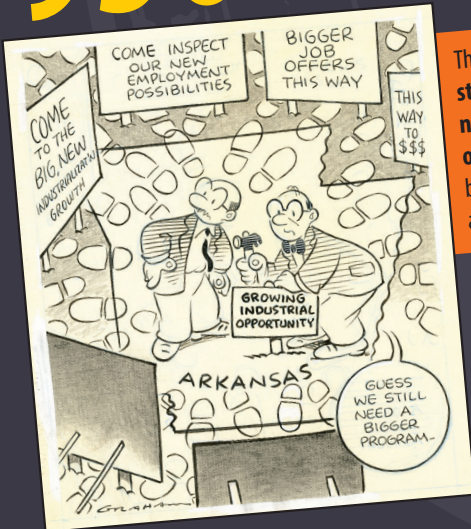




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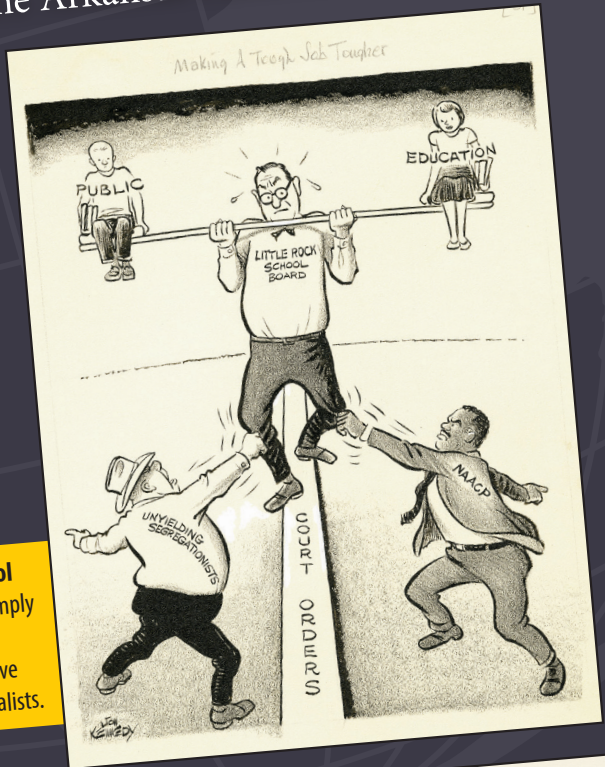
Political Cartoons and the Arkansas Historical Perspective

1950s



Though Arkansas strives to provide new industrial opportunities, better offers are available elsewhere.

The Little Rock School Board struggles to comply with the wishes of the NAACP and conservative southern segregationists.



On June 22, 1955, 178 Little Rock bus system employees go on strike seeking a wage increase. Events culminate in a bus bombing.



Americans protest the unpleasant road construction caused by the 1956 Federal-Aid Highway Act, which results in numerous "roads to nowhere."

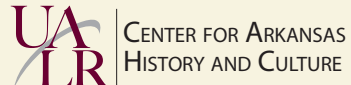
Fidel Castro overthrows the military dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista in 1959.



ARKANSAS CARTOONISTS

Jon Kennedy (1918-2014) was the editorial cartoonist at the *Arkansas Democrat* for 47 years, from 1941-1988—a time briefly interrupted with enlistment in the Army and stints working in comic strips outside of Arkansas. After retiring from the *Democrat*, Kennedy worked for *Arkansas Business* from 1992-2005.

William K. "Bill" Graham (1920-1994) was the editorial cartoonist at the *Arkansas Gazette* for 37 years, from 1948-1985. In the 1940s Graham served as an Army training artist and created a comic strip for Fort Chaffee, Fort Smith, Arkansas, entitled *Stinky*.



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