RESOLVED THAT HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS SHOULD SELECT THEIR OWN COURSES

A few points on the negative side of this question are as follows:

1. High school pupils are too young to be familiar with the proper courses that will best prepare them for life and the occupation they expect to pursue.

2. High school pupils have not had sufficient experience to know what courses are best adapted to their welfare.

3. High school pupils are not sufficiently versed and not familiar with the different courses of study offered to know what they contain and should act on the advice of people better informed about them.

4. Parents and teachers working together can determine the capabilities and shortcomings of students and are probably in a better position to choose the most suitable courses for them than the pupils are themselves.

5. High school pupils may know in a measure the occupation or profession they expect to pursue but do not know as well as their parents, teachers or advisers which courses offered in high school will better prepare them to become efficient in their chosen line.

6. A considerable number of high school pupils would select easy courses rather than the subjects that would best prepare them for life or their chosen occupation, and it would be better for someone interested in them to select the courses that should help them most rather than allow the pupils to do so.

7. High school pupils are not familiar with the various courses of study and since some courses are extremely important for pupils planning to attend college it would be better for some person familiar with the various subjects to choose the same for the pupils rather than permit/to do so themselves.