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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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 17, 2003 PEOPLES BANCORP INC. ______ (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter) 0-16772 Commission File Number 31-0987416 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number) 138 Putnam Street P.O. Box 738, Marietta, Ohio 45750 (Address of principal executive office) _____ (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (740) 373-3155 Not applicable ______ (Former name or former address, if changed since last report) Index to Exhibits on Page 3

- Item 1. Changes in Control of Registrant
 Not applicable.
- Item 3. Bankruptcy or Receivership
 Not applicable.

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- Item 4. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant Not applicable.
- Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure The Board of Directors of Peoples Bancorp Inc. (Nasdaq: PEBO) adopted a resolution authorizing the repurchase in 2004 of up to 425,000. The release is included herewith as Exhibit 99.
- Item 6. Resignations of Registrant's Directors
 Not applicable.
- Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits
 - (a) None required
 - (b) None required
 - (c) Exhibits

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- Item 8. Change in Fiscal Year
 Not applicable.
- Item 10. Amendments to the Registrant's Code of Ethics, or Waiver of a Provision
 of the Code of Ethics
 Not applicable.
- Item 11. Temporary Suspension of Trading Under Registrant's Employee Benefits
 Plan
 Not applicable.
- Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition 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: December 17, 2003 PEOPLES BANCORP INC.

Registrant

By: /s/ ROBERT E. EVANS

Robert E. Evans

President and Chief Executive Officer

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