This is a minute book of the Rolla chapter of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. Within the volume the chapter refers to itself as the “Rolla Parent-Teacher Association” and similar variants. Included are minutes of meetings from 1 April 1927 through 13 May 1930.

The Rolla Circle of the Missouri Branch and National Congress of Parents and Teachers was certified in April 1927 after an organizational meeting held on 1 April 1927. About 65 parents and teachers elected Mrs. William Kahlbaum as the first president of the chapter. Mrs. F. B. Powell was elected program chair. Mrs. Kahlbaum, who resigned in September 1927, was succeeded by Mrs. C. O. Grim(m) (September 1927-March 1928), Mrs. G. A. Muilenburg (March 1928-March 1929), and Mrs. C. E. Bardsley (March 1929, re-elected March 1930).

In the minutes the chapter referred to itself variously as the Parent-Teacher Association of the Rolla Schools, the Rolla Parent-Teacher Association, and the Rolla Parents-Teachers Association. The title for this collection was taken from the official certificate of membership in the national association, attached to the inside front cover.

The Rolla Circle focused on issues of school hygiene and public health, including support for school nurses, immunization programs, the Red Cross, and regular examinations of students. It also expressed an interest in the establishment of a kindergarten program in Rolla. In general the monthly meetings featured addresses and discussions on those topics, along with entertainment provided by members and school children.

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