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PEOPLES BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
February 21, 2001

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

February 20, 2001

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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

PEOPLES BANCORP INC.

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(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

0-16772  
Commission File Number

Ohio

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

31-0987416

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(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

138 Putnam Street  
P.O. Box 738,  
Marietta, Ohio

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(Address of principal executive offices)

45750

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(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.

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Item 3. Bankruptcy or Receivership  
Not applicable.

Item 4. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant  
Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Events  
On February 20, 2001, Peoples Bancorp Inc. announced the approval of the acquisition of Lower Salem Bank. 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.

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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: February 21, 2001  
PEOPLES BANCORP INC.  
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Registrant

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

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