

~~GRIDLEY~~  
~~FEATHER RIVER~~, CALIF.

~~O. MADSEN~~ Fred Onstot

Letter 10/7/49 from Mr. Madsen: "The other day driving along a back road along the Feather River I came across a border line of the Chinese chestnut, but they were all seedling trees, about 200 of them. There were several tons of burs on the ground, but I did not find a single nut."

Letter 10/18/49 from Madsen: "The seedling trees I mentioned in my last letter belong to Fred Onstot, Gridley, Calif., but the trees were planted by a Mr. Hale from Yuba City about 12 years ago. He was then the owner of the land. He is now dead. I went to the ranch yesterday to try to find out where the trees came from, but none of the present people there seems to know. I had a few nuts with me for comparison and was told that occasionally one tree had a few nuts like them, so there is no doubt that they are the Chinese nut."

*Wagner has this information*

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