

Preliminary Slated for 3 Suspected Horse Thieves

A preliminary hearing for three Valley men, suspected of attempting to steal horses from a Sepulveda stable, has been scheduled for Monday at 1:30 p.m. before Judge George B. Ross in Division 68 of Van Nuys Municipal Court.

A fourth suspect, Dennis Craig Duckwall 18, of 12828 Milbank St., North Hollywood, is out on a writ returnable this morning in Division 68.

Others Arrested

The other suspects, arraigned Wednesday in Division 68 on one count each of grand theft horse and burglary, are Gary Knittle 20, of 4428 Ethel Ave., Daniel Schneider 19 and Craig D. Dodd 19, both of 11116 Aqua Vista St., all of North Hollywood. Bail was set at \$1000 each.

Van Nuys Division detec-

been forced to double-park on the shoulder in order to load and unload school children, he points out.

tives said suspects Knittel and Dodd were arrested early Tuesday morning after officers allegedly observed them running from Sepulveda Stables, 5768 Sepulveda Blvd.

The two other men were arrested later in the day at their home. Police said several stalls had been broken into at the stables and four horses ran free when the young men allegedly scattered upon the arrival of police.

As the suspects were being rounded up by officers, three of the horses panicked and bolted up the Burbank Blvd. off-ramp of the San Diego Freeway.

Owner Named

Motorist Robert Allen Franks 19, of 14356 Burton St., Panorama City, had to be treated at the Encino Hospital for numerous bruises and cuts after his car struck one of the horses on the freeway.

Two horses died when

Chief Keith E. Klinger of the County of Los Angeles Fire Dept. will accept the station from Supervisor Dorn and Mayor Chimbole.

Refreshments, provided by the city of Palmdale, will be served by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fire Dept., Mrs. Gretchen Nutt, president.

The architect was James R. Fetridge, A.I.A., of 38131 N. Sixth St. E. Contractor was J. D. Dermody Company, Inc., and Ralph Welker, Inc., of Lancaster. Total cost of the station's addition was \$31,499.

struck by cars while the third one was injured, police reported.

One of the dead animals, named "Reckless," was trained and used in western films. The other, named "Keva" was valued at \$1000, was owned by Vierling Kersey Jr., dean of educational services at Pierce College in Woodland Hills, officers reported.

The injured horse, named "Tammy," is owned by Betty Ragland of 6530 Densmore St., Van Nuys.

Police said they were called to the scene by a passerby who told them he saw two of the suspects leading horses from the stables.