Cards Acquire .348 Hitter from Pittsburgh Pirates

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals acquired a .348 hitter Tuesday—Carl Taylor from Pittsburgh—in another step toward remedying a major weakness of the Cards' poor 1969 season, in-ability to get baserunners across home plate.

The 25-year-old right-handed hitting Taylor can catch, play first base or the outfield. And manager Red Schoendienst said he doesn't know yet where he

will use him. But it was Taylor's didn't with a hit or even a long len from Philadelphia in a seven-bat, anyway, that prompted gen-fly ball, when they had a runner player deal which sent catcher eral manager Bing Devine to send pitcher Dave Guisti and reserve catcher Dave Ricketts to the Pirates for Taylor and a minor league player.

The Cardinals produced fewer runs in 1969 than any of the National League teams except the expansion clubs, Montreal and San Diego. And there were 18

on third with less than two men

The inability to get the clutch hit was the factor which saw the Cards fall to fourth in the Eastern Division rather than win their third straight pennant as

they were heavily favored to do. Two weeks ago, the Cards made

Tim McCarver and outfielder Curt Flood to the Phillies, assuming Flood has second thoughts

about retiring. Schoendienst, off on a hunting trip, told Cardinal headquarters he would have to evaluate Taylor in spring training to determine

Schoendienst said after the trade for Allen he planned to use him in left field, with Lou Brock shifting to right and Vada Pinson from right to center. Allen has a weak arm, however, because of an injury, and there has been some concern whether he will be able to throw well enough to play

the outfield.

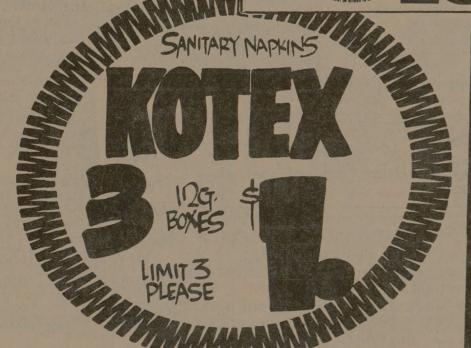
Taylor gives the Cards a third catcher, too. Joe Torre and young Ted Simmons are the others. Right now Torre is the No. 1 catcher, but he has agreed to go to Florida soon for work in the Instructional League to see how he can perform at third base, a position he hasn't played since

season with a back injury worked only 100 innings, He three and lost seven and had Coach

3.60 earned run average. the Bayl
The 34-year-old Ricketts his week the Cards' third-string cap shout t and hit .275 in 44 at bats, no TCU is. in pinchhit roles.

The minor leaguer the Co. picked up, outfielder Frank , Stallings zin, will be sent to Tulsa, Cards' American Associa











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