

Dancers Earn Award

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Lee McLester III, leader of the Oneida Dancers, has received a special award from the National Federation of Music Clubs for the dancers' National Music Week activities. They were recommended to the federation by the shut-in committee of the MacDowell Club of Green Bay.

McLester and the dancers were first called upon by the club to help with programs at nursing homes during Music Week in 1973. Although the Oneida dancers already had a crowded schedule in nursing homes and schools, he agreed to help the MacDowell Club with this service.

The program was enthusiastically received. Patients enjoyed the "pow wow," danced by as many members of the group as could be available. Dancers are members of the Oneida tribe and range in age from tiny children to grandparents. McLester explains each dance as it is executed in colorful costume with a tom-tom background.

Programs were repeated in 1975, and again during Music Week in 1976 and 1977.

The McLester family spent a month in Washington, D.C., doing investigative work in the National Archives, Smithsonian Institution and related sources to gain needed infor-



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mation to establish an Oneida Museum.