be a question of time, he said. "It's a matter of patience with the red tape procedures."

He estimated it will cost

about \$10,000 to bring Boyle back even though the Canadian armed forces will fly the remains from England to the Trenton, Ont. air base free of charge.

A British funeral director will charge more than \$8,000

to crate the tombstone and dig up the coffin and place it in a lead sealed container.

"We were told by British and Canadian officials the funeral director's costs aren't out of line," Bennett

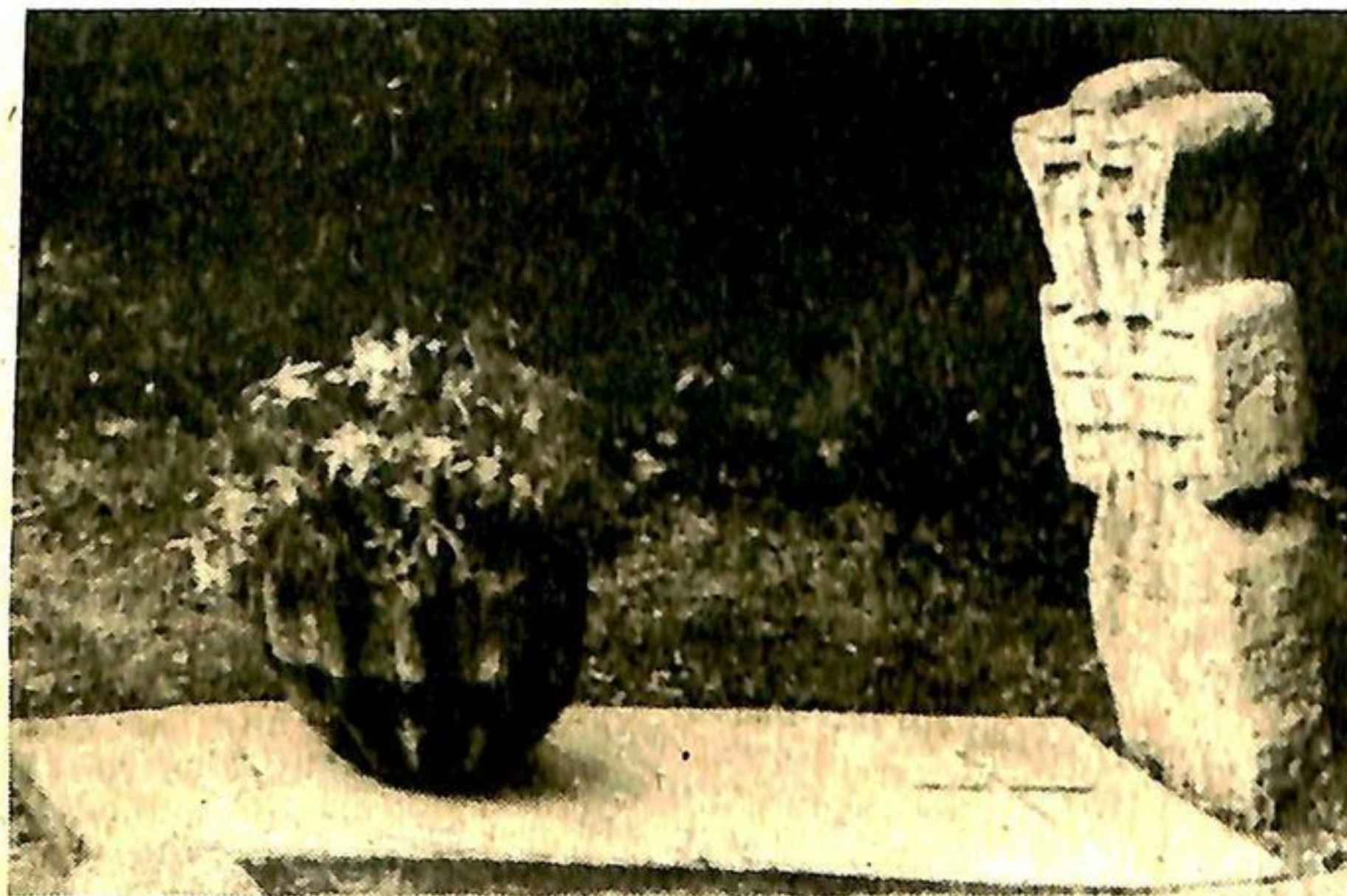
said.  
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The committee also hopes to bring Boyle's 87-year-old daughter, Mrs. Flora Boyle Frisch of Long Island, N.Y., to the interment ceremonies.

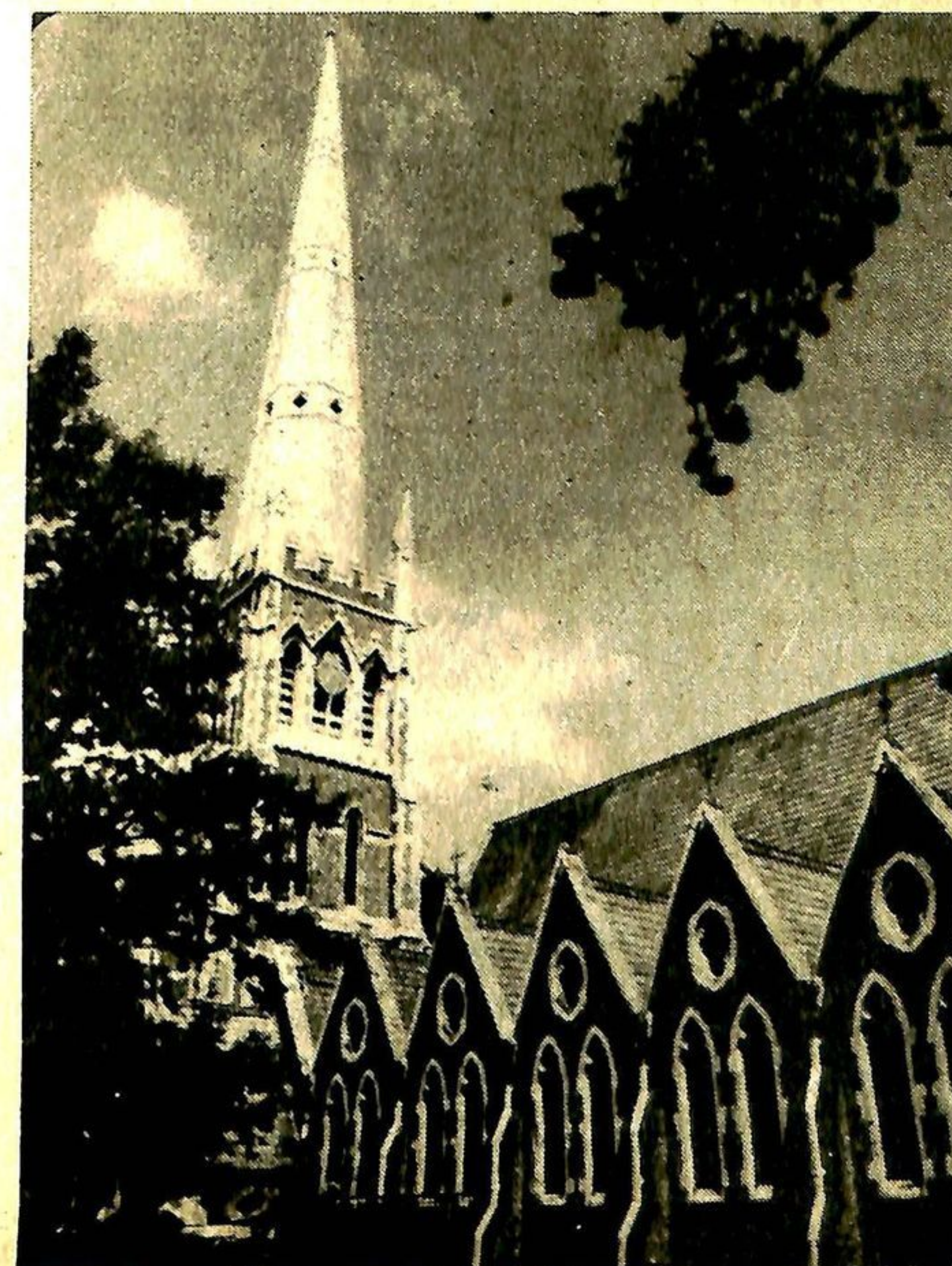
Boyle led an action packed life of 55-years. His mining exploits in the north earned him the unofficial title of "King of the Klondike". At the outbreak of the First World War, he raised and equipped, at his own expense, a 50-man machine gun contingent. He was also romantically involved with Queen Marie of Romania and became her advisor.

He was born in 1867 and his family moved to Woodstock when he was four-years-old. He died in London in 1923 while visiting a friend. Queen Marie had a 1,000-year-old cross placed on Boyle's grave and a monument bears Queen Marie's emblem.

The repatriation committee will meet sometime during the next two weeks to discuss its next move, Bennett said.



**LOCAL COMMITTEE** members found Joe Boyle's grave in a little better condition on their recent visit to England. It was even adorned with a pot of flowers.



**RECENT CHANGES** at the Anglican Church where Joe Boyle is buried have helped to stall the work of the local repatriation committee. (Photos submitted by Ed Bennett)

LTC JOSEPH WHITESIDE  
BOYLE, C.B.E., D.S.O.  
NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 1867  
APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> 1923

**THE INSCRIPTION** on Joe Boyle's grave in England, the tombstone includes the insignia of Queen Marie of Romania.

## Wed at Burgessville Baptist

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Deborah Marie Moore of RR 1 Burgessville and Paul Templar Bradley, Norwich were married by Rev. James Newman in a double-ring ceremony July 25 at Burgessville Baptist Church.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Moore. The groom is the son of Mrs. Patricia Hilgert, Norwich.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a gown of white polyester pleated lace and tiny jacket

to match, accented with satin ribbons. She carried a colonial bouquet of pink and American beauty roses

accented with white stephanotis and baby's

breath, and wore a head-piece of flowers to match.

The bridesmaid, Tammy Jean Pilkey wore a deep pink polyester gown and carried a bouquet and wore a head-piece to match the bride's.

Best man was Gordon Reeves of Toronto and Rob Bradley and Steve Moore were ushers.

Following a reception at the home of the bride's parents, the couple left for a honeymoon at South River.

Prior to her marriage, the bride was entertained to showers held by Mrs. Vicky Walthers, Otterville and Miss Tammy Pilkey, Burgessville.



MR. AND MRS. PAUL BRADLEY



Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius VanManen of RR 4, Woodstock are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Jeanette Evelyn to Allen Albert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Evert Van Ravenswaay of RR 1, Burgessville. The wedding will take place October 9, at 2 p.m. in Netherlands Reformed Congregation, Norwich.