

ACROSS

- 1 Welfare agency sorted out a sclerosis, blocking bad habit (6,8)
 9 Approaches with some within earshot (5)
 10 Fighter plane helping with seasonal movement (9)
 11 Two articles on painting, in essence (2,5)
 12 Singer soon to perform with rap (7)
 13 No charge for rebel leader in charge (4)
 14 Anxious when losing time with small plant (9)
 18 Journalist's matter given proper patent (9)
 20 Quickly bite quantity of grain (4)
 22 Sailor obtains aims (7)
 25 From Athens grain is spread about European Community (7)
 26 Textile worker will tell shaggy dog stories

DOWN

- 1 Reportedly part of the weekend dessert (6)
 2 Bus tour causes trainer to stumble (5,4)
 3 Relieve pain of donkey with terrible ague (7)
 4 Gnome hits out to unknown degree (9)
 5 Is furious when egghead appears in old clothes (5)
 6 Having problems with a points failure (2,1,4)
 7 Musical figuratively held back (5)
 8 Support Red Nose frolics (7)
 15 Again atop ruin in South American region (9)
 16 Dish gets lost in rambling hacienda (9)
 17 Yes, cats moved in delight (7)

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- 19 Respond about two points and perform again (2-5)
 20 Forecast soft credit upheaval (7)
 21 Minor explosion seen going off at zero, half missing (6)
 23 Animal is almost river duck (5)
 24 Rod's employees (5)