

The September 27th SCD gave Ted Taylor's thoughts on tobacco cards. "These cards should be the most expensive cards around. Heck, you can buy T206 Ty Cobb cards cheaper than the 1963 Rose rookie card." Then Taylor makes the observation that you can "buy a 1910 T206 set without a Plank and Wagner for less than a 1952 Topps Baseball Set." This is like saying you can buy a Ferrari without an engine for less than a Cadillac. It makes no sense.

Taylor says an OBSERVER, (Who, Ted? Give names!), who knows about such things, said "that the older cards suffer due to price-fixing by a small cadre of advanced collectors who have managed to keep the prices down". Well, according to the Sport Americana Price Guide, T206's have hardly been stagnant. The Price appreciation chart elsewhere in this issue shows that T206's have appreciated in value as well as, or better than, any card issue in existence. To compare an individual T206 card with any '50s card which is subject to different demands and different supply is just as meaningless as Taylor's comments. Collector Bill Nielsen, in a letter printed in SCD subsequent to Taylor's column, suggested that Washington would be well advised to get this "small cadre" of collectors who price-fix for our economy.