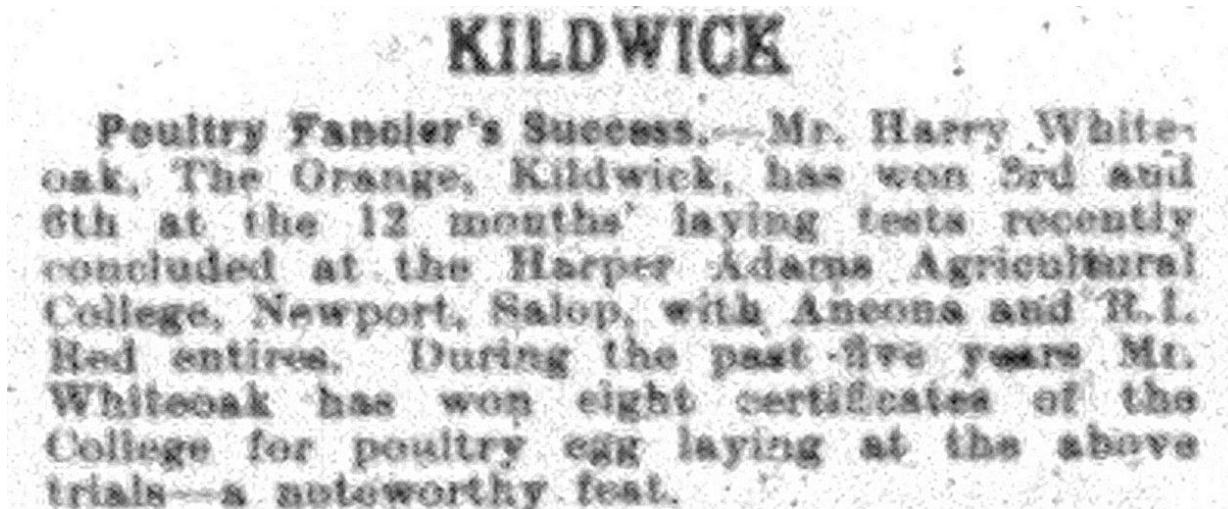
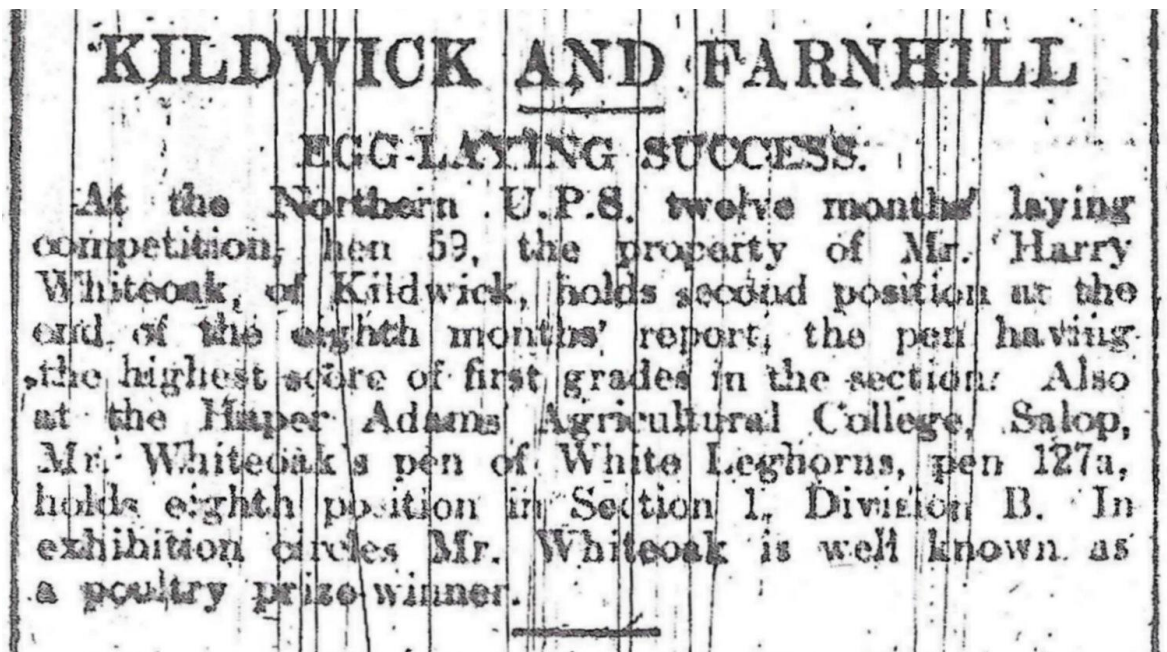


## Kildwick's champion egg-layer

In its issue dated November 9th 1923, the Craven Herald published the following short news item.



The Herald were right to draw attention to Harry Whiteoak's previous successes, the earliest news reports we have been able to find of his egg-laying achievements date from 1919. Here's what the Keighley News had to say on July 26<sup>th</sup> 1919.



Here are some of the prizes won by Harry, and one of his Ancona prize-winners.



Harry was born in 1890 and farmed around 50 acres at Hainsworth House Farm, Kildwick Grange, and another 50 acres, with his father Jonas Whiteoak, at Grange Farm.



The farms grew crops of oats, barley and potatoes, and had a dairy herd of shorthorn cattle.

Harry bred leghorn and Ancona hens. Both breeds originate from Italy and are known for their prolific egg production.

Sadly, the farm had to be sold in 1945 when Harry, Jonas, and Jonas's wife all died in an outbreak of influenza. However, Hainsworth House and 20 acres of land was later repurchased by Harry's son, Eric, in 1955. Eric and his wife Doreen Lister continued to farm at Hainsworth House until the 1980s, and had three children.