1. In 1926, the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City began inviting agriculture students to participate in a National Livestock Judging Contest. In 1928, this led to the establishment of the Future Farmers of America (FFA).

10. Insurance giant serving 39 million customers.

13. 7th planet from the sun.

14. __ __ of approval came from the crowd (2 wds.).

16. At that ____ Nat. Convention in Kansas City in 1928, the FFA began with 33 students from 18 states, including CA and NJ.

18. In Mo., it’s a long-standing tradition for FFA students to celebrate FFA Week by driving their ____ to school.

21. By cheating __, __ lost not only their respect for me, but my respect for myself (2 wds.).

23. Prefix for cede or peat.

26. Letters for Executive Order; directive by the U.S. President.

27. Letters for Unitarian Universalism, a liberal non-doctrinal Church characterized by its support for a search for truth.

28. At that beginning Nat. Convention in KC in 1928, they set the dues for each member at 10 cents ___.


32. __ __ estate.

34. Longest measured portions of geological time; eras are the second longest.

35. Though Louisiana is known for them, Mo. also has one of our own. Mo. Conservation Dept.’s Wolf ____ in Pemiscot Co. near Hayti, Mo. is a mile-long backwater lake parallel to the Mississippi, probably a souvenir of the famous 1812 earthquake. It features good fishing, alligator snapping turtles, swamp rabbits, herons, etc.

38. Her car was sideswiped by a ____-and-run driver.

40. There is a large FFA plaque, bench and wall ____ in KC at 920 Baltimore Ave. marking the site of the old Baltimore Hotel where the FFA began.

44. “It’s not nice to fool Mother ____”; a pop culture catch phrase from a Chiffon margarine TV ad in the 1970s.

46. Child born of Adam & Eve who was considered a gift to fill the emptiness left from the murder of Abel by Cain (Genesis 4:25).

47. I’ve got a bigger car for you for the same price. You get more ____ for your buck.

49. Extended time period to play off a tie.

50. Lower digit.

52. Letters for the Australian Open, the first of the four annual Grand Slam events in tennis, preceding the French Open, Wimbledon & the US Open.

53. Abbr. for #37 DOWN.

54. Letters for Nuclear Transfer, the science of cloning.

55. Letters preceding the parishes and towns of Clement (Pike Co.) and Robert (Pulaski Co.).

56. Border State of Mo.

57. “Ite ____ est” (“Go, you are sent”); sending forth words in the old Latin Mass.

59. Las Vegas, NV is the site of a natural ____ creating something of a grassy meadow (thus las vegas by Spanish explorers). But the creation of the Hoover Dam & Lake Mead is what has enabled Las Vegas to expand as it has.

61. Old record label.

63. In 1934, FFA ____ was expanded to FFA Week, celebrating the week of George Washington’s birthday.

64. In 1934, the FFA adopted their signature ____ corduroy jacket as their uniform to be worn for most leadership activities.

65. In a relatively short time after it was founded, the FFA had 2,000 chapters and nearly 100,000 members. Today there are 8,600 chapters in all 50 states and over 700,000 members from 12-21.

67. In 1903, the 30th governor of Mo., Alexander Dockery, signed into law the first ____ legislation licensing automobiles. It included a speed limit in Mo. of 9 miles per hour, the first such law in the nation.

71. Halloween is a contraction of All Hallows’ ____ (i.e., the day before All Hallows' Day or All Saints Day).

73. Country from which Columbus sailed on route to the Americas.

74. Doubletree or Courtyard.

75. Officially spelled out 26th letter of the British English alphabet.

ACROSS

1. “Wherever the corpse is, there the ____ will gather,” (Matthew 24:28).

2. Decide! Are you in ____ out?

3. Lambert’s ____ in Sikeston, Mo. is famous as the “home of throwed rolls.”

4. FFA members are our future leaders in crop and ____ production, but also are future veterinarians, biologists, chemists and engineers.

5. The Shroud of ____ is a linen cloth bearing the negative image of a man said by some to be the burial cloth of the crucified Jesus. The Church has neither formally endorsed nor rejected the claim.

6. The International Space Station (____) is a low altitude (250 m. above earth) space environment and
science lab, a joint project begun in 1998 by the U.S., Russia, Japan, Europe and Canada.
7. Chemical symbol for sodium.
8. “Agriculture is more than planting and harvesting—it’s a science, a business and an _____,”—FFA mission statement.
9. In the military, letters for Letter of Reprimand.
10. St. Louis has a big one!
11. Uncle in Barcelona.
12. Man of fables.
15. 12-step group.
17. Author Truman Capote to his friends.
20. “He called the priests and Levites and said to them...collect money from all Israel that you may _____ the house of your God,”(2 Chronicles 24:5).
22. Shade of color.
29. Pope _____ XIII famously wrote the foundational encyclical “Rerum Novarum” in 1892. It articulated the social justice principles of the Catholic Church regarding capitalism and labor (e.g., dignity of work, just wages, private ownership of property, and more).
30. FFA prepares _____ leaders for personal growth and success through agricultural education, sponsored in schools under the aegis of the U.S. Dept. of Ed.
33. “At times you were publicly exposed to _____ and affliction,” (Hebrews 10:33).
35. Letters for Baylor Univ., a Baptist Christian univ. in Waco, TX; has 14,000 students. Chartered in 1845 by the Republic of Texas, it is the oldest continuously operating univ. in Texas; its 1,000-acre campus is the physically largest Baptist univ. in the world.
36. Restaurant chain known for its roast beef sandwiches and the slogan “We have the meats.”
37. The FFA held their annual conventions in KC for 70 _____, from 1928-1998.
38. Pizza _____ was founded in 1958 in Wichita, KS. It is now part of Yum! Brands, Inc., the world’s largest restaurant company.
39. “Lord, it is good that we are here. I will make three _____ here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,” (Matthew 17:4).
42. Parent/school org.
43. St. _____ More Newman Center parish in Columbia began as the Newman Center for MU students and evolved into a full-time parish with MU student ministry as its special mission.
45. The FFA in Mo. is nearly 26,000 members strong, the 4th highest _____ of all the states, after TX, CA and GA.
46. U.S. code-breaking agency (abbr.).
48. In baseball, what ground crews might use to cover the infield during a rain delay.
49. A member of the brutal race serving evil in Catholic writer J.R.R. Tolkien’s “Lord of the Rings.”
51. The _____ Peace Prize was established by a wealthy arms manufacturer.
52. Text letters meaning including you.
54. Asner or Bradley.