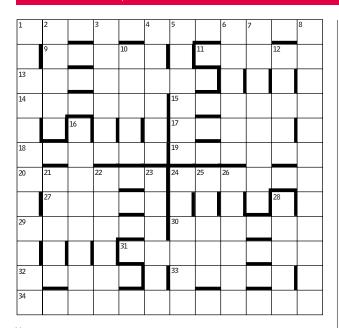
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ACROSS

- 1 Unimpeded zone in county town, wherein food can be long stored (12, 2 words)
- **9** Small group of feathers, every one containing a dash of umber (5)
- 11 Flood bringing core of slurry to the fore? (5)
- 13 Pungent alcohol derivative for getting plane in motion (8)
- **14** Old–fashioned groom, puritan about love, note (6)
- 15 What'll determine root growth in agronomic ambiance (6)
- 17 Bit of fine tuning, unconvincing after time (5)
- 18 Service (as in some bars) male getting into dance? (6)
- **19** Strode out in good order maybe (6)
- 20 What's brewing in Scotland? Run in home of old runners! (6)
- 24 Sweet wine estaminet preferred to dry one mostly (6)
- 27 Ridge, part one's cut off in etc. coming from behind (5)
- 21 Kinde' hai roi le 2 carottiteir' cottili ditottinei ili in (2
- 29 Rumtot (RN), one taken aboard ship figuratively (6) 30 Oil city of the Middle East, not good for grain harvest? (6)
- 31 Octopus ink people consumed in a Neapolitan eatery? (8)
- 32 One belted in ring turned black (not English) (5)
- **33** Soldiers given backing in each purge (5)
- **34** Term OK to adapt when accepting flowers for exceptional performance (12)

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DOWN

- 1 Bogy with base metal underneath (12)
- 2 Pester prince, roller in the grass? (5)
- 3 Indolent skiver maybe appearing in court once (6)
- 4 Maniple made of woollen fabric, length short inside (6)
- **5** Takes part in rerun of Cresta misguidedly (6)
- **6** Chemical compound finished holding them up (6)
- 7 Big business in Japan or South Africa, one mad on uranium (8)
- 8 Place of detention can render me unsettled, tense inside (12, 2 words)
- **10** Rabble as of old support rising for example (5)
- 13 Coup, leaderless, yet solvent (5)
- 16 In emergency, stop multiplication of parts (8)
- 21 What gets back up, having to accept recipe less well cooked (5)
- **22** Wife's sweet cake brought up form of decay (6, 2 words)
- 23 Thoroughly soak mesh climbing frame for drying (6)
- 24 Bits of Bach, ludicrous on war trumpets (6)
- 25 Manchu minister, a chess piece capturing bishop (5)
- **26** Ranger, me, captivated by crowd noise? (6)
- **28** Melanesian canoe, character amidships making way for number (5)

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended. **13** does not have its own entry, appearing only as an alternative name for an 8-letter word beginning with 'ac'.