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ROGERS PRAISES SHOPE DRAWING

Missoula Artist Wins New Honors With Recent Paintings.

A drawing by Irvin (Shorty) Shope, Missoula artist, recently purchased by a Southwest publisher and given to Will Rogers, resulted last week in the receipt by Shope of a letter from Mr. Rogers, complimenting him upon his work.

The picture was one of four large drawings of cowboy action made for H. J. Justin & Sons, boot manufacturers, for advertising purposes. The four had been framed and hung in the office of H. N. Fisch, advertising manager. Amon G. Carter, publisher of the Fort Worth, Texas, Record-Telegram, was so interested in the pictures that he selected one and sent it to his personal friend, Will Rogers.

Mr. Roger's letter of appreciation to Mr. Shope said that the drawing was very fine, and included his wishes for Mr. Shope's continued success.

Mr. Fisch also wrote to the Missoula artist, saying that the three remaining drawings had drawn attention from everyone entering his office. He placed with Mr. Shope an order for another drawing to be used as a goodwill Christmas greeting.

Mr. Shope spent part of the last summer in the Little Belt mountains south of Great Falls. The scenery there inspired a painting, "His Country," showing a grey-haired Indian looking from a hill over a valley where a white man had settled and built a ranch. Entered in the North Montana fair

at the suggestion of a friend, in competition with several professional artists of the Great Falls district, the painting won first place. In sending the ribbon and prize money to the winner, Mrs. Vesta Robbins, art manager of the exhibit, wrote a two-page letter on the merits of the painting.

Mr. Shope graduated from Missoula county high school in 1919, and attended the State University from 1920 to 1923. He is the son of Mrs. H. I. Shope, 425 South Fifth street, west.