

ACROSS

- 7 New recruit to study the text (9)
 8 Prima donna before noon gets a resting place (5)
 10 Highly placed singer (8)
 11 I'm joining a couple to cause damage (6)
 12 Negative word heard by granny, perhaps (4)
 13 Gnats tormented worker still (8)
 15 His mate turns in disbelief (7)
 17 Thorn found right in the vegetable preserve (7)
 20 No recent change is material (8)
 22 Team gave deep breath, audibly (4)
 25 A coat to take to the cleaners (6)
 26 Energetic Eli rests, surprisingly (8)
 27 Begin in the filming area (5)
 28 Exotic tangerine from South America (9)

DOWN

- 1 College teacher or benefactor (5)
 2 A rigid back (6)
 3 Quietly tells a story for the churchmen (8)
 4 Cruelly restrict reporters after work (7)
 5 Man's terror is of South American origin (8)
 6 Limit beer – there's a reason for it (9)
 9 Permit is held in Virginia (4)
 14 To begin with fish is surprising (9)
 16 Moderate people won't go to these (8)
 18 Booked, though quiet (8)
 19 Measure of land could be the acre (7)
 21 Want some fine education (4)
 23 Take out permit to enter river (6)
 24 Don't start thinking about being exploitative (5)

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