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PEOPLES BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
January 04, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

January 4, 2002  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

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PEOPLES BANCORP INC.  
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(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

0-16772  
Commission File Number

Ohio	31-0987416
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

138 Putnam Street P.O. Box 738, Marietta, Ohio	45750
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(Address of principal executive office)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (740) 373-3155

Not applicable

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Item 1. Changes in Control of Registrant  
Not applicable.
- Item 2. Acquisition or Disposition of Assets  
Not applicable.
- Item 3. Bankruptcy or Receivership  
Not applicable.
- Item 4. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant

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Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Events

On January 4, 2002, Peoples Bancorp Inc. announced it had signed a definitive agreement to acquire all of the outstanding common stock of First Colony Bancshares. The release is included herewith as Exhibit 99.

Item 6. Resignations of Registrant's Directors

Not applicable.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Non required
- (b) Non required
- (c) Exhibits

EXHIBIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
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99	News Release issued January 4, 2002

Item 8. Change in Fiscal Year

Not applicable.

Item 9. Sales of Equity Securities Pursuant to Regulation S

Not applicable.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DATE: January 4, 2002

PEOPLES BANCORP INC.  
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 Registrant

By: /s/ ROBERT E. EVANS  
 Robert E. Evans  
 President and Chief Executive Officer

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