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A freak accident has taken the life of a 48-year-old Elliston man, killed yesterday while operating a grading machine. (Show film)

The victim was 48-year-old Frank B. Thomas, junior. Thomas was using a shovel-dozer to fill in dirt around a carport of a house under construction in the Malvern Hills section, north of Roanoke. Apparently, the machine went out of control and Thomas died when his head hit the carport. Thomas is one of two brothers who operate a grading and earth-moving concern. A workman at a house near the accident scene, found Thomas' body after hearing a screeching sound from the dozer. Thomas was working alone when the accident occurred. Scene of the accident was Littleton Road.