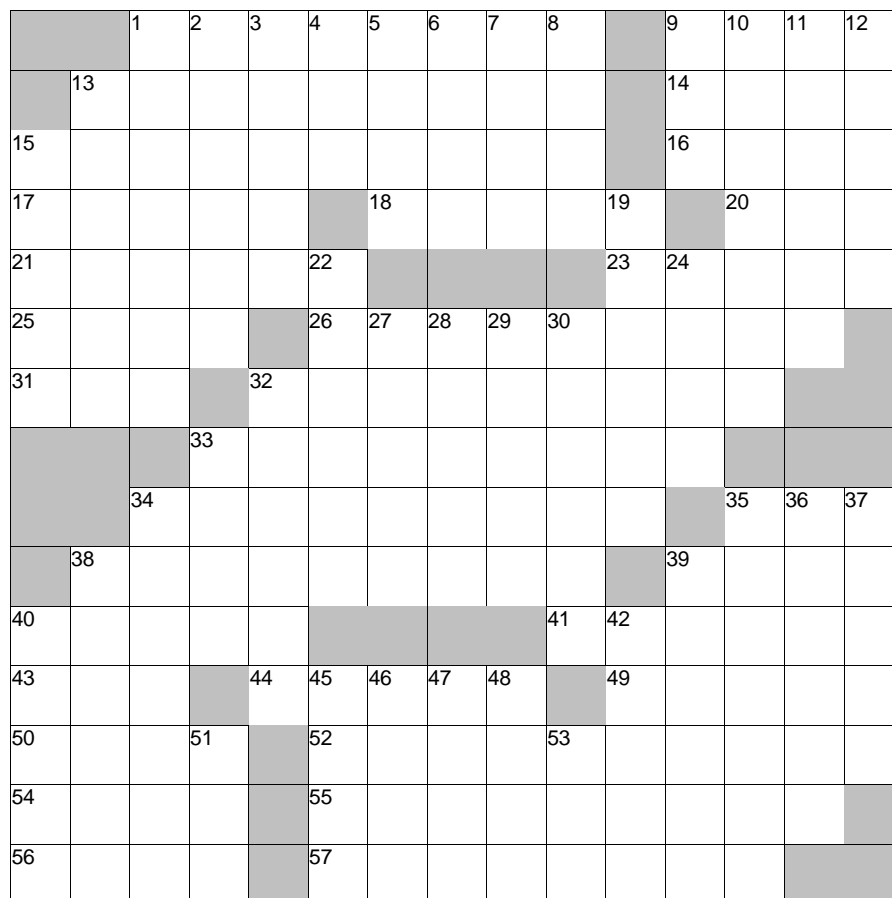


## ACROSS

1. Disappeared from duty
9. Passerine birds
13. Face-to-face
14. Sign of dirtiness
15. Load-bearing beam
16. ACL's spot
17. With 49-Across, home of the African Union's headquarters
18. Literally, "wood"
20. FDR's power proj.
21. Class before a class, briefly
23. Yellow pigment
25. Drogheda's home
26. Fugitive hunter
31. One who passed many oral exams: Abbr.
32. It may help get rid of the fucking shit
33. Lookout in national parks that help spot natural disasters
34. Shaver
35. Crate diggers' finds
38. Breadwinner
39. Put a shiny coat on
40. Aaron Paul's "El Camino" character
41. Supermarket chain
43. Pro at a crash
44. "Outlander" cable channel
49. See 17-Across
50. They've got spotty faces
52. Set correct
54. Waffler's reply
55. Some natural Christmas decorations
56. Stuff to the gills
57. Music with blue notes?

## DOWN

1. Can't stay on topic
2. Unbroken
3. Racket
4. 1929 children's fantasy novel by Paul Fenimore Cooper
5. Barclays rival, briefly



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6. Not in a straight line
7. Student of contracts, briefly
8. Old stories
9. Who said "Too often ... we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought," briefly
10. Has value, colloquially
11. Surveyor's letter-shaped device
12. Baseless attack
13. Home of The Prado
15. Wearing a fanon
19. Crime novelist Walter
22. Page size
24. Cook on the outside
27. Chain letters?
28. Distributed, with "out"
29. Pueblo material
30. Heavily edit
32. Mass payments?

33. They're hard to believe
34. Poster's heading with an animal picture
35. Ties off surgically
36. Cadets who might be hazed
37. "Ole Bull" or "Sleeping Beauty," in the music world
38. "The Tale of \_\_\_\_ Puddle-Duck" (Beatrix Potter)
39. Explode
40. Force force
42. Sing to the heat
45. Chest coverings
46. Soprano's audition piece, maybe
47. Compost heap detritus
48. 10-pointers in Scrabble
51. Now look here
53. Chevron wearer: Abbr.